

MEETING NOTICE

Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board
Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Monday, May 12, 2008

5:30 p.m. (Work Session) and 7:00 p.m. (Final Recommendations)

The Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) will meet to review the projects, listed below, which are currently under consideration for funding from the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund (saltwater recreational fishing license funds). The meetings, on these proposals, will be held on Monday, May 12, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., at the Virginia Marine Resource Commission, 2600 Washington Avenue, Fourth Floor, Newport News. 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-mailed to: sonya.davis@mrc.virginia.gov. On May 27, 2008 the Recreational Fishing Advisory Board recommendations, on projects to be funded, will be presented to the Commission. Complete project proposals and additional information 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 March 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~~ **Amended to \$74,242.**
 - 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 and 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.~~ **Funding request withdrawn.**
 - 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~~ **Amended to \$750,000.**
 - 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~~ **Amended to \$94,221.**

VI. Dates for Future Second Cycle 2008 RFAB Meetings.
 (Proposal Applications due Monday, June 16, 2008 by 5:00 p.m.)

Applicants (7 p.m.)	July 14
Public Hearing (7 p.m.)	September 8
Work Session (5:30 p.m.) & Final Recommendations (7 p.m.)	November 10

An additional Work Session will be added on July 14 (5:30 p.m.) to discuss suggested changes to the RFAB/VSRFDF guidelines. Suggestions will be posted on the VSRFDF website. Additional suggestions may be E-mailed to: sonya.davis@mrc.virginia.gov.

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