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Secretary of Natural Resources

Marine Resources Commission
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Steven G. Bowman
Commissioner

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Dear Head/Charter Boat Owners and Fishing Guides,

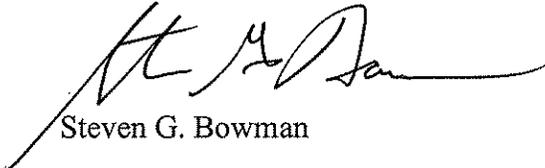
In an effort to better serve our head/charter boat owners and fishing guides, we have enclosed information describing your 2009 licenses and permits that you may wish to renew for 2010. You will also note that there are some changes in the 2010 licensing program that concern nonresident licensees.

Effective December 1, 2009, four nonresident licenses will be added to our licensing program: Nonresident Head Boat/Charter Boat, 6 or less passengers for \$380.00; Nonresident Head Boat/Charter Boat, more than 6 passenger for \$380.00, plus \$5 per person over 6; Nonresident Class A Fishing Guide License for \$200.00; and Nonresident Class B Fishing Guide License for \$200.00. A primary physical address and signature is required on the renewal form to declare residency. As was done in 2009, if an owner/operator purchases a Fishing Guide License and also a Head/Charter Boat License, the Fishing Guide License fee will be subtracted from one Head/Charter Boat License fee.

Please use the attached renewal form to request your licenses and permits. We encourage you to apply through the mail to avoid the trip to Newport News and to reduce waiting lines at the VMRC Operations Station. However, you may apply in person. Please be aware of the State Holiday schedule that is listed on our website at: www.mrc.virginia.gov/calendar.shtm, and subject to change. Also, be sure to include copies or bring the supplemental documentation listed for each license or permit. License sales and permit issuances for 2010 will begin on December 1, 2009. Please remember the 2010 licenses and permits expire on December 31, 2010, regardless of when they are purchased or issued.

Also new for 2010, is Virginia's attempt to receive an exempted-state status from the For-Hire sector of the National Marine Fisheries Service's National Angler Registry Program. Two additional data elements are needed from you to ensure this exemption is granted: the date of birth and the selection of a primary vessel for all licensees. You are not limited to this primary vessel selection, but we need the selection to obtain the exemption. Spaces to collect the information have been provided on the attached renewal form. Additional information on the National Angler Registry is available at: <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/mrip/index.html> or by contacting Sonya Davis at: 757-247-8155.

Sincerely,



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