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TAGGED CRABS MEAN CASH AND KNOWLEDGE

The Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) will be tagging legal-size male and female blue crab to estimate population size in the Rhode River as part of the Crab Restoration and the Bay (C. R.A.B.) program. The aim of the project is to estimate blue crab population size with a mark-and-recapture study. By tagging and releasing a known number of crabs from the Rhode River, an estimate can be computed for the total population based on the number of tagged and untagged crabs captured afterwards. To accurately determine the population size, the percentage of recaptured tags (reporting rate) must also be calculated. A subset of tags is marked with a high reward (\$100), with the remainder of the tags resulting in a \$5 reward. The reporting rate for high value tags is then used to estimate the overall reporting rate. All watermen who report \$5 tags will be entered into a \$200 cash lotteries drawn at the end of the season.

Watermen are a valuable source of information. The program hopes to use on-board observers in conjunction with high/standard rewards. Information will be collected on the ratio of unmarked to marked recapture ratio and the reporting rate of tagged crabs. Each participating waterman will be paid per day to host SERC observers whose sole duty would be to record the number of untagged and tagged blue crabs captured. If you recapture a tagged blue crab, please

record and report the tag, number, capture date, capture location, capture depth, and capture method to the crab tag hotline at (443) 482-2263. The results of the project will be reported back to the participating watermen and the Watermen's Gazette at the end of the summer.

The project with continuing support of the local waterman, will provide an estimate of the number of legal-sized blue crabs in the Rhode river, information that is crucial for on going assessment of the possibility of blue crab stock enhancement in the Chesapeake Bay.

If you have interest in hosting a SERC observer or have any questions about this tagging study please contact Robert Aguilar (443) 482-2436, Eric Johnson (443) 482-2203, or Tuck Hines (443)482-2208.



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REGULATION AMENDMENTS

COMMISSION VOTED TO MAKE EMERGENCY RULE PERMANENT FOR BLACK SEA BASS

On September 27, 2005, the Commission voted, 6-0, to adopt an emergency regulation to allow industry members to seek an alternative vessel to assist with harvesting their individual quotas. After the public hearing at the Oct. 25th meeting the Commission voted, 7-0, to approve the amendment, which makes the emergency rule permanent. The approved regulation reads as follows:

4 VAC 20-950-48.2. ALTERNATE VESSEL AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS.

A. Any person possessing a directed fishery permit may authorize an alternate vessel to harvest, possess and land any portion of his individual fishery quota, provided the following conditions are met:

1. The directed fishery permit holder has submitted a completed and notarized alternate vessel authorization form to the Commission.
2. The alternate vessel named on the authorization form holds a federal Black Sea Bass Moratorium Permit and either a Virginia Seafood Landing License or the alternate vessel's owner and operator holds a Commercial Fisherman Registration License.
3. The alternate vessel authorization has been ac-

cepted and approved by the Commissioner. 4. The alternate vessel maintains copies of the alternate vessel authorization form and the permit of the directed fishery quota owner, at all times, while serving as the alternate vessel.

B. No authorization for an alternate vessel to land black sea bass shall extend for more than 30 days from the date the Commissioner approves the authorization. After 30 days, any unused portion of quota authorized for the alternate vessel shall revert to its directed fishery permit holder.

ATTENTION ALL VMRC SPECIAL PERMIT HOLDERS

Special Permit holders, in addition to your regular special permit reporting requirements, it is recommended that you also report your harvest to the Mandatory Reporting Program. Reporting will assure all individuals get credit for the poundage and species harvested.

This may be critical information for future limited entry fisheries. All mandatory reporting requirements have to be followed. Your buyer information should be noted as 'VMRC' for the days that you work under the special permit, that way it gets coded specifically for the special permits instead of traditional commercial harvest. All mandatory reporting harvest reports are due by the 5th of each month. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Kelly Lancaster at 757-247-2116. Thank you for your cooperation.

VIRGINIA SEAFOOD COUNCIL REQUEST OYSTER DEPLOYMENT

Virginia Seafood Council requests the Commission deploy 10,000 triploid (sterile) *Crassostrea ariakensis* oysters on state-owned bottomlands in the Piankatank river. According to legislation adopted by the 2005 Virginia General Assembly, the Commissioner of Marine Resources was given the responsibility of deciding whether and when non-native oysters should be put on state-owned bottomlands. Therefore, the Commission, acting in an advisory capacity, voted, 7-1, to urge the Commissioner to proceed with the project. The Commissioner cannot act for at least 30 days, but must make a decision within 60 days of today's public hearing.

