

Precise Text of the Proposed Amendments
of the
POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION
REGULATIONS

February 16, 2007

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1. **Reg. III, Sec. 11(b)** – To clarify the method of measurement of fish.

Measurement shall be ~~the greatest distance in a straight line~~ from the tip of the ~~nose~~ snout to the end of the caudal fin or tail ~~in a natural state, excluding the tail filament of black sea bass~~. No person shall alter the natural state of any species of fish listed in (a) above such that its length cannot be measured.

2. **Reg. VII, Sec. 2(a)** – To increase the minimum size limit on hard crabs from April 1st to July 9th from 5” to 5 ½”.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, keep in floats, or have in possession any:

- (1) hard crabs, except mature female crabs, less than ~~5~~ 5½ inches from April 1 through July 9 and hard crabs, except mature female crabs, less than 5 ½ inches from July 10 through the end of the season.
- (2) peeler crabs less than 3 ½ inches.
- (3) sponge crabs, spawn crab, blooming female crab, mother crab or the female crab from which the egg pouch or bunion has been removed - of any size.

Once taken hard, peeler and soft shell crabs shall be kept separate from each other.

NOTICE OF HEARING
February 16, 2007

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that a public hearing will be held by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission on adoption of the foregoing proposed regulations or amendments to the regulations of the Commission on Friday, February 16, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the John Thomas Parran Hearing Room of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission Building, 222 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach, Virginia.