

FINAL MINUTES
Recreational Fishing Advisory Board Meeting
September 14, 2009

Members Present

George Hudgins - Chairman	Jim Deibler
Edward Rhodes - Vice-chairman	Jesse "Jimmie" Duell
John Barr	Charles Randolph
Carolyn Brown	Charles Southall

Members Not Present

Carlisle Bannister

The RFAB Work Session was held from 5:30 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. These minutes are from the Final Recommendations Meeting of this project cycle. The funding priority rankings were done in a work session after the close of the Final Recommendations meeting and have been included in these minutes.

At 7:25 p.m., Chairman Hudgins called the meeting to order.

Ms. Jane McCroskey provided an update on the budget. Currently, there is \$1.7 million available for project allocation. At the end of June, two events occurred that greatly increased the funds available for projects. The first event was the completion of the 2005-2008 audits of license sales by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF). The DGIF transferred almost \$700,000 owed to the Commission for past saltwater license sales. The second event was the return of unspent funds, totaling \$558,983, from the Law Enforcement Division. Ms. McCroskey does not expect either event to occur in future years. Also, because the State has a prohibition on printing certain documents, the funds set aside for the new Angler's Guide have been returned to the recreational fund. Ms. McCroskey also reminded everyone that on July 1, 2010, approximately \$1.5 million will need to be collected to meet the annual obligations on the recreational fund.

Mr. Hudgins asked for a review of the draft July 13, 2009 RFAB meeting minutes. Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Randolph seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to accept the draft minutes as final.

Multi-Year Projects for 2009 Renewal.

- A) 2009 Sunshine Children's Fishing Program. Denny Dobbins, Portsmouth Anglers Club. \$7,194. **Funding approved July 2009.**
- B) 2009 Saxis Fishing Pier Youth Fishing Tournaments (Year 8). Allen Evans, Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club. \$1,325. **Funding approved July 2009.**
- C) 2009 Hope House & Oak Grove Nursing Home Fishing Excursions and Clinics. D. Hurst, C. Macin, Great Bridge Fisherman's Association. \$4,000. **Funding approved July 2009.**
- D) 2009 Youth Developmental "Hooked on Fishing" Adventure (Year 2). A. Fisher, R. Lockhart, Virginia Charter Boat Association. \$5,780. **Funding approved July 2009.**

- E) 2009 Virginia Marine Sportfish Collection (Year 3). J. Grist, J. Cimino, VMRC. **\$10,000.** Mr. Rhodes made a motion to recommend the funding and was seconded by Mr. Duell. The vote passed 8-0. Funding priority ranking of 7.
- F) 2009 Deployment of Artificial Reef Structure. Mike Meier, VMRC. **\$100,000.** Mr. Southall made a motion to recommend the funding and was seconded by Mr. Deibler. The vote passed 8-0. Funding priority ranking of 3.
- G) 2009 Estimate and Assess Social and Economic Importance and Value of Menhaden to Chesapeake Bay Stakeholders and Region (3 Year Study) - Year 3. James Kirkley, VIMS. **\$154,452.** Mr. Barr made a motion to recommend the funding and was seconded by Mr. Southall. The vote passed 8-0. Funding priority ranking of 6.
- H) 2009 Enhancing Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Habitat: Research and Education for Restoration (Year 15). Robert Orth, VIMS. \$48,309. **Request was withdrawn 7/13/09 because federal funding sources were found.**
- I) Federal Assistance (Wallop-Breaux) Matching Funds, Federal FY 2010. Jack Travelstead, VMRC. **\$235,563.** Mr. Deibler made a motion to recommend the funding and was seconded by Mr. Randolph. The vote passed 8-0. Funding priority ranking of 2.
- J) Jun. – Dec. 2009, Estimating Relative Abundance of Young-of-Year American Eel in the Virginia Tributaries of Chesapeake Bay (Yr 8 ½). M. Fabrizio, T. Tuckey, VIMS. \$24,544. **Request was withdrawn 6/23/09 because the Commission approved the use of commercial funds for this project.**

Multi-Year Projects for 2010 Renewal.

