

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION
COLONIAL BEACH, VIRGINIA
MAY 31, 1991**

COMMISSIONERS: James W. Peck, Chairman; William A. Hudnall, Vice-Chairman; Francis J. Russell, Secretary; John W. Freeman, Sr., John Thomas Parran and William A. Pruitt.

OFFICERS: Kirby A. Carpenter, Executive Secretary and J. Clifford Hutt, Legal Officer.

PRESS: Laura Moyer - The Free Lance-Star; Betsy Ficklin - The King George Journal; Ann Marie Maloney - The Enterprise; and Lawrence Latane - Richmond Times Dispatch.

GUESTS: Elgin Dunnington - Chesapeake Biological Laboratory; Richard Daiger - Virginia Extension Service; Captain Edward Frere, Sergeant John F. Mattingly, Ruth Ann Shlagel - Maryland Department of Natural Resources; Donald Z. O'Bier - Virginia Marine Resources Police; Robert T. Brown - St. Mary's County Watermen's Association; William L. Rice - Charles County Watermen's Association; Melvin Welch, Billy Robertson, Bruce Scheible, Marvin Barber and Theodore Klopsis.

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed all those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following motion was made by Mr. Pruitt and seconded by Mr. Freeman:

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 15, 1991 BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND DISTRIBUTED". The motion passed unanimously.

LICENSE FEE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that the Commission had not received any comments on the recommendations the License Fee Review Committee presented at the last meeting. The Chairman tabled this item pending the outcome of the next agenda item on appointment of an Advisory Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At the March Commission Meeting, a motion was made that the Legal Officer and Executive Secretary draft recommendations for the structure and membership of an advisory committee. The following recommendations were presented:

The staff suggested two "industry/user" advisory committees, one each for shellfish and finfish matters, with memberships as follows:

"Finfish Advisory Committee" should have 18 members: nine from each state as follows: Maryland: one commercial, one recreational and one charter boat representative from each of the three counties bordering the Potomac. The commercial representative should be the president, or his designee, of that county's Waterman's Association. The recreational representative should be a member of a Maryland Sportsfisherman's Association and a resident of the appropriate county. The charter boat representative should be a member of that county's Charter/Guide Boat Association. Virginia: one pound netter from Northumberland Co., one gill netter from Westmoreland County, one commercial hook & line licensee from King George County, one eel potter from Stafford County and one fish potter from either Prince William or Fairfax County; two charter boat captains, one VA Charter Boat Association representative and one black bass fishing guide; two recreational fishermen, one a VA resident from above 301 bridge and the other from below the bridge area.

This committee would have eight commercial, five charter boat and five recreational representatives.

"Shellfish Advisory Committee" should have 18 members: nine from each state as follows: Maryland: five oystermen, two members each from the St. Mary's and Charles Counties Tongers Committee, and one hand scraper from St. Mary's County; the president and vice-president of the St. Mary's Clammer's Association; and two crabbers from Charles County. Virginia: four oystermen, two hand scrapers from Northumberland County and two tongers from Westmoreland County; five crabbers, one each from Northumberland, Westmoreland, King George, Stafford and Prince William counties.

This committee would have nine oystermen, seven crabbers and two clammers as members.

Procedures: The Committee may, on its own motion, call a meeting to consider any problem within its sphere of interest and may submit from time to time recommendations to the Commission regarding enactment of orders or regulations or changes in existing orders or regulations. The Commission may from time to time refer, for recommendations, issues related to the Committee's field of interest.

Quorum: In order to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at least ten members, with at least four from each state, must be present and must vote on the business being transacted.

Chairman: The committee chairman shall be elected by a majority of the members and shall serve a two year term.

Advisory Committee Membership: Association representatives (i.e. charter boat associations, tongers committees, etc.) are to be named in writing by their respective associations and serve terms concurrent with their association position. All others serve three year terms with 1/3 of the terms expiring each year. Each February the incoming PRFC Chairman shall fill any vacancies. All members must hold a valid PRFC license, except recreational fishermen, and reside in the state and county of representation.

Meetings: Committee meetings may be held at the PRFC office or such other place and at such times as may be selected by the Chairman. The proceeding of the meetings held at the PRFC office would be electronically recorded by a PRFC supplied recording secretary who would assist committees with minutes, mailings, correspondence, etc. Secretarial services may be provided, at the discretion of the Executive Secretary, for any such meetings not held at the PRFC office.

