

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION  
COLONIAL BEACH, VIRGINIA  
MAY 7, 1993**

**Commissioners:** John Thomas Parran - Chairman; John W. Freeman, Sr. - Vice Chairman, William A. Pruitt - Secretary, William A. Hudnall, James W. Peck and William L. Rice.

**Officers:** Kirby A. Carpenter - Executive Secretary and J. Clifford Hutt - Legal Officer.

**Press:** Ann Marie Maloney - The Enterprise.

**Guests:** Elgin Dunnington and Dr. Eileen Setzler-Hamilton - Chesapeake Biological Laboratory; Jack Travelstead, Roy Insley and Ellen Smoller - Virginia Marine Resources Commission Fisheries Management; Cpt. Edward M. Frere, Sgt. John Mattingly and Cpl. Steve Vaughn - Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police; Ray Jewell - Virginia Marine Resources Commission Police; James O. Drummond - PRFC Finfish Advisory Committee; Tom Drury and Greg Madjeski - Area 1 Maryland Charter Boat Association; Robert T. Brown - St. Mary's County Watermen's Association; Joseph T. Maddox, Richard Daiger, Arden Cather, Charles E. Martin, William A. Martin, Charles Fenton, Francis Nelson, Jack Crutchfield, William Jeffords, T. G. Smith, Charles S. Davis, Charles E. Davis, Edward T. Johnston, Abner Dudley and several others who did not sign the register.

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

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Parran extended a special welcome to Mr. William L. Rice, Sr., the new Maryland Commissioner.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

***"That the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 1993 be approved as written and distributed".***  
The motion passed unanimously.

### **\* \* \* OPEN PUBLIC HEARING \* \* \***

The Chairman opened the scheduled public hearing at 9:30 a.m. The Executive Secretary noted that the public hearing had been duly advertised pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Potomac River Compact of 1958.

**Summer Flounder** - The proposal was to impose a closed season for the recreational taking of summer flounder from November 1 through May 31.

Jim Drummond reported that the Potomac River Finfish Advisory Committee supported the proposal as presented. No other comments were offered on this item.

**Weakfish** - The proposal was to impose a closed season for all taking of weakfish (gray trout). Three options were presented for 1993: (a) closed January 1 through May 15; (b) closed July; or (c) closed September 15 through December 31 or such other equivalent period. For 1994 and thereafter, an extension of the selected closure or additional closed periods and a reduction in the daily creel limit from 10 to 5.

Jim Drummond reported the Potomac River Finfish Advisory Committee supported a closed season of January 1 through May 15 for the recreational and commercial harvest of weakfish. However, The committee made no recommendation for additional restrictions for 1994. No other comments were offered on this issue.

**Red Drum:** The proposal was to increase the minimum size limit to 18 inches and impose a creel limit of 5 fish per person per day with only 1 fish larger than 27 inches for recreational and commercial fisheries.

The Potomac River Finfish Advisory Committee supported this proposal. No other comments were offered on this issue.

**Black Drum:** The proposal was to establish a minimum size limit of 16 inches and impose a creel limit of 1 fish per person per day for recreational and commercial fisheries.

The Potomac River Finfish Advisory Committee supported this proposal. No other comments were offered on this issue.

**Charter Boats:** The proposal was to modify current regulations so as to require each charter boat, as defined in the PRFC regulations, operating in the Potomac to display a valid Potomac River Fisheries Commission, Maryland or Virginia sportfishing charter boat decal. The proposal also included technical corrections and provided for a new \$150.00 charter boat decal for boats carrying 2 or less passengers.

Jim Drummond reported the Potomac River Finfish Advisory Committee supported the proposal but recommended that the new \$150.00 decal allow the captain to carry 3 passengers instead of 2 as proposed.

Tom Drury stated that Maryland regulations require charter boat captains to display the sportfishing decal only if they intended on participating in the fall charter boat striped bass fishery. If they did not wish to participate in that fishery, charter boat captains could still operate charters if the passengers held their own individual licenses. He questioned if the same would be applicable in the Potomac. He was concerned that there would be conflicting regulations in the region. Mr. Peck was under the impression that charter boats operating in Maryland waters had to display the sportfishing decal at all times. Mr. Pruitt reported that the decal had to be displayed by all vessels operating in Virginia waters. The Chairman stated that the Maryland requirements would be investigated today before any action on this issue was taken. Mr. Drury was further concerned that if the Maryland charter boat captains were to purchase their decals from Virginia, since they were at a cheaper rate, that there would be repercussions from the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Peck assured Mr. Drury that would not be the case. Although Maryland was concerned about a loss of revenue, reprisal would not even be considered.

