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VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION TAKES ACTION ON OFFENDER

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. -- The Virginia Marine Resources took the following action on fisheries violations at the September 27, 2016 meeting:

Mr. Jeffery Scott West, of Achilles, Virginia. Mr. West, a commercial licensee was convicted in Middlesex County Circuit Court on June 1, 2016, on two violations: one count of theft of oysters and on one count of harvesting in an oyster sanctuary area.

Yesterday, the Commission voted 8 to 0 to revoke all of Mr. West's Commission-issued licenses for a period of one year from the date of the Commission meeting, September 27, 2016, through September 26, 2017 and to prohibit the issuance, reissuance, and renewal of any of Mr. West's Commission-issued licenses during this same revocation period. Mr. West's fishing privileges within the Commonwealth's tidal waters were also revoked for a period of one year from the date of the Commission meeting, September 27, 2016 through September 28, 2017. Lastly, the Commission voted to place Mr. West on probation for a period of two years immediately following the revocation period, September 27, 2017 to September 26, 2019.

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