Sub-Committees: The Chairman of each advisory committee would have the authority to appoint sub-committees for specific tasks. The members of such sub-committees need not be members of the advisory committee, but the membership should be as representative as the full committee.

Advisory Committee Reports: The Committee's reports of findings and recommendations shall be reported to the Commission in writing and may be presented at any regular scheduled quarterly meeting. Any Committee report containing recommendations which call for an immediate action by the Commission must be submitted in writing at least 30 days prior to the next scheduled Commission meeting.

Staff Review: All written committee reports containing recommendations requiring Commission actions regarding regulations or policies shall be reviewed by staff for technical and legal purposes. This review could include appropriate representatives from MDNR/VMRC, CBL/VIMS and the MD and VA Marine Police.

The Legal Officer and Commissioner Freeman stated they would assist the Committee in any way they could. The Legal Officer offered to act as Chairman pro-tem, until the committee elected its own officers.

There was much concern over when and how often the committee would meet. Some commissioners feared that the committee would only react to problems instead of using its resources to suggest innovative alternatives to some of the problems facing the today's seafood industry. The Legal Officer suggested the committee itself set its own meeting schedule.

Commissioner Hudnall requested that some ex-officio members serve on the committees. Commissioner Pruitt suggested 2 scientist, 2 law enforcement and 2 fishery management personnel on each committee.

The following motion was made by Mr. Parran and seconded by Mr. Freeman:

"TO AMEND THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION BY INCLUDING SIX EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS TO EACH COMMITTEE. THE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE SCIENTIFIC, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FISHERY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL FROM EACH STATE AND THAT THE COMMISSION ESTABLISH SUCH ADVISORY COMMITTEES, AS AMENDED, WITH MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN." The motion passed unanimously.

1991 ROCKFISH STUDY GROUP

The Executive Secretary reported that two meetings were held on April 22 and May 1, 1991, during which the staff proposals were reviewed, information on the Maryland and Virginia proposals as were available at that time were discussed and recommendations for the 1991 Potomac River seasons and limits were developed. They included:

Commercial Hook and Line. The hook and line representatives would prefer a 100 lb. per day, per licensee and one day a week (Thursday) for two week season, starting September 5th. If the quota was not filled, such other succeeding Thursdays at some lower daily limit could be added by announcement. After learning of Maryland's intention to allow their pound net season in September, August was suggested so as not to compete with Maryland pound net fish in the market.

Pound net. The idea of some type of certificate countersigned by the licensee and the local inspector to be used as evidence of a net having been actually set in order to qualify for a prorated portion of the available pound net quota was endorsed. A season of the first seven days of October and November and November 15-21 was recommended.

Haul Seine and Fyke Nets. Haul seines and fyke nets were given a quota, more so for keeping them on the books than as a viable fishery. Therefore, their season should coincide with the hook and line season and limit any single haul to only one-half (1/2) of the seasonal limit. Limit each fyke net license (not each net) to one-quarter (1/4) of the season limit per season.

Individual Recreational Hook and Line. If a one fish creel limit was necessary to guarantee a specific number of days in the length of the season, then the one fish creel was acceptable. After much discussion on the three 10-day periods suggested for the Potomac, it was suggested to reduce it to two fishing periods. The proposed dates were August 30 through September 4 and October 11 through November 4 with the one fish creel and a "boat only" permit system to monitor the catch.

Charter. After extensive discussion on the creel limit, the Committee was unable to form a consensus on the issue. It was agreed that the starting date should be the same as the October starting date for the individual recreational season and run for as many days as possible with as high a creel limit as possible.

Gill Net. No discussion since 1991 season was closed and there would not be any gill netting until 1992.

After the report was read, Mr. Peck opened the floor to public comment.

STRIPED BASS SEASONS

Mr. Melvin Welch spoke in favor of the August commercial hook and line season.

There was discussion on the proposed Labor Day weekend recreational fishery. Mr. Robert T. Brown said that the sportsfishermen should have at least one day of striped bass fishing in the summer. Commissioner Peck replied that if the Potomac was the only jurisdiction to have a striped bass fishery on Labor Day weekend, he felt the pressure on the resource would be too great and it would create a difficult enforcement problem. Mr. Billy Robertson stated he felt it would be too dangerous a situation for the Potomac to have the only open sport fishery in conjunction with the usual recreational activities going on that weekend.