There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the public hearing at 9:50 a.m.

\* \* \* CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING \* \* \*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Striped Bass:** The Executive Secretary reported that several options for the Potomac's 1993 seasons, size limits and other restrictions had been presented to the Finfish Advisory Committee, advertised for public comment and presented to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. However, the only proposal approved by the ASMFC was a virtual repeat of last years allocation, seasons and limits.

The Executive Secretary presented the following staff recommendations, which had been approved by the ASMFC:

**Recreational:** Special permit required for each boat and a creel limit of one fish per person per day. Size limit 18" minimum - 36" maximum. Season dates October 1 through October 19 and November 5 through November 14.

Mr. Drummond reported the Potomac River Finfish Advisory Committee had considered the preliminary proposals for the 1993 season and supported this staff proposal as presented.

**Charter Boat:** Cap on harvest 22,860 pounds. Season October 1 through October 31 or until cap reached. Size limit 18" minimum - 36" maximum and a daily creel limit of 2 fish per fee paying passenger.

Mr. Drummond reported the Potomac River Finfish Advisory Committee considered four preliminary options for the 1993 charter boat fishery and supported the 22,860 pound harvest cap and a daily creel limit of 2 fish per fee paying passenger. However, they did recommend a slightly different season of October 8 through November 7, or until the harvest cap was reached.

**Commercial:** All commercially caught striped bass must be individually tagged with tags provided by the PRFC prior to landing. The tags will be divided among eligible licensees by category.

**Commercial Hook and Line:** Season - Wednesdays & Thursdays only, August 4 through September 30.

Pound Net: Season - Monday through Friday only, October 4 through November 19.  
 "Declaration of Intent" must be filed by 9/7/93 which will include evidence of net actually being set and fished.

1994 Gill Net: Season - February 7 through March 4 & November 28 through December 16.

Mr. Drummond reported that the Potomac River Finfish Advisory Committee supported the staff recommendation regarding tagging, as long as the fishermen receive their entire allotment of striped bass tags prior to the beginning of their gear specific season. They recommended a change in the commercial hook and line season of Wednesdays and Thursdays only, during July and August. A seconded recommendation of Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only, during August and September had not been presented to the full advisory committee but was supported by several members. Other than these items, the Potomac River Finfish Advisory Committee fully supported the staff recommendations as presented.

Mr. Robert T. Brown requested the Commission consider opening the pound net season the first of August as the market would be more favorable at that time. He requested the Commission at least consider an earlier opening for next year. Mr. Drummond noted that this request should be considered by the finfish advisory committee.

### **Diving for Oysters**

The Chairman stated that this item had been tabled at the Commission's last meeting. However, several people had contacted the Commission Office and apparently there was some misunderstanding about the action taken. The item was placed on the agenda and included in the advertised news release to afford those individuals the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Charles E. Davis and Mr. Robert T. Brown spoke in favor of allowing commercial oyster diving and requested the Commission hold a public hearing on the issue. Mr. Richard Daiger, representing Bevans Oyster Company and Cowart Seafood, spoke against allowing commercial oyster diving and asked the Commission to put this item to rest as it had been discussed at the Commission's last three meetings.

No further action was taken on the issue of diving for oysters so the item remained tabled.

### **JURISDICTIONAL LINE - ST. CATHERINE SOUND**

Commissioner Peck reported that he had received a memorandum from Thomas A. Deming of the Maryland Attorney General's Office regarding the placement of jurisdictional line markers along the Maryland shore. The memo conveyed that this issue was not cut and dried and perhaps legislative authorization by the General Assemblies of Maryland and Virginia should be sought regarding provisions for, or delegation of authority to accomplish, changes in the boundary. Pending that legislative authorization, Mr. Deming's view was that the PRFC jurisdictional boundary along the Maryland Shore should be interpreted in the same manner as the boundary along the Virginia shore.

The Legal Officer stated that the Compact establishes two types of boundaries for the Potomac, one being the low water line, which is constantly changing; and the other being defined monuments. Mr. Hutt stated he could not see how anyone who participated in the enactment of the Compact would expect the low water line to remain constant. He suggested appointing a committee to address this issue, specifically the St. Catherine Sound Boundary, as in his opinion seeking legislative direction would not offer "swift" remedy.

