The RFAB Work Session was held from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. These minutes are from the Final Meeting of this project cycle.

At 7:13 p.m., Chairman Hudgins called the meeting to order.

Ms. Jane McCroskey informed everyone that the revenue available for projects is estimated as $1,446,858 as of December 31, 2007. This estimate includes Governor Kaine’s proposed budget reduction of $416,366, as well as $120,000 for the cost of recreational saltwater license sales by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF).

Mr. Hudgins asked for a review of the draft September 10, 2007 RFAB meeting minutes. Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Deibler seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to accept the draft minutes as final.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to vote on Items A, B, and, G together and was seconded by Mr. Randolph. The vote passed 8-0.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the funding for Items A, B, and, G and was seconded by Mr. Barr. The vote passed 8-0.

Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.

A) 2008 Children's Fishing Clinic (Year 11). Rob Cowling, Newport News Rotary Club and Coastal Conservation Association-Peninsula. $6,000. The vote to approve passed 8-0. See motion details above Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.

B) 2008 Kiwanis Club Children's Fishing Clinic (Year 7). Wesley Brown, Capital District Kiwanis Club. $6,000. The vote to approve passed 8-0. See motion details above Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.

C) 2008 Virginia Game Fish Tagging (Year 14). Jon Lucy, VIMS and Lewis Gillingham, VMRC. $73,093 Amended to $76,718. Mr. Randolph made a motion to approve the funding and was seconded by Ms. Brown. The vote passed 8-0.
D) Federal Assistance (Wallop-Breaux) Matching Funds FY 2008.  Jack Travelstead, VMRC.  **$283,512.**  Mr. Randolph made a motion to approve the funding and was seconded by Mr. Deibler.  The vote passed 8-0.

E) Sheepshead Population Dynamics in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia (Year 3).  H. Liao, J. Ballenger, C. Jones, ODURF.  **$67,206.**  Mr. Barr made a motion to approve the funding and was seconded by Mr. Duell.  The vote passed 7-1.  Mr. Bannister asked Mr. Ballenger about the sample size.  Mr. Ballenger believes they will reach the goal of 500 fish by the end of the 3-year study.

F) Wishart's Point Landing. Stewart Hall, County of Accomack.  **$275,000.**  (RF# 03-05: $25,000 Engineering Study).  Mr. Deibler made a motion to table this item and was seconded by Mr. Bannister.  Mr. Rhodes made a substitute motion to deny the funding and was seconded by Mr. Randolph.  Mr. Randolph added the condition that the County of Accomack is welcome to submit a proposal at a later date, if the Army Corps of Engineers ever decides to dredge the area.  Mr. Rhodes accepted this additional condition to his motion and the vote passed 8-0.

New Projects.

G) 2008 Youth Developmental "Hooked on Fishing" Adventure (Year 1).  A. Fisher, R. Lockhart, Virginia Charter Boat Association.  **$6,780.**  The vote to approve passed 8-0.  See motion details above Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.

H) Saxis Fishing Pier Expansion.  Charles Tull, Mayor, Town of Saxis.  **$173,151.**  Mr. Deibler made a motion to approve the funding and was seconded by Mr. Barr.  The vote passed 8-0.  The Board reviewed the Facility Grant Provision Checklist with Mayor Tull.  Mayor Tull agreed to all the applicable terms on the checklist.  (Funding is contingent on the Town/County securing all the applicable permits for this project.)

I) Pilot Study: Application of pop-up satellite archival tags (PSATs) to assess postrelease survival, habitat utilization and short term movement of striped bass in Virginia's winter recreational fishery.  J. Graves, R. Latour, A. Horodysky, VIMS.  **$71,371.**  Mr. Duell made a motion to approve the funding and was not seconded, so the motion failed.  Mr. Deibler made a motion to deny the funding and was seconded by Mr. Bannister.  The vote passed 8-0.

J) Improving stock assessment of weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*).  Dr. Yan Jiao, Dr. Don Orth, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University and Rob O'Reilly, VMRC.  **$87,194.**  Mr. Deibler made a motion to approve the funding and was seconded by Mr. Rhodes.  The vote passed 8-0.

K) Reef Monitoring Equipment Support for VMRC's Fisheries Management Division.  M. Meier, J. Grist, VMRC.  **$42,964 Amended to $72,964.**  Mr. Randolph made a motion to approve the funding and was seconded by Ms. Brown.  The vote passed 8-0.
L) Adult Red Drum Population Structure Study. Joe Grist, VMRC. **$20,390.** Mr. Randolph made a motion to approve the funding and was seconded by Mr. Duell. The vote passed 8-0.

The First Cycle 2008 RFAB meetings are scheduled for January 14, March 10, and May 12. Proposal applications for this cycle are due Monday, December 17, 2007 by 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Hudgins adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**Note:** Audio files of the meeting are available at http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfdf/index.shtm (Choose, Current Proposals, on the left-hand menu)