

POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION
Colonial Beach, Va.
April 22, 1963

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P. M. by Chairman Jeremiah Valliant in the office of the Commission at Colonial Beach, Virginia, immediately following the close of the public hearings held same day in La Plata, Maryland and Colonial Beach, Virginia. Commissioners Dr. H. C. Byrd, Dr. George J. Weems, N. G. Ball, Milton T. Hickman and Lewis Jones, Jr. were present. Others present were: Mr. Roy W. Rafter, Mr. Paul C. Wentzell, Mr. K. Thomas Everngam, Mr. J. William Ryland, and from the Press, Mrs. John Cooke and Mr. John Frye.

Reading of Minutes of previous meeting was dispensed with. Consideration began regarding final form of Proposed Regulations, as published and discussed at public hearings mentioned above and any minor changes that might be enacted in Regulation I. (All "Sections" and sub-sections below come under this Regulation.)

Commissioner H. C. Byrd requested that it be recorded in the Minutes of this meeting that he opposes the policy of issuing fishing licenses indiscriminately to all applicants.

Section 1. Approved as written.

Section 2. (CRABS)

(a) The six words "working on any boat used in" deleted. Add at end of this sub-section this sentence: "For each peeler trap, a license fee of \$3.00" - making this sub-section (a) read as follows: For each person taking or catching crabs commercially by dip nets, nets with handles attached, or lines pushed or pulled by hand, a license fee of Four (\$4) Dollars. For each peeler trap, a license fee of Three (\$3) Dollars.

(b) This sub-section approved as written.

(c) This sub-section approved as written.

(d) This sub-section approved as written.

(e) Delete ten words, "...buying crabs or engaged in buying, selling, or marketing crabs...", and add in same opening the words, "...used in buying or marketing crabs..." on the Potomac River...etc. - making this sub-section (e) read as follows: "For each boat used in buying or marketing crabs on the Potomac River, a license fee of \$8. No person shall be required to procure an additional license hereunder for marketing his own catch.

(OYSTERS)

(f) It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to leave opening season at October 1st each year.

(g) This sub-section approved as written.

(FISH)

(h) This sub-section approved as written.

(i) The length of net changed from "450" feet to "1200" feet and the license fee of "\$6.00" changed to "\$8.00", and the 17 words, "...and for each 150 additional feet of net and fraction thereof, an additional license fee of \$2.50" were deleted. Motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously that with these changes this Section be approved. Therefore, sub-section (i) reads as follows: "For each stake, float, or drift gill net of 1,200 feet and under, a license fee of \$8. The season shall be from March 1 to May 26 inclusive of each year and no nets shall be set or used at any other time.

(j) It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the typographical error of printing "2400" feet for maximum length of haul seine be changed to the "1800" feet as originally intended and that with this correction this sub-section be approved.

(k) Under this sub-section, it was moved, seconded and carried that the words, "or eels", be inserted following the words "...for catching fish" - making sub-section (k) read as follows: "For each fyke net or hoop net, weir, or similarly fixed device for catching fish or eels, a license fee of \$5.

(l) This sub-section approved as written.

(m) It was moved, seconded and carried that the words, "person using", the letter "s", and the words, "of less than 10 feet in length" be added to this sub-section - making it read as follows: For each person using fish or eel pots, of less than

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ten feet in length, a license fee of \$10.

(n) The word "seine" is to be deleted from between the words "net" and "fyke". At end of original wording add the words "...A licensee shall have 20 days immediately prior to the season to place stakes, and he must procure and affix his license number thereto. Licensee shall remove his stakes within 30 days after the season." It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that this sub-section be approved as amended. Therefore, this sub-section reads as follows: "Each application and license issued under Sections (h), (i) and (k) above (except float or drift gill nets) shall be for a fixed location or place where the net, fyke, weir, or other device is to be fished. A licensee may apply on or before June 1st of each year after 1963, for a license for the same fixed location or place as he had fished or used the previous year, and he will be granted same, unless he has forfeited same by non-user or for a violation under Sections 4 or 6 of these Regulations. Licensee shall have twenty (20) days immediately prior to the season to place his stakes, and he must procure and affix his license number thereto. Licensee shall remove his stakes within thirty (30) days after the season."

(o) This sub-section approved as written.

(p) After the words "...unless in the same row" delete all subsequent working. It was moved, seconded and carried that this sub-section therefore read: "No net or fishing device shall be placed or fished within 1,200 feet of the side or end of any other net or fishing device, unless in the same row."

Section 3. Approved as written.

Section 4. Approved as written.

Section 5. Approved as written.

Section 6. It was moved, seconded and carried that the words, "unless a lesser punishment is provided by the Commission" be deleted and that the word "Such" be the beginning of next sentence - making this sub-section read as follows: "Article V, Section 2, of the Potomac River Compact law provides that the violation of any regulation of the Commission shall be a misdemeanor. Such violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or confinement in a penal institution for not more than one (1) year, or both, in the discretion of the Court, and any vessel, boat or equipment used in the taking of finfish, crabs, oysters, clams or other shellfish from the Potomac River in violation of any regulation of the Commission or of applicable laws may be confiscated by the Court, upon the abandonment thereof or the conviction of the owner or operator thereof."

Section 7. Approved as written.

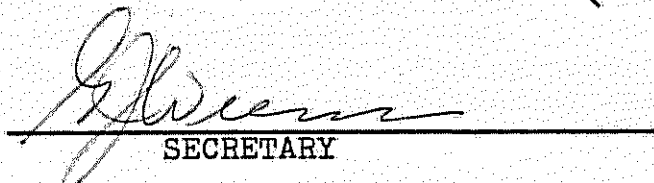
Section 8. Approved as written.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried that the Regulations be approved "in toto" as amended by above minor changes.

Next meeting set for 11:00 A. M., Thursday, May 9, 1963, in the Courthouse in Leonardtown, Maryland. Following this meeting, the Commission to meet with a small group headed by J. Frank Raley, Jr., State Senator, St. Mary's County, Maryland, at his written request, at 1:00 P. M., same place.

Adjourned.


CHAIRMAN


SECRETARY