

# MEETING NOTICE

## Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Monday, November 18, 2013

5:30 p.m. (Work Session) and 7:00 p.m. (RFAB recommendations)

The Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) will meet to review the projects currently under consideration for funding from the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. (Work Session) and 7:00 p.m. (Board Recommendations) on Monday, November 18, 2013, at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 2600 Washington Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Newport News. Written comments, on the proposals, should be mailed to: Alicia Nelson, VMRC Fisheries Management Division, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Newport News, VA 23607 or E-mailed to: [alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov](mailto:alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov). Complete project proposals and additional information are available on the Internet at: <http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfdf/index.shtm>. The projects are listed below.

### Work Session (5:30 p.m.)

### Tentative Agenda (7:00 p.m. Session)

- I. Introduction, Announcements, Comments.
- II. Status of Fund.
- III. Review of Minutes from the September 2013 RFAB Meeting.
- V. Multi-Year Projects for 2014 Renewal.
  - A) Virginia Game Fish Tagging (Year 20). S. Musick, L. Gillingham, VIMS and VMRC. **\$77,672.**
  - B) \*2014 Estimating Relative Abundance of Young-of-Year American Eel in the Virginia Tributaries of Chesapeake Bay (Yr 12). M. Fabrizio, T. Tuckey, VIMS. **\$51,676.** (\$25,838 from VSRFDF, and \$25,838 from MFIF)
  - C) \*Federal Assistance (Wallop-Breaux) Matching Funds, Federal FY 2014. R. O'Reilly, VMRC. **\$240,740.** (\$206,349 from VSRFDF, and \$34,391 from MFIF)
  - D) \*Cooperative (VMRC, Virginia Tech, ASMFC) Efforts to Utilize Alternative Methods for the Upcoming Stock Assessment of Weakfish. R. O'Reilly, VMRC, Y. Jiao, VPI, P. Campfield, ASMFC. **\$20,000.** (\$15,000 from VSRFDF, and \$5,000 from MFIF)
- VI. New Projects for 2014
  - E) Town of Saxis Pier Enhancement Project. D. Nixon, Town of Saxis. **\$49,600.**  
**\*\*\* Project withdrawn by applicant \*\*\***

- F) Patterns in prey selectivity of key sportfishes in Chesapeake Bay. R. Latour, J. Graves, VIMS. **\$38,446.**
- G) Genetic investigation into the distinctiveness of Tautog, *Tautoga onitis*, off the coast of Virginia. J. McDowell, H. Small, J. Graves, K. Reece. **\$76,031.**
- H) Speckled trout, *Cynoscion nebulosus*, in Virginia: are these fish genetically distinct? J. McDowell, J. Graves, S. Musick, T. Murray. VIMS. **\$70,005.**

\* Indicates funding is also planned, from the Marine Fishing Improvement Fund, pending availability of funds.

VII. Future RFAB Dates:

December 16, 2013	—	First Cycle 2014 Applications Due
January 13, 2014	—	Public Presentations by Applicants (7:00 p.m.)
March 10, 2014	—	Public Hearing (7:00 p.m.)
May 12, 2014	—	Work Session (5:30 p.m.) and Recommendations (7:00 p.m.)

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