

POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION
COLONIAL BEACH, VIRGINIA
August 20, 1971

PRESENT - MEMBERS: Commissioners Richard E. Lankford, J. Clifford Hutt, John T. Parran, Jr., William P. Hunt, James E. Douglas, Jr. (Absent: Roy E. Julie, Jr.)

OFFICERS: K. Thomas Everngam, Legal Officer
(Absent: Robert M. Norris, Jr., Executive Secretary)

Visitors: Messrs. Elgin A. Dunnington, Jr., of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory; Paul C. Wentzell, of the Maryland Marine Police; E. Ralph Dameron, of the Virginia Marine Police; Donald W. Lear, of the Environmental Protection Agency; Frank F. Churchill, of Naval Weapons Laboratory, Dahlgren, Virginia; S. M. Rogers, of the Marine Resources Commission; James W. Dutton, John Ramon Wenzel, John Hanson, Vince Sorio, Mrs. Sue Wenzel, Letitia Sorio, Dorothy Neitzey. Press representatives: Miss Isobel Gough, Mr. Horton Beirne, Frank P. Delano.

Mr. Lankford, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. He opened the meeting by expressing deep regrets for the absence of Executive Secretary Robert M. Norris, Jr. due to illness.

Mr. Lankford then introduced and welcomed the two new Commissioners; namely, Mr. John T. Parran, Jr., of Indian Head, Maryland (replacing Mr. Lawrence O. Hayden), and Mr. James E. Douglas, Jr., of Nassawadox, Virginia (replacing Mr. Milton T. Hickman). Both Mr. Parran and Mr. Douglas expressed their happiness in serving on the Potomac River Fisheries Commission.

A motion was offered, seconded and approved as follows:

"That the Minutes of the meeting held May 21, 1971 be approved as previously circulated to each Commissioner."

Under old business, Chairman Lankford asked for any proposals from the audience regarding regulation changes. Mr. James W. Dutton, President of the Charles County Watermen's Association, recommended to do away with considering "illuminated" light on stake gill net stands - maybe use spar buoy. Mr. Dutton also asked that if the regulation was changed for the setting of stake gill nets to be March 1st, could the netters start to set the stakes prior to March 1st - perhaps a week or so before. Mr. Lankford said these proposals and all other previous amendments to the regulations would be considered for advertising at the next meeting.

Mr. Lankford read the report on the shell plantings in June 1971. A total of 202,355 bushels of reef shells were purchased from C. J. Langenfelder & Son, Inc. at a total cost of \$38,878.95 and planted on Lower Cedar Point, Huggins Bar and Great Neck (mouth of Coan River). A total of 32,500 bushels of fresh shells were purchased from G. I. Rupert Lore & Sons, Inc. at a total cost of \$7,915.00 and planted on same three (3) areas named above.

Mr. Lankford advised that he would contact Mr. Frank W. Wilde, of the Chesapeake Bay Oyster Culture, Shady Side, Maryland, to make final arrangements for the purchase of the hatchery produced seed to be planted in the fall in the center of the above three shell plantings.

There being no further old business, Chairman Lankford requested Mr. Elgin A. Dunnington, of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory and Virginia Institute of Marine Science personnel. Mr. Dunnington presented a complete typed report made by him and Dr. J. D. Andrews on the status of oyster populations following the 1970-71 harvesting season. He said that although oyster survival has been excellent, that growth has been below normal in most of the river this year; and overall, it appears that the supply of market oysters will be somewhat reduced from the levels of the 1970-71 season. Mr. Dunnington pointed out that the seed planted by the Commission is important, and it continues to yield excellent returns.

The Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 1971-72 was presented by the Budget Committee. After some discussion of items and accounts involved, a motion was made, seconded and approved as follows:

"That the Proposed Budget, as presented, be adopted and made a part of these Minutes of this meeting."

"POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION

Budget

Fiscal year July 1, 1971 through June 30, 1972

Estimated ExpendituresPERSONAL SERVICE:

101 Compensation of: Commissioners	\$ 2,000.00
102 Executive Secretary	14,500.00
103 Legal Officer	5,000.00
108 Clerical Help	16,272.00
109 Part time help	1,600.00
112 Commissions to Clerks of Courts on license sales	300.00
199 Other personal services (Janitorial)	200.00

CONTRACTURAL SERVICES:

201 Advertising	1,500.00
204 Postage	1,000.00
205 Telephone	1,700.00
208 Electric Current	325.00
209 Freight, express	75.00
212 Lease of equipment	75.00
214 Membership dues and subscriptions	200.00
216 Printing Regulations	500.00
220 Travel Expense	3,500.00
224 Photographic services - fish and clam charts	150.00
270 Repairs to equipment	200.00
280 Interest expense	500.00
299 Other contractual services	200.00
301 Auto tires, parts	300.00
309 Fuel for heat	350.00
310 Gas, oil - auto	325.00
313 Office supplies	1,200.00
330 Household furnishings and supplies	50.00
332 Printing license forms, tags, report books	1,500.00

CURRENT CHARGES AND OBLIGATIONS:

