The Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) will hold a public hearing on the projects currently proposed for funding from the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015, at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 2600 Washington Avenue, 4th floor, Newport News. Written comments, on the proposals, should be mailed to: Alicia Nelson, VMRC Fisheries Management Division, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607 or E-mailed to: alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov. Copies of the proposals can be found at http://mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfdf/index.shtm. Additional information can be found at http://mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfdf/index.shtm. The projects are listed below:

**Agenda:**

I. Introduction, Announcements, Comments.

II. Status of Fund.

III. Review of Minutes from the January 12, 2015 RFAB Meeting.

IV. Access and Fishing Structure Projects for 2015

   A) *withdrawn by applicant* Mathews County East River Boat Yard Fishing Pier. M. Moran, Mathews County. **$253,000**

   B) Portsmouth City Park Fishing Pier, W. Gill, City of Portsmouth **$200,000**.

   C) Cherry Point Community Pier Fishing Reef Completion. D. Hill, Cherry Point Property Owner’s Association, **$4,816.89**

V. Multi-Year Projects for 2015/2016 Renewal.

   D) Virginia Game Fish Tagging (Year 22). S. Musick (VIMS), L. Gillingham (VMRC). **$80,893**.

   E) *Estimating Relative Abundance of Young-of-Year American Eel in the Virginia Tributaries of Chesapeake Bay (Yr 13). M. Fabrizio, T. Tuckey, VIMS. **$53,158**. ($26,579 from VSRFDF, and $26,579 from MFIF)

   F) *Federal Assistance (Wallop-Breaux) Matching Funds, Federal FY 2016. R. O’Reilly, VMRC. **$338,925**. ($290,507 from VSRFDF, and **$48,418** from MFIF)

   G) Virginia Marine Sportfish Collection Project, Year 9. A. Kenyon, VMRC **$12,000**

VI. New Projects for 2015
H) Tracking Decadal Changes in Striped Bass Recruitment: A Calibration Study of Seine Surveys in Chesapeake Bay. M. Fabrizio, VIMS $78,022

I) Temperature selectivity and movement patterns of speckled trout. E. Hilton, P. McGrath, VIMS $61,208

VII. Tentative Dates for Future 2015 RFAB meetings:

May 11, 2015 — Work Session (5:30 p.m.) and Recommendations (7:00 p.m.)
June 15, 2015 — Second Cycle Project Applications Due

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