

# MEETING NOTICE

## PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board  
Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
Monday, March 12, 2007  
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 12, 2007, 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Newport News, VA 23607 or E-mail to: [sonya.davis@mrc.virginia.gov](mailto: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/vsrfd/index.shtm>

### Tentative Agenda

- I. Introduction, Announcements, Comments.
- II. Status of Fund.
- III. Review of Minutes from the January 2007 RFAB Meeting.
- IV. Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.
  - A) 2007 Sunshine Children's Fishing Program. Denny Dobbins, Portsmouth Anglers Club. **\$7,194.**
  - B) 2007 Saxis & Morley's Wharf Fishing Pier Youth Fishing Tournaments (Year 6). Allen Evans, Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club. **\$2,500.**
  - C) 2007 Early Summer Children's Fishing Program. Melvin Dudley, Northampton County Anglers Club. **\$1,100.**
  - D) Artificial Reef, Funding for Deployment of Structure 2006-2007. Mike Meier, VMRC. **\$150,000.**
  - E) Visual Function in Chesapeake Bay Sport and Prey Fishes: Summer Flounder, Bluefish, Cobia, and Atlantic Menhaden (Year 2). A. Horodysky, R. Brill, R. Latour, VIMS. **\$50,289.**
  - F) Estimating Relative Abundance of Young-of-Year American Eel, *Anguilla rostrata*, in the Virginia Tributaries of Chesapeake Bay (Year 7). Marcel Montane, VIMS. **\$36,325.**

- G) Enhancing Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Habitat: Research and Education for Restoration (Year 13). Robert Orth, VIMS. **\$95,689.**
- H) Estimating Relative Juvenile Abundance of Recreationally Important Finfish and Crustaceans in the Virginia Portion of Chesapeake Bay. M. Fabrizio, M. Montane, VIMS. **\$469,568.**
- V. New Projects.
- I) Virginia Marine Sportfish Collection (Year 1). J. Grist, VMRC. **\$12,000.**
- J) SAS Licensing and Training for VMRC Technical Staff. Joe Grist, VMRC. **\$38,500.**
- K) Quinby Harbor Enhancements. David Fluhart, Quinby Harbor Committee, Accomack County. **\$352,950.**
- L) Saxis Fishing Pier Expansion. Charles Tull, Mayor, Town of Saxis. **\$132,107.**
- M) 2007 Hope House Fishing Excursion and Clinic. D. Hurst, C. Macin, Great Bridge Fisherman's Association. **\$2,500.**
- N) Abundance, Distribution and Biology of Sharks and Rays in Chesapeake Bay and Virginia's Coastal Lagoons: Continuation of a Long-term Monitoring and Research Program. D. Grubbs, J. Musick, VIMS. **\$89,073.**
- O) Response of Summer Flounder to Hypoxia in Chesapeake Bay: Physiological Tolerances and Shifts in Habitat Use. M. Fabrizio, R. Brill, VIMS. **\$99,721.**
- P) Effects of Piscivorous Fishes on Local Juvenile Game Fish Populations. P. McGrath, J. Musick, VIMS. **\$45,530.**
- Q) Laboratory Investigations of the Ability of Striped Bass to Function under Low Ambient Oxygen Conditions. R. Brill, D. Gauthier, VIMS. **\$81,468.**
- R) Estimate and Assess Social and Economic Importance and Value of Menhaden to Chesapeake Bay Stakeholders and Region (3 Year Study). James Kirkley, VIMS. ~~\$1,127,235~~ **Amended to \$788,284 (Year 1 request = \$363,403).**
- VI. Discussion of Budget Amendments for a Previously Contracted Access Project: Conversion of a Protective Wavescreen into a Saltwater Fishing Pier. Michael Nealer, City of Newport News. The original 2004 request was for \$170,250. The new request is for an additional \$148,125, totaling \$318,375 from VSRFDF. The RFAB requested that the City of Newport News also investigate the additional cost of lighting for the fishing pier. The estimate to add lighting is \$111,066 (\$83,299 from VSRFDF).
- VII. Discussion to Increase the Operating Budget of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament. The current operating budget is \$199,000. The request is for an additional \$15,000 for this year and subsequent years.

VIII. Discussion of Dates for Future 2007 RFAB Meetings.

Review Session (5:30 p.m.) & Final Recommendations (7 p.m.) - May 14

**Second Cycle** (Proposal Applications due June 15, 2007)

Applicants (7 p.m.) - July 9  
Public Hearing (7 p.m.) - September 10  
Review Session (5:30 p.m.) & Final Recommendations (7 p.m.) - November 5

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