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 meetings on these proposals will be held on Monday, May 8, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. and 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 In May, the Recreational Fishing Advisory Board recommendations on projects to be funded will be presented to the Commission. This meeting notice, as well as complete project proposals, are available on the Internet at http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfdf/index.htm

Tentative Agenda

I. Introduction, Announcements, Comments.

II. Status of Fund.

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

IV. Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.
   A) 2006 CCA Tidewater Youth Fishing Day (Year 9). Tom Johnson, CCA Tidewater Chapter. $6,000.
   B) 2006 Saxis Fishing Pier Youth Fishing Tournament (Year 5). Allen Evans, Eastern Shore of Virginia Angler’s Club. $1,500 (-$250) $1,250.
   C) 2006 Morley’s Wharf Youth Fishing Tournament (Year 5). Allen Evans, Eastern Shore of Virginia Angler’s Club. $1,500 (-$250) $1,250.
   D) WITHDRAWN
V. New Projects.


H) 2006 Sunshine Children's Fishing Program. Denny Dobbins, Portsmouth Angler’s Club. $6,954.

I) WITHDRAWN

J) 2006 Early Summer Children's Fishing Program. Charlie Johnson, Northampton County Angler’s Club. $1,100.

K) Using Virginia's Recreational Fishers in a Sea Turtle Tagging Study. Christina Trapani, Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response Team. $4,600.


M) Towards Validation of Juvenile Indices of Abundance for Several Fish Species in Chesapeake Bay. R. Latour, C. Bonzek, M. Fabrizio, VIMS. $60,916.

VI. Dates for Second Cycle 2006 RFAB Meetings (Proposal applications due June 15, 2006).

Applicants (7 p.m.) July 10
Public Hearing (7 p.m.) September 11
Review (5:30 p.m.) & Final (7 p.m.) November 13

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