

# MINUTES

## SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SMAC) MEETING

October 18, 2018

Members Present

Wayne France  
Tommy Kellum  
Charles B. Johnson  
Kevin Wade  
Cody Metcalf

Members Present

Ernest George  
J. C. Hudgins  
Richard Harding  
Don Porter (phone)  
Dan Dise (phone)

VMRC/VIMS Staff

Andrew Button  
Robert O'Reilly  
Pat Geer  
Ben Stagg  
Vernon Rowe  
Vas Dunston  
Missy Southworth  
Jamie Hogge

and others.

Wayne France, Chairman, opened the meeting at 4:06 p.m..

Andrew Button, Head Conservation and Replenishment, updated the members on the status of the fall dredge surveys in the James River and also discussed the oyster harvest in the Rappahannock River Area 5. Mr. Button's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Committee Members discussed different options for a possible adjustment to the 2018-2019 Public Oyster Harvest season in the Rappahannock River due to the mortality seen in Area 5. There comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Committee Member Hudgins made a motion to adjust the opening of Area 3 as follows; Patent Tong (PT) from November 1 through November 12, followed by Hand Scrape (HS) from November 12, 2018 through January 12, 2019. All other Public Oyster Harvest seasons will remain as they were. Committee Member Kellum seconded the motion. The motion passes 10-0.

The recommended adjustments to the 2018/2019 Public Oyster Harvest season will be presented to the Commission on October 30, 2018 for discussion and action.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p. m..