

POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION  
Colonial Beach, Virginia  
July 31, 1967

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Mr. Jeremiah Valliant, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. in the Town Fire Department building.

Members present: Commissioners H. C. Byrd, Milton T. Hickman, J. Clifford Hutt, Lewis Jones, Jr., Richard E. Lankford, Jeremiah Valliant.

Officers present: K. Thomas Everngam, Legal Officer; Robert M. Norris, Jr., Executive Secretary, Cdr. Roy W. Rafter and Lt. P. C. Wentzell, of Maryland Marine Police; Chief J. W. Ryland, E. Ralph Dameron, W. H. Webb, C. M. Allen and R. D. Hopkins, of Commission of Fisheries of Virginia.

Members of Press: Miss Isabel Gough, Mrs. Nancy Myers, Mrs. Biro, Messrs. John Frye, William Spavin, Ed Lowry.

Mr. Valliant declared the meeting open for a public hearing on proposed regulations, as adopted for advertising in the meeting held June 16, 1967 and as advertised according to the terms of the Maryland-Virginia Potomac River Compact of 1958. Copies of proposed regulations were distributed to each person present.

The proposed regulations were read one at a time, after which each section or sub-section, was placed on the floor for discussion. Mr. Valliant announced that a transcript of this part of the proceedings would be made a part of the Minutes of this meeting by being incorporated therein, along with the names of all present. (Proceedings of the hearing attached at end of Minutes.)

The public hearing was declared adjourned at 3:18 p.m., and the Commission reconvened in open session at 3:30 p.m. with all Commissioners and those "Officers" and "Press Members" present, as listed at beginning of Minutes.

The Chairman asked for action on Minutes of meeting held June 16, 1967, copies of which had been previously circulated to each Commissioner. Dr. Byrd offered motion, seconded by Mr. Hutt, as follows:

"That second paragraph in June 16, 1967 Minutes be amended so that it be understood that it was at Dr. Byrd's request that the original motion read the way it did." Motion approved.

Mr. Hutt offered motion, seconded by Dr. Byrd, as follows:

"That Minutes of June 16, 1967 meeting, as amended above, be approved." Motion approved.

Mr. Lankford offered motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, as follows:

"That Reg. I, Sec. 2 ss(f) as advertised be adopted." Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Hutt offered motion, seconded by Mr. Hickman, as follows:

"That Reg. I, Sec. 3, ss(b) as advertised be adopted." Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Hutt offered motion, seconded by Mr. Lankford, as follows:

"That no proposed change be adopted in Reg. I, Sec 5 as now on book." (Concerning household use of seafood.) Motion approved.

Mr. Lankford offered motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, as follows:

"That Reg. II, Sec. 2, ss(f) as advertised be adopted." Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Jones offered motion, seconded by Mr. Hutt, as follows:

"That Reg. II, Sec. 2, ss(g) as advertised be adopted." Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Hutt offered motion, seconded by Mr. Lankford, as follows:

"That Reg. II, Sec. 2, ss(j) as advertised be adopted." Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Hutt offered motion, seconded by Mr. Lankford, as follows:

"That Reg. II, Sec. 3, ss(b) as advertised be adopted." Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Jones offered motion, seconded by Mr. Hickman, as follows:

"That Reg. II, Sec. 3, ss(d) concerning weekly reports of catch of oysters be adopted as advertised, with the following minor changes as to form namely, the words, 'OPERATOR OF THE BOAT WITH AN "OT" TAG' be substituted for the word, 'PERSON', and the words, 'THE BOAT'S' be substituted for the word, 'HIS'; thereby amending this proposed ss(d) to read as follows:

"(d) Weekly Reports of Catch of Oysters. Every operator of the boat engaged in the business of taking and catching oysters within the jurisdiction and under the authority of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission shall have in his possession and available for inspection an accurate and complete daily account of required information of the boat's catches on forms to be supplied or furnished by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission, and submit this report weekly. Said reports shall be mailed to the Potomac River Fisheries Commission not later than Thursday of the following week." Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Jones offered motion, seconded by Mr. Hutt, as follows:

"That Reg. II, Sec. 4 as advertised be adopted with the addition of the words, 'EXCEPT OYSTERS'; thereby amending the first sentence in this proposed Section 4 to read as follows:

'Every person engaged in the business of taking and catching crabs, finfish, and other seafood EXCEPT OYSTERS.....etc.'" Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Hickman offered motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, as follows:

"That Reg. III, Sec. 10 as advertised be adopted with the deletion of both (two) commas used in the last sentence." Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Jones offered motion, seconded by Mr. Hutt, as follows:

"That Reg. IV, Sec. 1(a) as advertised be adopted with the further amendment that a comma be inserted after the word "FOLLOWING" and that the word "PURCHASES" be struck and continue the section as written. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Jones offered motion, seconded by Mr. Hickman, as follows:

"That Reg. IV, Sec. 2 as advertised be adopted." Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Hutt offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, as follows:

"That all regulations adopted as advertised and/or as amended here become effective thirty (30) days from today." Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Valliant said that since draft of haul seine regulations has come into hands of Commissioners only today, that consideration of same be deferred until next meeting.

In response to a question about the above haul seine regulations from Mr. George Mason, Jr., Attorney, Mr. Valliant suggested that he submit his comments in written form for consideration by the Commission.

Mr. Valliant said that report of study committee on administrative policy would be deferred until next meeting.

Dr. Byrd offered motion, seconded by Mr. Hickman, as follows:

"That the matter of budget for 67-68 be deferred until next meeting." Motion approved.

Dr. Byrd offered motion, seconded by Mr. Hutt, as follows:

"That disbursements for month of June 1967 totaling \$65,008.12 be approved. Motion approved.

Dr. Byrd offered motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, as follows:

"That proposal as follows of Southern Maryland Pile Driving Company be accepted: repainting 28 jurisdictional line markers below Rt. #301 Bridge at a cost of \$575.00 and replacing three (3) missing markers at a cost of \$75.00 each by pumping the marker piling down." Motion approved.

Dr. Byrd offered motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, as follows:

"That operation establishing jurisdictional line markers above Rt. #301 Bridge be deferred until next meeting, and that the Executive Secretary be instructed to get a package price on the total cost." Motion approved.

After discussion concerning the hazards to navigation posed by abandoned and poorly maintained fish net stakes in the river as described by the law enforcement supervisors, Dr. Byrd offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hickman, as follows:

"That Executive Secretary visit with Maryland Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, which has authority and the equipment to remove stakes of this kind, and seek what help they can give us." Motion approved.

The next meeting of the Commission was set for Friday, September 22, 1967 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 P. M.

  
CHAIRMAN

  
SECRETARY