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

***"That the Chairman appoint a jurisdictional line committee to research and discuss this issue. The committee shall consist of 1 PRFC Commissioner from Maryland, 1 PRFC Commissioner from Virginia, 1 waterman from Maryland and 1 waterman from Virginia. Further that committee be empowered to call on any staff, legal personnel or other expert witness from either state as they deem necessary."*** The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Parran noted that he would make the committee appointments at a later time.

### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION - ELGIN A. DUNNINGTON**

Chairman Parran read the following resolution of appreciation for Mr. Elgin Dunnington who resigned his position as the liaison between CEES/CBL and the PRFC effective February 1, 1993, due to health reasons.

*WHEREAS, Elgin A. Dunnington, Jr. has served as a scientific adviser to the Potomac River Fisheries Commission since its very early formative years; and*

*WHEREAS, Elgin A. Dunnington, Jr. has given of himself above and beyond the call of duty for the benefit of all those who use enjoy the many natural resources of the Potomac River; and*

*WHEREAS, Elgin A. Dunnington, Jr. has provided a critical link between the knowledge, understanding and language of the scientific community and those of the regulators; and*

*WHEREAS, Elgin A. Dunnington, Jr. not only recognized the needs of today's users of the Potomac's natural resources, he always reminded the Commission of its need to conserve and preserve those resources for all future generations.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Potomac River Fisheries Commission and its staff on behalf of the citizens of Maryland and Virginia wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to Elgin A. Dunnington, Jr. for his many years of dedicated service to the Potomac River, it's resources and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission for all to see and be reminded of the service of Elgin A. Dunnington, Jr.*

Commissioner Peck then presented Mr. Dunnington with a Citation from Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer. This Governor's Citation commended Mr. Dunnington for his 28 years of dedicated service and leadership as the liaison between the Potomac River Fisheries Commission and the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, and his recognition of the biological importance of the oyster in the food web of the Potomac.

Elgin Dunnington stated that working with the Potomac River Fisheries Commission had been a labor of love for him as the shores of the Potomac was his boyhood home. He intended to retain his interest in the river and its resources. He stressed the fact that the people of the Potomac have in their hands the fate of a remarkable resource, the Potomac River, and asked that they not doubt its potential to recover from the many changes it has undergone.

Commissioner Peck then introduced Dr. Eileen Setzler-Hamilton, who will be the new liaison between the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory and Potomac River Fisheries Commission.

### **THIRD QUARTER DISBURSEMENTS AND CASH ON HAND**

A report of the third quarter (January - March 1993) disbursements was presented by budget item which totaled \$64,681.94. A statement of cash on hand as of May 5, 1993 was presented as follows:

<u>First Virginia Bank - Northern Neck:</u>	\$43,659.70
(Checking (includes \$200.00 Petty Cash)	
<u>Maryland National Bank:</u>	14,738.23
Savings: (Maryland Office)	
<u>Virginia Local Government Investment Pool:</u>	73,076.85
<u>Maryland Local Government Investment Pool:</u>	71,266.32
GRAND TOTAL IN BANKS:	\$202,741.10

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

*"That the third quarter disbursements of \$64,681.94 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, 1992 through March 31, 1993. The total harvest for the 1992/93 season was 74,291 bushels and the average catch per tonger was 4.03 bushels per day with 71% being harvested above the 301 Bridge. Comparatively, the 1991/92 season's harvest totaled 104,621 bushels with 58% of the catch being taken from above the 301 Bridge. Mr. Carpenter noted that the increased proportion of the harvest occurring above the bridge was not a result of more oysters in that area but because of the fact that there are fewer oysters in the lower river.

### 1993 OYSTER REPLETION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Secretary referred to the repletion program outline adopted by the Commission at its February meeting. The program consisted mainly of shell planting in the upper river around Swan Point. He reported that a request for bids had been advertised and only 1 bid had been received and was, in his view, relatively expensive. In the meantime, the U. S. Geological Survey reported this as the wettest spring on record. As a result of the fresh water, salinities in the upper river were extremely low and he had no reasonable expectation of getting a natural set in that area. He presented several options, including shell planting on other areas and withholding the funds until next year. He then asked the Commission to give him direction on how they would like to administer the funds earmarked for this year's repletion program.