- Mr. Rhodes made a motion to vote on Items K and L together and was seconded by Mr. Barr. Mr. Rhodes made a motion to recommend the funding of Items K and L and was seconded by Ms. Brown. The vote passed 8-0. Funding priority ranking of 1.
- K) 2010 Children's Fishing Clinic (Year 13). Rob Cowling, Newport News Rotary Club and Coastal Conservation Association-Peninsula. **\$6,500.**
 - L) 2010 Kiwanis Club Children's Fishing Clinic (Year 9). Wesley Brown, Capital District Kiwanis Club. **\$6,500.**
 - M) 2010 Virginia Game Fish Tagging (Year 16). J. Lucy, VIMS and L. Gillingham, VMRC. **\$87,800.** Mr. Randolph made a motion to recommend the funding and was seconded by Mr. Deibler. The vote passed 8-0. Funding priority ranking of 4.
 - N) 2010 Improving Stock Assessment of Weakfish - Year 3. Y. Jiao, D. Orth, VPI & SU, and R. O'Reilly, VMRC. **\$111,356.** Mr. Duell made a motion to recommend the funding and was seconded by Mr. Barr. The vote passed 8-0. Funding priority ranking of 5.
 - O) Jan.-Dec. 2010, Estimating Relative Abundance of Young-of-Year American Eel in the Virginia Tributaries of Chesapeake Bay (Yr 9). M. Fabrizio, T. Tuckey, VIMS. **\$46,574.** Mr. Barr made a motion to recommend the funding of \$23,287, provided the

New Projects for 2009.

- P) 2009 Virginia Fishing Line Recycling Program. A. Nelson, J. Grist, VMRC. **\$3,500.** Mr. Randolph made a motion to recommend the funding and was seconded by Mr. Deibler. The vote passed 8-0. Funding priority ranking of 8.
- Q) 2009 Trophic Position and Ecological Function of Juvenile Menhaden in Chesapeake Bay. C. Jones, J. Schaffler, ODURF. **\$43,967.** This project died because of a lack of a motion to approve the funding.

New Projects for 2010.

- R) 2010 Academic Anglers Children's Fishing Clinic. C. Roberts, A. Bracey, Academic Anglers Fishing Team. \$1,000. **Request was withdrawn 8/31/09 by the applicant. No reason was given.**
- S) 2010 Understanding the Impacts of Mycobacterial Disease on Striped Bass: When and Where does Mortality Occur in the Rappahannock River. J. Hoenig, W. Vogelbein, VIMS. **\$50,535.** Mr. Deibler made a motion to deny the funding and was seconded by Ms. Brown. The vote passed 8-0.
- T) 2010 Connecting Productivity in Eelgrass Beds to Recreationally Important Finfishes in Chesapeake Bay: Forage Fishes as Trophic Conduits. R. Latour, K. Sobocinski, J. van Montfrans, J. E. Duffy, VIMS. **\$58,329.** Mr. Randolph made a motion to recommend the funding and was seconded by Mr. Barr. The vote passed 7-1. Funding priority ranking of 10.
- U) 2010 Blueline and Golden Tilefish Population Dynamics Along the Virginian Continental Shelf, Year 1. J. Ballenger, C. Jones, ODURF. \$72,768. **Modified 9/11/09 to Tilefish/Grouper Wallop-Breaux State Match. \$18,200.** Mr. Southall made a motion to recommend the funding and was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The vote passed 8-0. Funding priority ranking of 9.

The tentative dates for the next RFAB meetings of the 2010 review cycle are: Applications for funding will be accepted until April 15, 2010; Project Presentations by Applicants (7 p.m.) on May 10, 2010; Public Hearing (7 p.m.) on July 12, 2010; Work Session (5:30 p.m.) & Final Recommendations (7 p.m.) on September 13, 2010. Mr. Southall made a motion to recommend the dates for planning purposes and was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The vote passed 8-0.

Chairman Hudgins adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

[Note: Audio files of the meeting are available at <http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfd/index.shtm> (Choose, Current Proposals, on the left-hand menu)]