COMMISSION APPROVES SCUP EMERGENCY REGULATION

On November 22, 2005, the Commission voted, 8-0, to approve the emergency resolution to reduce the Winter II period commercial trip limit to 3,000 pound. It will consider making the action permanent at its Dec. 20th meeting.

COMMISSION APPROVES SHARK REGULATION AMENDMENTS

On November 22, 2005, the Commission approved on a vote 8-0, to approve the proposed amendments to Regulation 4VAC20-490, "Pertaining to Sharks" establishing commercial and recreational fishing limitations and limiting access to the commercial shark fishery.

REGULATION AMENDMENTS

COMMISSION VOTES FOR CHANGES TO THE 2006 COMMERCIAL STRIPED BASS PROGRAM

On October 25, 2005 the Commission voted, 6-2, NOT to ban temporary transfers of striped bass tags; voted, 8-0, to initiate a two-tag system that would require 50 percent of the tags held by each Bay fisherman to be used on 18-28 inch fish and for 50% of the tags held by each Ocean fishermen to be used on 28-34 inch fish; voted, 8-0, to approve all of the compliance measures offered with the tagging program; and voted, 8-0, to establish a maximum gill net mesh size at 9-inches for November 2005 through February and March of 2006, and November and December of 2006.



PROCEDURES FOR USING THE 1-800 LINE AND MANDATORY HARVEST REPORTING

Watermen please remember that, as part of the Mandatory Reporting Program, harvest reports are due by the 5th of every month. If you are not fishing, you must also report no activity by the same date. Our system does not automatically enter inactivity. Inactivity is manually entered, and we must be contacted to enter no activity for months you do not work, after the commercial card is printed, as stated in the letter you receive with your card. When using the 1-800, line please remember to provide your name and the last 4 digits of you commercial card. If you are providing information for multiple watermen please speak each name and commercial card number slowly. Please listen carefully to the recording, for the correct option and the required information that you must provide. Press Option 1 or 2 to report no activity for the month. Press Option 3 to report no activity for the year. Press Option 4 to request forms and folders. Press Option 5 to leave messages regarding permits or monthly reporting. If you should have any problems with the line, please call (757) 247-8102 during office hours (8:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and someone will assist you.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!



CRAB DREDGERS- The crab dredge season runs from December 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006. All crab dredge reports are due by the 5th day of the following month. You are no longer required to dredge for crabs at least one day during the current season in order to qualify for your permit renewal for next season.

RECREATIONAL FISHING WITH COMMERCIAL GEAR- All licensed recreational fishermen who purchase commercial gear used recreationally are required to report their harvests on special forms provided by the VMRC. Reports are due by January 5th of the following year.

COMMERCIAL LICENSE RENEWAL- Applicants holding a valid Commercial Fisherman Registration License may register during the period December 1 through February 28 of each year.

DELAYED ENTRY- New applicants desiring to enter the commercial fishery may register during the period of December 1 through February 28. After the two year waiting period you will receive your commercial card and are then eligible to purchase commercial gear licenses.

COMMISSION MAKES EMERGENCY REGULATION FOR OYSTER MANAGEMENT AREA PERMANENT WITH MINOR CHANGES

On September 27, 2005 the Commission voted, 6-0, to open all oyster areas in Virginia on Oct. 1 with a 12-bushel daily limit per card, with the exception of Tangier/Pocomoke Sounds that will continue to open Dec. 1 with an 8-bushel daily limit. A change was made in the sanctuary area in the James River by emergency regulation, to allow harvesting in a portion of that area (Wreck Shoal), but the sanctuary acreage remains the same as before. A public hearing was held at the Commission's Oct. 25th meeting to make this emergency regulation permanent. The Commission voted, 7-0, to make permanent the emergency regulation adopted at its October meeting. The boundaries were changed at the recommendation of watermen and would more clearly put them in relation to existing landmarks. The change also would open an area to hand tonging that was not previously open.