After further discussion, the following motion was made by Mr. Peck and seconded by Mr. Freeman:

*"That the Executive Secretary be directed to obtain recommendations from the scientific personnel of Maryland and Virginia on how to proceed with the 1993 oyster repletion program. Further, that the Executive Secretary be authorized to implement those recommendations."*  
The motion passed unanimously.

### NSWC PRESENTATION ON SPECIAL TEST AREA CLOSING

Chairman Parran recognized Captain Lance Waters, Chief Staff Officer at NSWC, who informed the Commission that NSWC, Dahlgren will be conducting mine detection testing on particular days during the month of July in an area of the marked test range approximately 4,000 yards x 7,000 yards adjacent the main gun range at Dahlgren. He stated that during this testing, it was imperative to keep the designated area free of any crab pots or other fishing gear. Test schedules and maps of the test area were distributed to all in attendance. Commissioner Rice suggested that NSWC buoy the test area to lessen confusion. Captain Waters said he would look into the feasibility of buoying the area. Chairman Parran expressed the desire of the PRFC to assist NSWC in any way possible.

### FINFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Jim Drummond presented the following recommendations made by the Potomac River Finfish Advisory Committee:

- Commercial Hook and Line Limited Entry Fishery - the committee recommends lifting the moratorium on commercial hook and line licenses and replacing it with a limited entry fishery similar to the one currently in place for gill nets. The number should be fixed at 75 participants. The eleven available licenses should be awarded on a random drawing basis July 1, 1993 to persons who registered between May 15 and June 30, 1993.

Robert T. Brown stated that he would like to see any new commercial hook and line licenses issued to only commercial watermen. Richard Daiger stated that individuals applying for the new licenses should be at least 16 years of age.

- Pound Net Limited Entry Fishery - the committee recommends establishing a limit of 100 as the maximum number of pound net stands licensed in the Potomac River.

John Osakowicz stated that the Charles County Waterman's Association would like to see limited entry on all non-restricted commercial licenses, including crab pots.

- Sale of Available Gill Net, Pound Net and Commercial Hook and Line Licenses - the committee recommends persons desiring such licenses should be selected by random drawing for the available gill net stands, pound net stands and commercial hook and line licenses, if any. They should register with the Commission between December 1 and January 31 next succeeding. There shall be a non-refundable \$5.00 registration fee and no person shall register more than once for each license type.

A random drawing will be held at the next regular Commission meeting held after January 31. Persons selected will be notified by first class mail at the address shown on the registration form and will have until February 28 to purchase the appropriate license. Failure to purchase the license will result in that (those) license(s) being available in next year's drawing.

- Allowing Gill Netters to Harvest Striped Bass with Commercial Hook and Line - The committee recommends allowing gill netters to harvest striped bass by means of commercial hook and line pursuant to the following restrictions:

Between July 1 and 31, 1993 any person meeting the qualifying conditions listed below may turn in one 1993 gill net license stand (or alternate stand) for the purpose of being able to take his striped bass allocation with a hook and line.

To qualify a person must:

1. Have a valid 1993 gill net license listing one or more locations.
2. Return the license and gill net tag and any unused 1993 striped bass identification tags to the PRFC office within the dates provided.
3. Purchase a \$25.00 hook and line license valid for the balance of 1993 only.
4. Only one gill net stand (or alternate) with its allocation per person may be transferred. Persons currently holding both types of licenses ( gill net and commercial hook and line) do not qualify.
5. Any striped bass identification tags used under this transfer must be taken in accordance with the season and rules for the hook and line fishery. Allocations may not be transferred back to a gill net in 1993.
6. For the 1994 license year any 1993 gill net licensee desiring to use his striped bass identification tags with a hook and line must declare his intent between December 1 and January 31 (the usual gill net renewal period), surrender the gill net stand and its associated rights and privileges, and purchase a 1994 hook and line license.
7. Any person opting to use his striped bass identification tags with a hook and line for 3 consecutive years or makes 3 transfers will thereafter remain as a hook and line licensee. Thereby, permanently reallocating striped bass identification tags from the gill net fishery to the hook and line fishery, increasing the hook and line quota and increasing the maximum number of licenses within that limited entry fishery and reducing the maximum number of gill net stands available in the Potomac.

A hook and line license obtained in this manor will carry with it all the rights and privileges associated with such license.