218 Rent	1,800.00
240 (a) Surety bond premiums - employees	175.00
(b) Fire, liability and other insurance	450.00

PENSION AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

513 Employer's O.A.S.I. contributions	1,500.00
510 Retirement	1,225.00
513 Group Insurance	105.00

CAPITAL OUTLAYS:

802 (a) Office and other equipment and	
(b) Furniture and fixtures	300.00

CONTINGENCY FUND RESERVE:

20,000.00

82 NOTES PAYABLE

47,000.00

DEVELOPMENT AND REPLETION EXPENSES:

33 Seed oysters and/or shells	133,053.00
TOTAL	\$259,130.00

Estimated Receipts

UNSPENDED CASH BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 61,780.00
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SALE OF LICENSES:

Fish	\$ 7,500.00
Oyster	20,000.00
Crab	5,000.00
Clam	700.00

OYSTER BUSHEL INSPECTION TAX	60,000.00
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APPROPRIATIONS BY STATES:

Maryland	\$50,000.00	
Virginia	50,000.00	100,000.00

INTEREST ON SAVINGS	4,000.00
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REPLACEMENT OF LOST LICENSE TAGS, AND

TRANSFER & ADDITION OF OYSTER TONGING TAGS	150.00	197,350.00
TOTAL		\$259,130.00

A Motion was made, seconded and approved as follows:

"That the disbursements, as previously circulated to the Commissioners, be approved: May 1971 - \$64,175.31; June 1971 - \$4,063.09; July - \$98,701.92."

The following Resolutions were adopted for the signing of checks for the Commission:

"August 20, 1971

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the following resolutions were adopted by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission:

1. All checks of the Commission under the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be signed by anyone of the following officers and/or employees of the Commission, to wit:

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Executive Secretary
Office Secretary Kathryn P. Hopkins

2. All checks of the Commission in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and over shall be signed by either the Executive Secretary or Office Secretary and countersigned by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

3. The authority of J. Clifford Hutt, Vice-Chairman, to sign checks of the Commission during July and August 1971 is hereby ratified and confirmed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing are a true and correct copy of the Resolutions of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission duly adopted on August 20, 1971.

/s/ Richard E. Lankford
Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ John T. Parran, Jr.
Secretary

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved as follows:

"That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be bonded in the amount of \$5,000.00 each."

The Office Secretary was directed to secure the above bonds to keep on record in Commission office.

Chairman Lankford read the financial report showing a grand total in banks of \$63,139.00 as of August 19, 1971, noting that the \$50,000.00 Maryland State appropriation was yet to be included upon receipt.

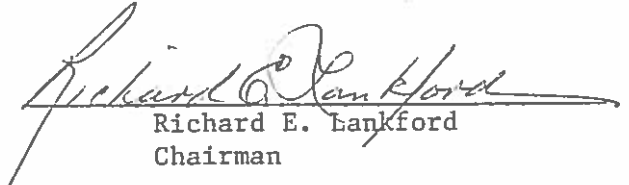
Mr. John T. Parran, Jr. was nominated as Secretary to fill the remaining part of ensuing year of Mr. Lawrence Hayden's term. A motion was made, seconded and approved declaring the nominations be closed and that a unanimous vote be cast in favor of Mr. John Parran. This was done, and Mr. Parran was duly elected Secretary. Mr. La

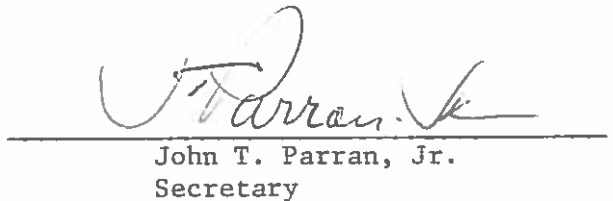
Mr. Lankford recognized the "late-comers" and asked if they had anything to say. Their spokesman, Mr. John Remon Wenzel, said they were members of the Atlantic Skin Diving Council, Inc., which represents diving clubs in Washington, D. C., Maryland and Virginia, and their purpose in attending this PRFC meeting was to request the Commission to amend certain PRFC regulations to specify rules applicable to skin and scuba divers. The Chairman suggested to Mr. Wenzel that his group submit to the Commission in writing the changes or amendments they desire prior to the next meeting, and they will be taken into consideration by the Legislative Committee and the Commissioners.

Under "any further new business," Mr. James Dutton asked, that in light of Mr. Dunnington's report on the condition of the oysters, would the oyster tonging season in the Potomac open later than October 1st. After some discussion, the Commissioners were in agreement that in order to protect and promote the growth of the oysters, they would consider maybe delaying the opening date, or possible limit the number of days per week the oyster tongs could work. The Commission requested Mr. Dunnington to make arrangements with the personnel of his laboratory and the personnel of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science to again inspect the representative oyster bars in the Potomac a week (or few days, if possible) before the next meeting; and at that time, it would be decided on the opening date, limitations, if any, et cetera, of the 1971-72 oyster season in the Potomac.

The next meeting was set for Friday, September 24, 1971 at 9:30 a.m. in La Plata, Maryland - place to be announced later. A public hearing on Proposed Regulations will be held on Friday, November 19, 1971 with time and place to be decided at next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 10:45 a.m.


Richard E. Lankford
Chairman


John T. Parran, Jr.
Secretary