HARVEST REPORTING GUIDELINES

ALL REPORTS DUE BY THE 5TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH (ACTIVE OR NOT ACTIVE)

YOU MUST HAVE A COMMERCIAL LICENSE FOR AT LEAST TWO MONTHS BEFORE YOU CAN REPORT NO ACTIVITY

ONE TICKET	↓COMMERCIAL REGISTRATION # 987654-9999 123456-9876 Joe Fisherman Joe Helper	WATER FISHED OVB	HRS GEAR FISHED 24	GEAR AGN	GEAR AMOUNT 1200FT	MAN HOURS 6	NO. OF CREW 2	CONT.
	SPECIES & MARKET CATEGORY		LIVE WEIGHT OR AMOUNT		✓ IF PRCD	PRICE		
	PUFT		125 LBS		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	SHK		150 LBS					
	SPMAC		50 LBS					
	STB		100 LBS		5 TAGS	(OCEAN)		
	VESSEL NAME VESSEL NUMBER GO FISH 000456789 BUYER COUNTY LANDED BIG BUYER VIRGINIA BEACH SPECIAL PERMIT INFO. 102							
DATE	JANUARY 2, 2005							

↓COMMERCIAL REGISTRATION # CBLW 24 POT 150 8 2	WATER FISHED CBLW	HRS GEAR FISHED 24	GEAR POT	GEAR AMOUNT 150	MAN HOURS 8	NO. OF CREW 2	CONT.
SPECIES & MARKET CATEGORY		LIVE WEIGHT OR AMOUNT		✓ IF PRCD	PRICE		
BCJ		10 BU					
BCS		25 BU					
BCP		105 NU					
VESSEL NAME VESSEL NUMBER BUYER COUNTY LANDED SPECIAL PERMIT INFO.							
DATE	JANUARY 3, 2005						

GUIDELINE DESCRIPTIONS

COMMERCIAL REGISTRATION LICENSE NUMBER (Including Helpers)
NAME OF FISHERMAN
NAME OF VESSEL (If Applicable)
VESSEL NUMBER (Coast Guard Doc#, VA State Registration, or Hull Number)
NAME OF BUYER (If selling to several buyers or selling to the public, write "RETAIL". If keeping for personal use write "PERSONAL USE")
CITY OR COUNTY (Where harvest offloaded from vessel)
SPECIAL PERMIT INFORMATION (e.g. Black Drum, Striped Bass, etc...) Number of fish need to be recorded for Black Drum. Number and type of tags need to be recorded for Striped Bass.
DATE (Date Harvest Taken From Water, one day per ticket. <u>DO NOT COMBINE DAYS</u>)
WATER BODY (Main water body gear worked)
GEAR HOURS (Amount of Time Gear Is In The Water)
GEAR (Specify type of Gear Used, one gear per day per ticket. <u>DO NOT COMBINE GEAR</u> , on the same ticket)
GEAR AMOUNT (e.g. Number and Total Length of Nets, Number of Pots, Number and Total Length of Dredge)
MAN HOURS (Amount of time it takes to leave the dock, work, and get back to the dock — in one day)
No. OF CREW (Total number of people on the vessel, Including Yourself)
SPECIES & MARKET CATEGORY (Please be specific, for example; SPMAC or KMAC not just MACKEREL)
LIVE WEIGHT OR AMOUNT (Include unit of measure e.g. lbs, bu, nu, bbl, etc...)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IF PRCD (If the weight given is for processed weight, please check the box)
PRICE (Optional)

FREQUENT REPORTING PROBLEMS



↓COMMERCIAL REGISTRATION #		WATER FISHED	HRS GEAR FISHED	GEAR	GEAR AMOUNT	MAN HOURS	NO. OF CREW	CONT.
987654-9999 Joe Fisherman		CBLW	24	GILL NET POT	1200FT 300	24	0	
SPECIES & MARKET CATEGORY				LIVE WEIGHT OR AMOUNT		✓ IF PRCD	PRICE	
1/2-1/7/05		PUFT		125 LBS				
1/9-1/14/05		BLC		220 (LBS, BU, OR NU?)				
1/16-1/21/05		MACKEREL		50 LBS				
1/23-1/28/05		SHK		1 NU				
VESEL NAME		VESEL NUMBER						
BUYER		COUNTY LANDED						
DATE		JANUARY 2-JANUARY 28, 2005						