#### **CLARIFICATION OF MARYLAND CHARTER BOAT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

In reference to the questions presented earlier by Mr. Drury, Mr. Peck stated that Maryland regulations allow individuals holding a valid Maryland charter boat guide's license to carry fee paying passengers who hold their own individual sport fishing license without having to purchase a sport fishing decal. However, they would need to purchase a decal if they wished to participate in the Maryland charter boat striped bass fishery. Failure to purchase a decal would prevent them from be allocated a portion of the striped bass quota.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF REGULATION CHANGES**

##### **Regulation III, Section 9(b)**

*A motion was made by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Hudnall and unanimously approved to adopt Regulation III, Section 9(b) as follows:*

(b) Species Specific Fishing Seasons. It shall be unlawful to take and keep in possession any species of finfish listed herein caught within the confines of the Potomac River, except during the species specific fishing season as follows:

- (1) Striped bass - as may be fixed from time to time by Commission Order.
- (2) Weakfish or seatrout - May 16 through December 31.
- (3) Summer flounder - June 1 through October 31 for recreational and charter fishing as herein defined.
- (4) All other species - January 1 through December 31.

##### **Regulation III, Section 13(c)(1)**

The Executive Secretary noted that upon the adoption of Regulation III, Section 9(b) above, the Commission may wish to delete the current paragraph (1) of Regulation III, Section 13(c) which deals with striped bass seasons. Deletion of the current paragraph (1) would eliminate duplication of regulations.

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

*"That Regulation III, Section 13(c)(1) be repealed and paragraphs 2 through 5 thereof be renumbered to paragraphs 1 through 4." The motion passed unanimously.*

**Regulation III, Section 10**

*A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved to adopt Regulation III, Section 10 as follows:*

(a) Catch Limits. It shall be unlawful, during any single day, for any person to remove from the Potomac River by any means, or to possess, or to sell, or to offer for sale any fish which has been taken from the waters of the Potomac River, in excess of the limits provided herein (except as provided in Regulation III, Sec. 11(c)):

- (1) Commercial. The limits for any person who holds a valid commercial fish license issued by this Commission are:
  - (i) American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*) - 2 or 2% by volume of the total catch in possession, whichever is greater.
  - (ii) Hickory shad (*Alosa mediocris*) - 2 or 2% by volume of the total catch in possession, whichever is greater.
  - (iii) Black bass (either large or small mouth) - 5.
  - (iv) Striped bass (rockfish) - as may be fixed from time to time by Commission Order.
  - (v) Red Drum - 5 with only 1 fish in excess of 27 inches total length.
  - (vi) Black drum - 1.
- (2) Charter. The limits for any fee paying person aboard any charter, party, head, or guide boat whose captain holds a valid charter boat captain's license issued by this Commission, shall be the same as those provided in sub-section (a)(3) herein, except as contained herein:
  - (i) Striped bass (rockfish) - as may be fixed from time to time by Commission Order.
- (3) Recreational or Sport. The limits for any person not covered in sub-section (a)(1) or (a)(2) herein are:
  - (i) American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*) - 2.
  - (ii) Hickory shad (*Alosa mediocris*) - 2.
  - (iii) Black bass (either large or small mouth) - 5.
  - (iv) Striped bass (rockfish) - as may be fixed from time to time by Commission Order.
  - (v) Bluefish - 10.
  - (vi) Red drum - 5 with only 1 fish in excess of 27 inches total length.
  - (vii) Summer flounder - 10.
  - (viii) Weakfish or sea trout - 10.
  - (ix) Spotted sea trout or speckled trout - 10.
  - (x) Black drum - 1.

**Regulation III, Section 11(a)**

*A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Hudnall and unanimously approved to adopt Regulation III, Section 11(a) as follows:*

(a) Possession, etc. No person shall catch on the Potomac River or take or kill, sell, offer to buy or sell or expose for sale, or have in possession any:

