

# MEETING AGENDA

Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board Meeting  
Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
Monday, July 14, 2025  
2:00 p.m.

The Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) will hold a meeting on applications for the 2025 funding cycle at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2025, at the VMRC main office at 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, Virginia, 23651. Comments or questions can be e-mailed to: [alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov](mailto:alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov). Additional information can be found at <http://mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfd/index.shtm>: The projects are listed below.

## Tentative Agenda

- I. Introduction, Announcements, Comments.
- II. Status of Fund.
- III. Review of Minutes from the May 2025 RFAB Meeting.
- IV. Artificial Reef Update
- V. Fishing event applications:
  - A) 0425-01 2026 Hope House & Oak Grove Nursing Home Fishing Excursions and Clinics. T.B. Butch Pierce; Great Bridge Fisherman's Association. **\$5,200.**
  - B) Item B was recommended for approval at the May RFAB meeting
  - C) Item C was recommended for approval at the May RFAB meeting
  - D) Item D was recommended for approval at the May RFAB meeting
  - E) 0425-05 2026 Sunshine Program. Steve York, Norfolk Angler's Club. **\$10,500.**
  - F) Item F was recommended for approval at the May RFAB meeting
  - G) G 0425-07 Virginia Rod and Reef Slam. Sarah Cayton, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc. **\$23,550.** Recommended for approval at the May RFAB meeting
- VI. Other Projects:
  - H) 0425-08 MLC Public Access Waterfront Enhancement and Community Saltwater Learn to Fish Program (SL2F). Bernadette La Casse, Mathews Land Conservancy. **\$34,140.**
  - I) 0425-09 Virginia Game Fish Tagging 2025. S. Musick (VIMS), M. Hargis (VMRC). **\$93,228.**
  - J) 0425-10 M Year 2: Use of Pop-Up Satellite Archival Transmitting Tags (PSATS) to evaluate air exposure and handling effects on the survival of red drum (*Scianops*

*ocellastus*) released during Virginia's late summer recreational fishery. Hamish Small, William & Mary's Batten School of Coastal & Marine Sciences & VIMS. **\$87,051.**

K) 0425-11 Marine Sportfish Collection Project 2025. Ethan Simpson, VMRC. **\$18,000.**

L) 0425-12 \*Federal Assistance (Sportfish Restoration) Matching Funds, Federal FY 2026. P. Geer. \$204,822 (**\$153,616 from VSRFDF**, \$51,206 from MFIF).

M) 0425-13 Seagrass Habitat Restoration and Monitoring. Christopher J. Patrick, VIMS. **\$99,038.**

VII. Adjourn.

Projects marked \* are split funded

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