AGN, DGN, OR SGN? BE SPECIFIC

DON'T COMBINE GEARS ON SAME TICKET

CANT WORK 24 HOURS A DAY

CANT BE LESS THAN 1

IMPORTANT INFORMATION DON'T LEAVE BLANK

DON'T COMBINE DAYS ON SAME TICKET

SPANISH OR KING? BE SPECIFIC

NO CONVERSION, MUST REPORT SHARKS IN LBS

MUST INCLUDE UNIT OF MEASURE

✓ BOX FOR PROCESSED WEIGHT



FREQUENT REPORTING PROBLEM DESCRIPTIONS



COMBINING DAYS (Report only one day per ticket)
COMBINING GEARS (Report only one gear per ticket)
MISSING OR INCORRECT VESSEL NUMBER (Very important information, don't leave blank)
MISSING BUYER (Very important, don't leave blank. If selling to several buyers or selling to the public, write "RETAIL". If keeping for personal use write "PERSONAL USE")
INCORRECT GEAR AMOUNT (Report actual gear amount used, not necessarily the exact amount licensed for example. If you are licensed for 300 pots, but only fished 100 that day, then only report 100)
24 MAN HOURS (Amount of time it takes to leave the dock, work, and get back to the dock- in one day)
CREW NUMBER = 0 (Must equal at least 1 because the crew number includes the captain as well as everyone else on the vessel)
GENERALIZED SPECIES (Must be specific. ie: Mackerel (spanish or king), Shad (Gizzard or Hickory))
MISSING UNIT OF MEASURE (Must specify lbs, bu, nu, bbl, etc...)
✓ IF PRCD (Must check box if the harvest weight is for a fish that has been processed first, then weighed, e.g. puffer tails, shark fin, roe)
REPORTING SHARK IN NUMBERS (Sharks must be reported in pounds, not numbers. There is no accurate conversion from numbers to pounds for sharks)
REPORTING SHEDDED CRABS (Only report peeler and soft crabs caught in pots, do not report crabs that are shedded in tanks)
REPORTING HORSESHOE CRABS (Must be reported by number and sex per Regulation 4 VAC 20-900 .)

COMMISSION APPROVES INCREASE IN LICENSE FEES

On July 26, 2005 the Commission voted 4-1 to approve license and permit fee increases utilizing the 66% of the Consumer Price Index aggregate increase with several exceptions.

The following are the approved exceptions:

- 1.) No changes in the fee for 10-day temporary saltwater license
- 2.) the saltwater individual license will be \$12.50
- 3.) the buyer's license (commercial) will be raised by the full 153%
- 4.) oyster gear license will have no increase in fees
- 5.) the charter boat will be subject to lesser 66% CPI since inception, with only a 27% increase

The following listing of license fees applies to any person who purchases a license for the purpose of harvesting for commercial purposes, or fishing, for recreational purposes, during the calendar year 2006 commencing December 1, 2005.

Type of License	Current 2005 Fee	2006 Fees	Sold By
*Commercial Registration	\$150.00	\$190.00	VMRC MAIN OFFICE
*Commercial Registration-Senior (Age 70 or Older)	\$75.00	\$90.00	VMRC MAIN OFFICE
*Delayed Entry	\$150.00	\$190.00	VMRC MAIN OFFICE
*Delayed Entry-Senior (Age 70 or Older)	\$75.00	\$90.00	VMRC MAIN OFFICE
Oyster			
by Hand	\$10.00	\$10.00	AGENT
Patent Tong-- single rigged	\$35.00	\$35.00	AGENT
Patent tong - double rigged	\$70.00	\$70.00	AGENT
Dredge	\$50.00	\$50.00	AGENT
Ordinary tong	\$10.00	\$10.00	AGENT
Hand Scrape	\$50.00	\$50.00	AGENT
Shucking House			
401 - < 1000 gal.	\$7.50	\$12.00	MPO
402 - 1000 to 10,000 gal.	\$20.00	\$33.00	MPO
403 - 10,000 up to 25,000 gal.	\$45.00	\$74.00	MPO
404 - 25,000 up to 50,000 gal.	\$75.00	\$124.00	MPO
405 - 50,000 up to 100,000 gal.	\$125.00	\$207.00	MPO
406 - 100,000 up to 200,000 gal.	\$175.00	\$290.00	MPO
407 - 200,000 gal. or over	\$275.00	\$456.00	MPO
Crabs			
*Ordinary Trotline	\$8.00	\$13.00	AGENT
*Patent Trotline	\$31.00	\$51.00	AGENT
*Dredge	\$58.00	\$96.00	AGENT
*Scrape	\$16.00	\$26.00	AGENT
*Double Scrape	\$32.00	\$53.00	AGENT