- (1) Catfish:
  - i) Bullhead (*Ictalurus nebulosus*) (square tail) less than 6 inches;
  - ii) White (*Ictalurus catus*) (moderately forked tail) less than 10 inches; or
  - iii) Channel (*Ictalurus punctatus*) (deeply forked tail) less than 8 inches.
- (2) Yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*) less than 8 inches.
- (3) Pike or chain pickerel (*Esox niger*) less than 14 inches.
- (4) Striped bass or rockfish (*Morone saxatilis*) less than 18 inches or greater than 36 inches.
- (5) Sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) of any size.
- (6) Weakfish or sea trout (*Cynoscion regalis*) less than 13 inches.
- (7) Spotted sea trout or speckled trout (*Cynoscion nebulosus*) less than 13 inches.
- (8) Hardhead or croaker (*Micropogonias undulatus*) less than 10 inches.
- (9) Bluefish or taylor (*Pomatomus saltatrix*) less than 8 inches.
- (10) Summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*) less than 14 inches.
- (11) Black bass or large mouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) less than 15 inches from March 1 through June 15 inclusive and 12 inches at all other times.
- (12) White perch (*Morone americana*) less than 6 inches.
- (13) Red drum or puppy drum (*Sciaenops ocellatus*) less than 18 inches with only one fish in excess of 27 inches.
- (14) American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*) less than 6 inches.
- (15) Black drum (*Pogonias cromis*) less than 16 inches.

**Regulation I, Section 2(u)**

There were questions regarding the effect of this proposed regulation on the reciprocity agreements between Maryland, Virginia and the PRFC. The Legal Officer stated this would have no impact on reciprocity. The Executive Secretary noted that adoption of this regulation would bring the Potomac's regulations more into line with Virginia's requirements.

*A motion was made by Mr. Hudnall, seconded by Mr. Pruitt and unanimously approved to adopt regulation I, section 2(u) as follows:*

(u) **Charter Boat Captain.** For each Charter Boat Captain, a license fee of \$25.00. For the purposes of this section, the term "Charter Boat" shall include any vessel used to carry fee paying persons to catch or attempt to catch finfish, crabs, oysters or clams, including but not limited to, vessels commonly known as charter, head, party or guide boats. The application for such license shall include a copy of the applicant's current United States Coast Guard License permitting him to carry passengers for hire. Applications without such documentation shall not be approved. Captains licensed under this section and carrying fee paying person to catch or attempting to catch finfish shall do so only from a vessel properly licensed under Regulation VI.

**Regulation VI, Section 3(b)**

*A motion was made by Mr. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Peck and unanimously approved to adopt regulation VI, Section 3(b) as follows:*

(b) **License Required.** It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or remove or attempt to take, catch or remove finfish from the Potomac River for sport, recreation or immediate household use, from any boat or vessel not properly licensed for sport fishing and displaying a valid decal. Provided, however, that each individual aboard a pleasure boat or rental boat, as herein defined, may substitute an individual sport fishing license in lieu of the vessel license.

**Regulation VI, Section 3(d)**

The Executive Secretary noted that this regulation needed to be amended for technical corrections. The current regulation refers to a single decal and the proposed changes accommodated the set of decals issued by the Commission.

*A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Pruitt and unanimously approved to adopt Regulation VI, Section 3(d) as follows:*

(d) **Display of License.** Each pleasure boat, charter boat and rental boat licensed hereunder, shall be issued a set of decals. The decals shall be affixed on either side of the forward half of the hull and in such a manner as to be clearly visible to passing boats. All vessel captains or operators and persons individually licensed shall exhibit their license when required by any enforcement officer of the State of Maryland or Virginia, or agent of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission.

**Regulation VI, Section 3(e)**

The Executive Secretary stated that this regulation would establish a lesser fee of \$150.00 for the smaller boats which would now be required to purchase a boat decal under Regulation I, Section 2(u).

*A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Hudnall and unanimously approved to adopt Regulation VI, Section 3(e) as follows:*

(e) **License Fees.** The annual license fees payable to the Commission under Regulation VI shall be as follows:

- (1) **Pleasure Boat:**
  - (i) Less than 27 feet in length - \$30.00 per boat;
  - (ii) 27 feet or more in length - \$60.00 per boat.
- (2) **Charter Boat:**
  - (i) Carrying 3 or less passengers - \$150.00 per boat;
  - (ii) Carrying 6 or less passengers - \$240.00 per boat;
  - (iii) Carrying 7 or more passengers - \$290.00 per boat.
- (3) **Rental Boat** - \$25.00 per boat or \$500.00 per fleet plus \$1.00 per each boat in the fleet.
- (4) **Person** - \$7.50 per person. A Personal sport fishing license is not required when fishing from a properly licensed boat.



**EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

*"That the foregoing regulation changes adopted today become effective July 1, 1993." The motion passed unanimously.*

**RECREATIONAL STRIPED BASS FISHING PERMIT**

The Executive Secretary explained that the proposed recreational permit was the same as used by this Commission for the past two years. He stated that the permit had been very successful in enabling the Commission to gather the recreational striped bass data required by the ASMFC.