It was moved by Mr. Parran, seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved to adopt Commission Order #91-2 as follows:

ORDER #91 - 2

1991 STRIPED BASS SEASONS

THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION, having found it necessary for the preservation of the striped bass (rockfish) population, having imposed Temporary Restrictions on Fishing (Regulation III, Section 13(c)) and pursuant to its authority under Regulation III, Section 13(b), **HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS:** that the Potomac River striped bass (rockfish) seasons, shall be, for each gear type or segment, as follows:

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| <u>1) Commercial Hook and Line:</u> | August 8th and August 15th and such other succeeding Thursdays as may be announced. |
| <u>2) Pound Nets:</u> | October 1st through 7th,
November 1st through 7th, and
November 15th through 21st. |
| <u>3) Gill Nets:</u> | Season closed for balance of 1991. |
| <u>4) All Other Commercial Gear:</u> | Only within the period specified for the Commercial Hook and Line season(s) above. |
| <u>5) Charter Boats:</u> | October 11th through November 11th. |
| <u>6) Individual Sport or Recreational:</u> | October 11th through October 27th and
November 8th through November 20th. |

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED; that any or all season(s) established herein, will be closed immediately, by Order, whenever the Commission determines that 90% of the allowable limit for each such gear or segment has been harvested.

AND IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED; that this Order #91-2 become effective July 1, 1991; and supersedes and repeals Order #90-2 and will remain in effect until further notice.

STRIPED BASS CATCH LIMITS

Mr. Bruce Scheible presented a petition signed by 30 licensed charter boat captains who work in the Potomac River, requesting the charter boat season, creel limit and quota for 1991 be exactly as it was in 1990, especially the five fish creel limit.

Mr. Peck stated that Maryland was proposing a 2 fish per day creel limit for charter boats and most of the comments they have received have been favorable. The captains seem to think the season will last longer and provide an extended source of income. Virginia representatives were not positive of what their creel would be, as they were still in the public hearing process and final regulations have not been adopted, but did not feel it would be 5, probably more along the line of 2 fish per day. Mr. Carpenter was concerned of what would happen if the Potomac had a 5 fish creel and Maryland and Virginia had a lesser creel, most captains would concentrate their efforts in the Potomac causing the 14,000 pound quota to be reached, or even exceeded, very quickly.

It was moved by Mr. Hudnall, seconded by Mr. Pruitt and unanimously approved to adopt Commission Order #91-3 as follows:

O R D E R #91 - 3

1991 STRIPED BASS CATCH LIMITS

THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION, having found it necessary for the preservation of the striped bass (rockfish) population, and pursuant to its authority under Regulation III, Section 13(b), **HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS:** that the catch limits for striped bass (rockfish) provided for in Regulation III, Section 10, Sub-sections (a), (b), and (c), shall be as follows:

- (a) **Commercial Limit:** Specific gear type limits are:
 - i) **Commercial Hook and Line:** 100 pounds per licensee per day for the first two days of the season, not to exceed 10,000 pounds total for all licensees per year. The daily individual limit may be lowered for any additional day(s) the season may be extended by Order.
 - ii) **Gill Net:** Season closed for balance of 1991.
 - iii) **Pound Net:** 35,000 pounds for all licensees per year. Each licensee shall furnish, on forms provided by the Commission, evidence of each specific net having been or being set, i.e. poles driven, net hung and actually fished with reports filed, during 1991. Such evidence will be used to pro-rate the seasonal quota per net and each licensee will be advised of such quota. The holder of a quota may fish his quota from a net set and licensed by him or from a duly licensed net in conjunction with the owner of such licensed net provided the fishing effort is a joint enterprise of the two or more licensees and all licensees are present in the boat during the fishing of the net.
 - iv) **Haul Seine:** 400 pounds per haul, not to exceed 800 pounds total for all licensees per year. Haul seiners must report their striped bass catch daily.
 - v) **All Other Commercial Gears:** 50 pounds per licensee per season, regardless of the number or types of other commercial licenses held, not to exceed 200 pounds total for all licensees for all other gears per year.
- (b) **Charter Boat Limit:** Two (2) fish per fee paying passenger per day, not to exceed 14,000 pounds total for all charter boats per year.
- (c) **Recreational Limit:** one (1) fish per person per day.

