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Potomac River Fisheries Commission Meeting

Colonial Beach, VA —

Chairman Dennis Fleming announced today the Potomac River Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting on **Friday, March 2, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.** in the John T. Parran Hearing Room of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission (The Carpenter Building), 222 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach, Virginia. Chairman Fleming invites all interested persons to attend this open public meeting.

Items on the agenda include: A Joint Law Enforcement Meeting Summary, reports on PRFC's crab and oyster harvest, and a discussion of Nice Bridge Stewardship opportunities. The Commission will adopt Orders to establish the 2018 recreational and commercial striped bass, Cobia, Black Sea Bass and Summer Flounder seasons, gear and size limits as well as most other finfish species and update the quota for the commercial menhaden fishery. There will be an update on the ASMFC Winter meeting.

Other items on the agenda include, but are not limited to: updates on the Rotational Natural Oyster Harvest Program, Jones Shore Area #2 harvest, and a performance update for the commercial Striped Bass hook & line tag information exchange. Summaries from the Finfish Advisory Committee, Blue Crab Advisory Committee, Oyster/Clam Advisory Committee, and the Oyster Strategic Planning Panel will be presented. The nominating committee will appoint a new Chairman & Vice Chairman, and there will be an announcement of advisory committee vacancies. There will also be a delinquent seafood catch report hearing.

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