*A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Hudnall and unanimously approved to adopt Commission Order #93-1 as follows:*

**ORDER #93 - 1****RECREATIONAL 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 established by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission, does hereby deem it necessary to establish a permit requirement on each boat used on the Potomac River during any striped bass recreational fishing season(s). Therefore, the Potomac River Fisheries Commission **HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS** that each owner of a boat to be used to recreationally fish during any recreational striped bass season(s) in the Potomac River shall first apply for and obtain a validated Striped Bass Recreational Fishing Permit for the boat. Such validated permit shall be kept in the possession of the owner/operator of the boat at all times during the striped bass season(s) in the Potomac River and shall be in addition to any other licensing requirement.

**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 validated permit and the log sheet must be returned to the Potomac River Fisheries Commission within 10 days of the close of the last segment 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 #93-1 will become effective July 1, 1993, will supersede and repeal Order #92-4, and will remain in effect until further notice.

**DELAY FOR UNRETURNED PERMITS**

The Executive Secretary asked the Commission to detail their wishes regarding late or unreturned permits included in Order #93-1. He noted that the permits have been computerized and as the 1992 applications were received, they could be checked against the 1991 list to see if the individual returned his log sheet. If a 1991 permit had not been returned, or if it was returned late, the 1992 permit was stamped with a message to that effect. Mr. Carpenter stated that there was a 65% return rate for 1992 permits versus a 48% return rate for 1991. He noted that the accuracy of the recreational data could be increased if a greater percentage of the issued permits were returned on time. In light of the Commission's stringent policy pertaining to commercial watermen reporting their striped bass harvest, he asked the Commission for a specific directive on this issue.

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

*"That the striped bass permit application of any individual who has failed to return his striped bass log sheet for two years, shall be delayed as follows: if the permit application is received by the Commission prior to the opening of the season, it shall be delayed for the first weekend; if the permit application is received after the opening of the season, it shall be delayed for 3 days." The motion passed unanimously.*

**COMMERCIAL STRIPED BASS TAGGING REQUIREMENTS**

The Executive Secretary stated that there were only a few changes in the proposed commercial striped bass tagging requirements when compared to last year. One change in the proposed Order was to include the definitions of "as soon as feasible" for each gear type. The other change was to exclude the provision to issue only half the tags prior to the gear specific season as requested by the Finfish Advisory Committee.

*A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved to adopt Commission Order #93-2 as follows:*

### **ORDER #93 - 2**

#### **COMMERCIAL STRIPED BASS TAGGING REQUIREMENTS**

**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 established by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission, does hereby deem it necessary to establish a tagging requirement on striped bass commercially harvested from the Potomac River. Therefore, the Potomac River Fisheries Commission **HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS** each commercially caught striped bass must be individually tagged with tags provided by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission. Said tags must be applied as soon as feasible. The words "as soon as feasible" shall mean for the:

Commercial Hook and Line Fishery - as soon as the fish is taken and before it is put into the cooler or storage area;

Pound Net Fishery - as soon as the fish are taken and before the boat leaves the net site; and

Gill Net Fishery - as soon as each separate piece of net is fished and before the boat leaves the net site

In no event shall any striped bass be removed from the Potomac River or from the boat at the point of landing, whichever occurs first, without said tag being permanently affixed.

**BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED** that tags will be divided among the eligible fishermen by category.

**BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED** that tags issued to an individual fisherman cannot be transferred, sold or otherwise used by any other individual fisherman.

**AND IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED** that this Order #93-2 will become effective July 1, 1993; will supersede and repeal Order #92-5, and will remain in effect until further notice.

#### **1993 STRIPED BASS SEASONS**

The Executive Secretary read the staff proposals for the 1993 striped bass seasons. He noted that during the hearing a request to consider an earlier start of the pound net season had been made. The Finfish Advisory Committee had suggested a commercial hook and line season during July and August instead of the proposed August and September dates, and an October 8 through November 7 charter boat season instead of the staffs proposal. There was considerable discussion regarding the proposed and alternative seasons.

