

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE TOWN OF TANGIER
AND
THE VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
FOR THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS, OBSTRUCTIONS
OR HAZARDOUS PROPERTY FROM STATE WATERS**

A Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by and between the Town of Tangier, Virginia and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

WHEREAS, abandoned and derelict vessels, obstructions and hazardous property are recognized as a leading marine pollution problem in Virginia's waterways and ecosystem; and,

WHEREAS, the uniqueness of Tangier Island, and its historic and cultural importance dating back to 1668, have been recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the Marine Habitat and Waterways Improvement Fund was established for the purpose of improving marine habitat and waterways, including the removal of obstructions or hazardous property from state waters;

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the mutual understandings set forth herein, the parties agree to the following:

The Town of Tangier and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission will work cooperatively to identify abandoned and derelict vessels, obstructions and hazardous property that could be removed from state waters, on and around Tangier Island to address the ecological concerns these items present to the ecosystem, and,

This Memorandum of Understanding does not obligate either party to provide funding for the actual removal of abandoned or derelict vessels, obstructions, or hazardous property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the date of the last signature below.

VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

By: _____

Joseph D. Grist, Commissioner

Date: SEPTEMBER 10th, 2026

TOWN OF TANGIER, VIRGINIA

By: _____

Ooker Eskridge, Mayor

Date: 9-10-26, 2026