

MEETING NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board
Virginia Marine Resources Commission
Monday, March 10, 2008
7:00 p.m.

The Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) requests public comment on the projects, listed below, which are currently under consideration for funding from the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund (saltwater recreational fishing license funds). A public hearing on these proposals will be held on Monday, March 10, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at the Virginia Marine Resource Commission, 2600 Washington Avenue, Fourth Floor, Newport News. Any person may comment on these projects or any issue related to the license funds. Written comments on the proposals should be mailed to: Sonya Davis, VMRC Fisheries Management Division, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607 or E-mail to: sonya.davis@mrc.virginia.gov. In May, the Recreational Fishing Advisory Board recommendations on projects to be funded will be presented to the Commission. This meeting notice, as well as complete project proposals, are available on the Internet at <http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfdf/index.shtm>

Tentative Agenda

- I. Introduction, Announcements, Comments.
- II. Status of Fund.
- III. Review of Minutes from the January 2008 RFAB Meeting.
- IV. Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.
 - A) 2008 Sunshine Children's Fishing Program. Denny Dobbins, Portsmouth Anglers Club. **\$7,194.**
 - B) 2008 Saxis & Morley's Wharf Fishing Pier Youth Fishing Tournaments (Year 7). Allen Evans, Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club. **\$2,500.**
 - C) 2008 Hope House & Oak Grove Nursing Home Fishing Excursions and Clinics. D. Hurst, C. Macin, Great Bridge Fisherman's Association. **\$4,000.**
 - D) Virginia Marine Sportfish Collection (Year 2). J. Grist, J. Cimino, VMRC. **\$12,000.**
 - E) Estimating Relative Abundance of Young-of-Year American Eel, *Anguilla rostrata*, in the Virginia Tributaries of Chesapeake Bay (Year 8). Mary Fabrizio, VIMS. **\$45,348.**
 - F) Estimating Relative Juvenile Abundance of Recreationally Important Finfish in the Virginia Portion of Chesapeake Bay. Mary Fabrizio, VIMS. **\$450,000.**

- G) Estimate and Assess Social and Economic Importance and Value of Menhaden to Chesapeake Bay Stakeholders and Region (3 Year Study) - Year 2. James Kirkley, VIMS. **\$236,479.**
 - H) Enhancement of Sentinel Reefs for the Virginia Artificial Reef Network. Rom Lipcius, VIMS. **\$153,946.**
 - I) Habitat Suitability for Artificial Recreational Fish and Oyster Reefs. Rochelle Seitz, VIMS. **\$61,076.**
 - J) Enhancing Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Habitat: Research and Education for Restoration (Year 14). Robert Orth, VIMS. **\$90,000.**
 - K) 2008 Deployment of Artificial Reef Structure. Mike Meier, VMRC. **\$500,000.**
- V. New Projects.
- L) Buckroe Beach Saltwater Fishing Pier. Fred Whitley, City of Hampton. **\$500,000.**
 - M) Data collection and analysis in support of single and multispecies stock assessments in Chesapeake Bay: the Chesapeake Bay Multispecies Monitoring and Assessment Program (ChesMMAP). R. Latour, C. Bonzek, VIMS. **\$494,928.**
- VI. Dates for Future First Cycle 2008 RFAB Meetings.

Work Session (5:30 p.m.) & Final Recommendations (7 p.m.) - May 12

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