AND IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED; that this Order #91-3 become effective July 1, 1991; and supersedes and repeals Order #90-3 and will remain in effect until further notice.

Mr. Pruitt thanked Mr. Scheible for his input and complimented him on his presentation.

STRIPED BASS FISHING PERMIT

The Legal Officer explained the need for the special permits as a means of gathering data for submission to the ASMFC. The permits were used last year and overall, produced very good results.

It was moved by Mr. Parran, seconded by Mr. Pruitt and unanimously approved to adopt Commission Order #91-4 as follows:

ORDER #91 - 4**1991 STRIPED BASS FISHING PERMIT**

THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION, having found it necessary for the preservation of the striped bass (rockfish) population to impose temporary restrictions on both commercial and recreational fishing, and being required by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to monitor the harvest during the open fishery seasons, as established by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission, does hereby deem it necessary to establish a permit requirement on each boat used in the recreational fishing on the Potomac River during the calendar year 1991. The Potomac River Fisheries Commission **HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS**: that each owner of a boat to be used for recreational fishing for striped bass in the Potomac River shall obtain a validated 1991 Striped Bass Recreational Fishing Permit for the boat, which permit shall be kept in the possession of the owner/operator of the boat at all times while fishing for striped bass in the Potomac River.

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED; that the daily log sheet must be completed by the owner/operator including such information as necessary for all persons aboard this boat for each fishing trip and that this permit and the log sheet must be returned to the Potomac River Fisheries Commission within 10 days of the close of the season. Failure to return the permit and log may result in refusal or delay of future permit requests.

AND IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED; that this Order #91-4 become effective July 1, 1991 and will remain in effect until December 31, 1991.

1991 OYSTER REPLETION PROGRAM REPORT

The Executive Secretary reported that the Commission had purchased 8,074 bu. of James River seed oysters which were planted at Church Point. Those seed oysters had an average count of 1,260 and cost \$6.15 per bushel. Also planted were some Piankatank River seed oysters which were made available by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. The Piankatank River seed had an average count of 1,214 and cost \$1.70 per bushel for harvest and transport expenses. Mr. Carpenter thanked Mr. Ben Daniel, Repletion Officer for Virginia, for his help with this project. Thanks to Mr. Daniel's expertise, this year's program was one of the smoothest running seed planting operations ever. A final report on the seed and shell portions of the program will be given at the next regular commission meeting.

BARGE GROUNDING - HUGGINS OYSTER BAR

The Legal Officer reported that the litigation regarding the barge that ran aground on the Huggins Oyster Bar in 1987 was finally moving along.

JURISDICTIONAL MARKER - BOAT ACCIDENT

The Legal Officer reported that our insurance carrier had settled for the damages to a boat which struck Marker "PRV13C" on May 8, 1990 had been settled. However, the Commission office had been notified on May 9, 1991 of the intent of a passenger aboard that vessel to seek damages for personal injuries. The Commission forwarded all correspondence to the insurance carrier.

GILL NET STAND OPENING

The Executive Secretary reported that the March 21, 1991 opening for gill nets went very well. Applicants began arriving at 1:00 p.m. on March 20, and by 4:30 p.m. that day, 13 persons were in line. The applicants maintained a sign-in sheet among themselves throughout the night. Seventy persons had signed in by 8:20 a.m. the morning of the 21st.

Applicants were taken one at a time until all of the 177 available stands had been taken. Forty-six persons' applications were processed. When the announcement that all available stands were taken was made, the remaining applicants were told the Commission would maintain a list, documenting their interest but granting them no privileges or rights. Ten additional persons signed-in, bringing to 34 the total number of

persons turned away. Several chose not to leave their name and address.

THIRD QUARTER DISBURSEMENTS AND CASH ON HAND

A report of the third quarter (January - March 1991) disbursements was presented by budget item which totaled \$46,832.74. The Executive Secretary noted no unusual expenditures. A statement of cash on hand as of March 13, 1991 was presented as follows:

CASH BALANCES IN BANKS AS OF MAY 29, 1991:

<u>First Virginia Bank - Northern Neck:</u>	\$92,389.12
Checking (includes \$200.00 Petty Cash)	
<u>First National Bank of Maryland:</u>	856.57
Savings: (Maryland Office)	
<u>Virginia Local Government Investment Pool:</u>	97,295.61
<u>Maryland Local Government Investment Pool:</u>	95,483.27
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GRAND TOTAL IN BANKS:	\$286,024.57

The following motion was made by Mr. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Parran:

"THAT THE THIRD QUARTER DISBURSEMENTS OF \$46,832.74 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED". The motion passed unanimously.