Type of License	Current 2005 Fee	2006 Fees	Sold By
Crabs			
*Dip Net	\$8.00	\$13.00	AGENT
*Crab pot 100	\$29.00	\$48.00	AGENT
*Crab pot 150	\$48.00	\$79.00	AGENT
*Crab pot 200	\$48.00	\$79.00	AGENT
*Crab pot 300	\$48.00	\$79.00	AGENT
*Crab pot 500	\$100.00	\$127.00	AGENT
*Crab Peeler Pot - up to 300 peeler pots	\$29.00	\$36.00	AGENT
Shed Tank - up to 20 tanks or floats	\$7.50	\$9.00	AGENT
Shed Tank - more than 20 tanks or floats	\$15.00	\$19.00	AGENT
*Crab Trap	\$5.00	\$8.00	MPO
Horseshoe Crab hand	\$15.00	\$16.00	AGENT
Lobster (< 200 pots)	\$25.00	\$41.00	AGENT
Lobster (> 200 pots)	\$100.00	\$166.00	AGENT
Clams			
by Hand - Rake or Ordinary Tongs	\$15.00	\$24.00	AGENT
Patent Tong - Single-Rigged	\$35.00	\$58.00	AGENT
Patent Tong - Double-Rigged	\$70.00	\$84.00	AGENT
Dredge - hand	\$15.00	\$19.00	AGENT
Dredge - power	\$35.00	\$44.00	AGENT
Hydraulic Dredge for Soft Shell Clams	\$50.00	\$83.00	AGENT
Surf Clam	\$100.00	\$124.00	AGENT
Conch Dredge	\$35.00	\$58.00	AGENT
*Channeled Whelk (POT)	\$48.00	\$51.00	AGENT
Finfish			
*Pound Net	\$25.00	\$41.00	MPO
Stake Net	\$15.00	\$24.00	MPO
Gill Net up to 600 Feet	\$10.00	\$16.00	AGENT
Gill Net Over 600 and up to 1200 Feet	\$15.00	\$24.00	AGENT

Type of License	Current 2005 Fee	2006 Fees	Sold By
Finfish			
Cast Net	\$8.00	\$13.00	AGENT
Fyke Net	\$8.00	\$13.00	MPO
Trot Line	\$12.00	\$19.00	AGENT
Dip Net	\$6.00	\$9.00	AGENT
Haul Seine Less than 500 Yards	\$29.00	\$48.00	AGENT
Haul Seine 500 to 1000 Yards	\$88.00	\$146.00	AGENT
*Commercial H & L	\$25.00	\$31.00	AGENT
*Commercial H & L - Striped bass ONLY	\$25.00	\$31.00	AGENT
Purse seine Vessel less than 70 Gross Tons	\$3/ton, \$150 max	\$4/ton, \$249 max	MPO
Purse seine Vessel greater than 70 Gross Tons	\$5/ton, \$600 max	\$8/ton, \$996 max	MPO
Fish/Eel pot up to 100 pots	\$12.00	\$19.00	AGENT
Fish/Eel pot Over 100 and up to 300 pots	\$20.00	\$24.00	AGENT
Fish/Eel pot Over 300 pots	\$50.00	\$62.00	AGENT
Other			
Commercial Fish Pier (Mandatory)	\$50.00	\$83.00	AGENT
Seafood Buyer - Boat or Vehicle	\$25.00	\$63.00	AGENT
Seafood Buyer - Place of Business	\$50.00	\$126.00	AGENT
Seafood Landing	\$150.00	\$175.00	AGENT
Non-Resident Harvester	\$350.00	\$444.00	VMRC MAIN OFFICE
Non-Commercial Gear			
Up to 5 Crab pots	\$29.00	\$36.00	AGENT
Crab trotline (300 feet maximum)	\$8.00	\$10.00	AGENT
One Crab trap or Crab Pound	\$5.00	\$6.00	MPO
Gill net: up to 300 Feet in length	\$7.50	\$9.00	AGENT
Fish Cast Net	\$8.00	\$10.00	AGENT
Fish Dip Net	\$6.00	\$7.00	AGENT
Eel Pot (2 POTS)	\$10.00	\$10.00	AGENT

