

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A. M. (EDT) by Chairman Jeremiah Valliant, in the Commission Offices, Colonial Beach, Virginia. Commissioners Hickman, Byrd, Jones, Ball and Legal Officer K. Thomas Everngam were present. Also in attendance were Roy W. Rafter, Chief Inspector, and Paul C. Wentzell, Supervising Inspector, of Maryland Department of Tidewater Fisheries; Ralph Dameron, Charles Allen, W. H. Webb, Inspectors of the Commission of Fisheries of Virginia, and Mrs. Agnes Cooke, Messrs. Dal Long and John Frye, of the Press.

It was moved, seconded and carried that reading of the Minutes of meeting of May 9, 1963, which had been circulated to Commissioners by mimeographed copies, be dispensed with.

Commissioner Byrd took exception to Paragraph #20, in May 9th Minutes, re the Commission's "intnet and administration" of Section 5 of Regulation I, and suggested that it be considered at a later meeting.

Inspector Wentzell reported that Maryland Department of Tidewater Fisheries has begun operations with "EDO" equipment but results of search for beds of shells in Potomac River are not yet available.

Copies of itemized report of funds dispursed and list of checks drawn since last report (4-30-63 amounting to \$5,068.44 were distributed and approved.

Letter of May 21, 1963 and accompanying report of "Potomac River Oyster Samples" of May 15, 1963 from Mr. G. Francis Beavan, indicating above Potomac River Bridge there are not quantities of seed oysters sufficient to justify moving to bars in lower River.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that Chairman Valliant request personnel of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science to collaborate with St. Mary's County watermen (and others) in an investigation of bottom above Potomac River Bridge and report quantity of seed oysters. Further, that the watermen invited to work with this project be those who have previously expressed an opinion that seed oysters are plentiful above the Bridge and that this be an annual project each year. *

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that telephone offer of today by Mr. C. Francis Beavan to test three locations this season in Potomac River giving weekly results during remainder of this season on any oyster strike, be accepted, and that we formally request the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory to do this.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that Chairman Valliant arrange an early meeting with Dr. L. Eugene Cronin, Dr. William J. Hargis, Jr. and Mr. J. B. Engle for the purpose of discussing problems of research. (Meeting tentatively set for Wednesday, June 26, 1963 at 11:00 A. M. EDT.) *

Commissioners Valliant and Hickman reported letter from RADCLIFF MATERIALS, INC. quoting 15¢ per Virginia bushel for oyster shells overboard in Potomac River in quantity of 200,000 bushels within the month of June instant.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that Chairman Valliant be authorized to enter into a contract with Radcliff Materials, Inc., Norfolk, Va. for 200,00 bushels of shells to be planted in Potomac River - 100,000 on Virginia side and 100,000 on Maryland side, in locations to be recommended by biologists and concurred in by best local information per terms of said letter.

Item on agenda carried from last meeting regarding length of haul seines and opening date of oyster season was deferred to next meeting by motion duly seconded and carried.

Inspector Wentzell requested statement of policy of Commission

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in regard to limit on amount of licenses issued to any one individual for stake gill net. The Commission said there is no limit on number of "400 yard" nets that may be issued to any one licensee.

Chief Inspector Rafter requested that his office be notified when we begin issuing licenses in order that his personnel may know when to proceed with proper law enforcement under the new licensing system.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a schedule of eight (8) holidays be adopted on which the Commission Office will be closed - the days being: New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Congressional Election Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a Faithful Performance Surety Bond be purchased from the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, with the following coverages:

Executive Secretary	\$25,000.
Office Secretary	5,000.

It was reported that six (6) of ten (10) newspapers have replied to our request for lower legal advertising rates. Three (3) made no reduction. One reduced rate from \$1.16 to 98¢ per column inch. Two reduced from 84¢ to 70¢ per column inch.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter of placing temporary markers on the jurisdictional boundaries of the tributaries of the Potomac River be referred to Chairman Valliant with power to act on basis of letter of May 27, 1963 with supposition that permanent records of markings be made. (Reference to letter of 27th from Mr. George H. Badger, Jr., Engineer of Commission of Fisheries of Virginia, quoting proposals from four (4) engineering firms addressed to Chairman Valliant, indicating costs to be in neighborhood of \$5500.)

The Chairman and Executive Secretary were requested to follow-up with prices on permanent markers to be placed immediately after the temporary markers are set.

The question was raised about this Commission licensing menhaden fishing. It was decided to discuss this during the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting to be Wednesday, June 26, 1963 at 11:00 A. M.

Meeting adjourned.


CHAIRMAN
SECRETARY