OYSTER HARVEST REPORT

An oyster harvest report was presented which showed the amount of tax collected, licenses sold and oyster harvest by bar and gear, for the period October 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991. The total harvest for the season was 70,616 bushels and the average catch per tonger was 4.22 bushels per day. Also presented was a separate report on the additional season and area opened for hand scraping during the first two weeks of April. The harvest from the normal hand scrape area during those two weeks was 109 bushels and the harvest from the additional area opened was 274 bushels, bringing the total to 383 bushels of oysters harvested during the two week extension. That compared to the 1,222 bushels taken during the regular season. The hand scrape average was 2.6 bushels per man per day.

CHESAPEAKE BAY FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

The Executive Secretary reported that he had reviewed the draft Chesapeake Bay Fishery Management Plans and he presented the following summary of actions which would be required by this Commission to comply with the plans.

SUMMER FLOUNDER

- o The PRFC will propose an increase in the minimum size limit from 13 to 14 inches and will propose a 10 fish creel limit for recreational fisheries.
- o The PRFC will work with the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council to adopt a mesh size requirement for the EEZ flounder trawl fishery.
- o The PRFC will work through the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to encourage protection of immature flounder caught in North Carolina fisheries.
- o The PRFC will continue to support stock identification research.
- o The PRFC will continue to collect fisheries landings data on summer flounder as part of ongoing commercial fisheries statistics programs.
- o The PRFC will continue to address fishing conflicts and issues with existing advisory groups.

CROAKER AND SPOT

- o The PRFC will continue to participate in scientific and technical meetings for managing Atlantic croaker and spot along the Atlantic coast and in estuarine waters.
- o The PRFC will continue their 10 inch minimum size for Atlantic croaker.
- o The PRFC will consider implementing a minimum size limit for spot.

- o The PRFC will work through the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to encourage protection of small croaker and spot caught in the North Carolina fisheries.
- o The PRFC will encourage research to collect data on croaker and spot biology.

EEL

- o The PRFC will adopt a minimum size limit of 6 inches for American eels.
- o The PRFC will continue to enforce a 1/2 x 1/2" minimum mesh size for eel pots.
- o The PRFC will continue to collect catch and effort data from the eel fishery.
- o The PRFC will encourage research to collect basic biological and socioeconomic information.

The following motion was made by Mr. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Parran:

"THAT THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION IS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE DRAFT CHESAPEAKE BAY FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN ACTIONS FOR SUMMER FLOUNDER, CROAKER AND SPOT AND AMERICAN EEL". The motion passed unanimously.

MARYLAND APPROPRIATION

As a result of budget constraints during the fiscal year 1990-91, Virginia was unable to fulfill this Commission's appropriation request of \$165,558. Instead, Virginia maintained its contribution of \$150,000 which is the same amount it has contributed since 1982. However, Maryland was able to provide the entire \$165,558 as requested. Due to the Commission's policy on accepting only like amounts from each state, the Commission needed to return the amount of \$15,558 to Maryland.

The following motion was made by Mr. Hudnall and seconded by Mr. Freeman:

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DRAW A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,558.00, MADE PAYABLE TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND, FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF AN UNMATCHED APPROPRIATION FROM THE STATE OF VIRGINIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1990-91." The motion passed unanimously.

FY 1991-92 BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORTEXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Pruitt and seconded by Mr. Parran that the Commission go into executive session at 12:35p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission reconvened into regular session at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Parran read the following proposed budget for fiscal year 1992-92.

**POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION
PROPOSED BUDGET JULY 1, 1991 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1992
DISBURSEMENTS**

	<u>BUDGET 1990-91</u>	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET 1991-92</u>
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>		
101-109 Commissioner's Compensation & Salaries	\$135,429	\$143,060
112 Commissions to Clerks	300	300
114 Commissions to Agents	2,000	0
199 Other Personal Services	2,300	3,000
Total	\$140,209	\$146,360
<u>CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:</u>		
201 Advertising	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000
204 Postage	6,000	8,000
205 Telephone	5,000	5,000
208 Electric Current	1,500	1,500
209 Freight Expense	100	100
212 Lease of Equipment	300	300
214 Membership Dues & Subscriptions	300	300
216 Printing Regulations	5,000	5,000
220 Travel Expense	15,000	15,000
221 Water Service	300	600
224 Photographic Service - Charts	600	600
270 Repairs to Equipment	1,000	1,000
275 Building Maintenance	6,000	6,000

280 Interest Expense	500	500
299 Other Contractual Services	105,000	75,000
301 Automotive Expense	1,200	1,200
309 Fuel for Heat	1,200	1,200
313 Office Supplies	2,300	2,300
330 Household Furnishings & Supplies	250	400
332 Licenses, Tags, Report Books	10,000	15,000
Total	\$176,550	\$144,000

CURRENT CHARGES & OBLIGATIONS:

240 Insurance - surety bonds, fire, auto liability, workmen's comp.	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000
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PENSION AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

510 Retirement	\$ 16,000	\$ 13,000
511 Group Life Insurance	335	300
512 Group Health Insurance	16,000	16,000
513 Employer's O.A.S.I.	9,580	10,000
599 Reimb. Unemployment Benefits	0	0
Total	\$ 41,915	\$ 39,300

CAPITAL OUTLAYS:

801 Office & Other Equipment	\$ 12,500	\$ 3,000
802 Furniture & Fixtures	1,500	1,500
803 Auto	13,000	14,000
Total	\$ 27,000	\$ 18,500

DEVELOPMENT & REPLETION EXPENSES:

225, 331, 333 & 335 Seed Oysters and/or Shell	\$120,122	\$212,956
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<u>UNEXPENDED CASH BALANCE: (contingency fund)</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
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TOTAL	\$540,616	\$598,116
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POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION
RECEIPTS

	BUDGET <u>1990-91</u>	PROPOSED BUDGET <u>1991-92</u>
UNEXPENDED CASH BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PRECEDING YEAR:	\$ 60,000	\$160,000
SALE OF LICENSES:		
FISH - COMMERCIAL	15,000	17,500
RECREATIONAL	45,000	0
OYSTER	25,000	25,000
CRAB	18,000	18,000
CLAM	500	500
OYSTER BUSHEL INSPECTION TAX	25,000	25,000
APPROPRIATIONS BY STATE:		
MARYLAND	165,558	165,558
VIRGINIA	165,558	165,558
INTEREST ON SAVINGS (C/D's)	20,000	20,000
MISCELLANEOUS: CONFISCATED PROPERTY & SALE OF TAGS, ETC.	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$540,616	\$598,116

It was moved by Mr. Parran and seconded by Mr. Hudnall that the Commission approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 1991-92 as presented by the Budget Committee. Upon a roll call vote, Mr. Pruitt voted nay, Mr. Hudnall voted aye, Mr. Peck voted aye, Mr. Freeman voted aye and Mr. Parran voted aye. The Chairman ruled the motion carried.

POPES CREEK SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. Billy Rice asked the Commission to look into a proposal made to the Charles County Commissioners for development of a parcel of land located at Popes Creek. The proposal includes the construction of a sewage treatment plant whose outfall would be near several productive oyster bars in the upper river. He requested the Commission prepare a letter to the Charles County Commissioners to emphasize the importance of the oyster resource in the area.

The following motion was made by Mr. Pruitt and seconded by Mr. Parran:

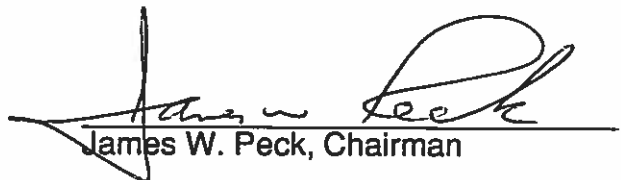
"THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SHALL INVESTIGATE THE PROPOSAL MADE TO THE CHARLES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT POPES CREEK. SUBJECT TO HIS FINDINGS AND THE COMMISSION'S PUBLISHED POLICIES, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SHALL DRAFT AN APPROPRIATE LETTER REGARDING THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF THE SHORE LINE DEVELOPMENT RIVER'S SEAFOOD RESOURCES." The motion passed unanimously.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission was schedule for Friday, July 26, 1991 in Colonial Beach, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Parran and seconded by Mr. Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m.


James W. Peck, Chairman


Francis J. Russell, Secretary