The Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) will meet to review the projects, listed below, which are currently under consideration for funding from the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund (Saltwater Recreational Fishing License funds). The meeting on these proposals will be held on Monday, January 8, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., at the Virginia Marine Resource Commission, 2600 Washington Avenue, Fourth Floor, Newport News. Written comments on the proposals should be mailed to: Sonya Davis, VMRC Fisheries Management Division, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607 or E-mail to: sonya.davis@mrc.virginia.gov. This meeting notice, as well as complete project proposals, are available on the Internet at http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfdf/index.shtm

Tentative Agenda

I. Introduction, Announcements, Comments.

II. Status of Fund.

III. Review of Minutes from the November 2006 RFAB Meeting.

IV. Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.


   C) 2007 Early Summer Children's Fishing Program. Melvin Dudley, Northampton County Anglers Club. $1,100.


   G) Enhancing Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Habitat: Research and Education for Restoration (Year 13). Robert Orth, VIMS. $95,689.

V. New Projects.

I) Virginia Marine Sportfish Collection (Year 1). J. Grist, R. Owens, VMRC. $12,000.


K) Quinby Harbor Enhancements. David Fluhart, Quinby Harbor Committee, Accomack County. $352,950.


O) Response of Summer Flounder to Hypoxia in Chesapeake Bay: Physiological Tolerances and Shifts in Habitat Use. M. Fabrizio, R. Brill, VIMS. $99,721.

P) Effects of Piscivorous Fishes on Local Juvenile Game Fish Populations. P. McGrath, J. Musick, VIMS. $45,530.

Q) Laboratory Investigations of the Ability of Striped Bass to Function under Low Ambient Oxygen Conditions. R. Brill, D. Gauthier, VIMS. $81,468.

R) Estimate and Assess Social and Economic Importance and Value of Menhaden to Chesapeake Bay Stakeholders and Region (3 Year Study). James Kirkley, VIMS. $1,127,235.

VI. Dates for Future First Cycle 2007 RFAB Meetings.

Public Hearing (7 p.m.) - March 12
Work Session (5:30 p.m.) & Final Recommendations (7 p.m.) - May 14

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