Type of License	Current 2005 Fee	2006 Fees	Sold By
Recreational			
Individual SW	\$7.50	\$12.50	DGIF
**Individual resident FW/SW	\$19.50	\$24.50	DGIF
**Individual non-resident FW/SW	\$37.50	\$42.50	DGIF
SW 10-day temp	\$5.00	\$5.00	DGIF
**Resident FW/SW 5-day temp	\$10.50	\$10.50	DGIF
**Non-resident FW/SW 5-day temp	\$15.50	\$15.50	DGIF
SW Recreational boat	\$30.00	\$38.00	DGIF
Individual Lifetime SW (Under 45)	\$250.00	\$250.00	DGIF
Individual Lifetime SW (45-50)	\$120.00	\$120.00	DGIF
Individual Lifetime SW (51-55)	\$90.00	\$90.00	DGIF
Individual Lifetime SW (56-60)	\$60.00	\$60.00	DGIF
Individual Lifetime SW (61-64)	\$30.00	\$30.00	DGIF
Individual Lifetime SW Disabled	\$5.00	\$5.00	DGIF
Head Boat/Charter Boat: 6 Passengers or Less	\$150.00	\$190.00	VMRC OPERATIONS
Head Boat/Charter Boat: More than 6 Passengers	\$150+ \$4.00 pp	\$190 +\$5.00 pp	VMRC OPERATIONS
Rental Boat (per boat)	\$7.50 + \$500 max	\$9.00 + \$635 max	VMRC OPERATIONS
Commercial Fishing Pier (Optional)	\$450.00	\$571.00	VMRC OPERATIONS

ATTENTION WATERMEN: FEDS ADJUST WINTER II SCUP QUOTA

National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service) has corrected the 2005 Winter II commercial scup quota and possession limit, as recently adjusted in the Federal Register (70 FR 44291, August 2, 2005). Since publication of the adjustment, NOAA Fisheries Service has determined that 291,135 lb of scup landed during the 2005 Winter I period were misreported as unclassified porgies or red porgies via the Electronic Dealer Reporting System, and has properly accounted for those landings as scup. Taking into consideration all updated Winter I landings information as of September 18, 2005:

The unused 2005 Winter I commercial scup quota is: 1,835,953 lb

The current 2005 Winter II commercial scup quota is: 1,949,962 lb

The revised 2005 Winter II commercial scup quota is: 3,785,915 lb

The 2005 Winter II possession limit has been increased to **3,000 lb per trip**, consistent with the rollover specifications established in the final rule to implement the 2005 summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass quotas (70 FR 303, January 4, 2005), in order to provide an appropriate opportunity for fishing vessels to obtain the increased Winter II quota. Note: In cases where state possession limits for scup differ from the Federal possession limit, federally permitted vessels are required to abide by the more restrictive state or Federal measure.

This action complies with Framework Adjustment 3 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan, which established a process to allow the rollover of unused commercial scup quota from the Winter I period to the Winter II period. The initial 2005 Winter I scup quota was 5,518,367 lb.

Currently, Virginia has not adjusted its regulation to reflect this change. Look in the next newsletter for more information on this issue and other regulation changes.



VMRC CALENDAR

DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBURARY
HOLIDAY - 12/24/05- 12/26/05 VMRC -12/20/05 12 PM	HOLIDAY- 01/02/06, 1/16/06 VMRC- 01/24/06 12 PM	HOLIDAY 02/22/06 VMRC- 02/21/06 12PM

The meeting dates and times are tentative and subject to change. Please call to verify the date and time of the meeting you would like to attend.

- ▶ **VMRC**— Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Meetings set on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 9:30 A.M. (fisheries items are generally considered after 12 noon). Held at the Commission's main office in Newport News. **NOTE: Please call the Agency to confirm the date and time on scheduled meetings.**
- ▶ **FMAC**— Finfish Management Advisory Committee. Meetings generally the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 P.M. Held at the Commission's main office in Newport News.
- ▶ **ASMFC**—Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Call (202) 452-9110 to find out the meeting location.
- ▶ **CMAC**— Clam Management Advisory Committee. Meetings to be announced. Meetings begin at 7 p.m.. Held at Commission Main office.
- ▶ **MFAMC** -Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Call (302) 674-2331 to find out the meeting location.
- ▶ **RFAB**- Recreational Fishery Advisory Board

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