*A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved to adopt Commission Order #93-3 as follows:*

### **ORDER #93 - 3**

#### **1993 STRIPED BASS SEASONS**

**THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION**, having found it necessary for the preservation of the striped bass (rockfish) population to impose Temporary Restrictions on Fishing (Regulation III, Section 13(c)) and pursuant to its authority under Regulation III, Section 13(b) and Section 9, **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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| 1) <u>Commercial Hook and Line:</u> | Wednesdays and Thursdays only<br>August 4 through September 30, 1993.  |
| 2) <u>Pound Net:</u>                | Monday through Friday only<br>August 23 through September 3, 1993, and<br>October 4 through November 19, 1993. |
| 3) <u>1993 Gill Net:</u>            | November 29 through December 17, 1993.   |

- 4) 1994 Gill Net: February 7 through March 4, 1994; and November 28 through December 16, 1994.
- 5) All Other Commercial Gear: Closed for 1993 and 1994.
- 6) Charter Boats: October 8 through November 7, 1993.
- 7) Individual Sport or Recreational: October 1 through October 19, 1993; and November 5 through November 14, 1993.

**BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED** that it shall be unlawful to take, catch, and remove any striped bass from the Potomac River during any other times of the year by gear types or segments listed herein.

**BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED** that the charter boat season established herein, will be closed immediately, by Order, whenever the Commission determines that 90% of the allowable limit for each such segment has been harvested.

**AND IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED** that this Order #93-3 will become effective July 1, 1993, will supersede and repeal Order #92-2, and will remain in effect until further notice.

**1993 STRIPED BASS CATCH LIMITS**

*A motion was made by Mr. Pruitt, seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved to adopt Commission Order #93-4 as follows:*

**ORDER #93 - 4**

**1993 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 10 and 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:
  - 1) Commercial Hook and Line: 10,000 pounds (2,000 ID tags) total for all licensees plus any available gill net allocation as may be allowed under Order #93-6.
  - 2) Pound Net: 35,000 pounds (7,000 ID tags) total for all licensees per year. Each pound net licensee must file a "Declaration of Intent" by July 23, 1993 which is to include an affidavit that the net has been or will be set in 1993.
  - 3) 1993 Gill Net: Balance remaining from the 1993 winter fishery, less any taken with a hook and line, as may be allowed under Order #93-6.
  - 4) 1994 Gill Net: 110,000 pounds total for all licensees per year, less any taken with a hook and line, as may be allowed under Order #93-6.
  - 5) All Other Commercial Gear: Closed for 1993 and 1994.
- (b) **Charter Boat Limit:** Two (2) fish per fee paying passenger per day, not to exceed 22,860 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 #93-4 will become effective July 1, 1993, will supersede and repeal Order #92-3, and will remain in effect until further notice.

**COMMERCIAL HOOK AND LINE LIMITED ENTRY**

*A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Pruitt and unanimously approved to adopt Commission Order #93-5 and the "Procedure for Removing Hook and Line Moratorium" as follows:*

**ORDER #93 - 5****COMMERCIAL HOOK AND LINE LIMITED ENTRY**

**THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION**, having found it necessary for the preservation of the striped bass (rockfish) population to impose 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 moratorium imposed January 1, 1985 on the issuance of new commercial hook and line licenses is hereby lifted effective July 1, 1993.

**BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED** that effective July 1, 1993 the maximum number of such commercial hook and line licenses shall be set at 75.

**BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED** that the "Procedures for Removing the Commercial Hook and Line Moratorium", adopted by the Commission May 7, 1993, shall govern the issuance of any available 1993 licenses.

**AND IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED** that this Order #93-5 will become effective July 1, 1993 and will remain in effect until further notice.

**PROCEDURE FOR REMOVING HOOK AND LINE MORATORIUM**

The moratorium imposed in 1985 on the issuance of any new commercial hook and line license shall remain in effect through June 30, 1993.

The maximum number of commercial hook and line licenses established by Commission Order #93-5 is 75. Whenever that maximum number is licensed, no additional licenses will be issued, except as provided in Commission Order #93-6.

Between May 15 and June 30, 1993, inclusive, any person desiring to obtain a commercial hook and line license must register with the Commission. This registration will include the person's name and address and a non-refundable \$5.00 fee. No person may register more than once. The registration shall be for the July 1, 1993 random drawing only.

On July 1, 1993, at 12 o'clock noon, a public random drawing will be held to select the appropriate number of persons who will be given 30 days to purchase a \$25 commercial hook and line license good for the balance of 1993. Notice of being selected will be mailed, first class postage pre-paid, to the address shown on the registration form. Failure to obtain the license by July 30 will forfeit the license thereby making it available for the next year's drawing.

Adoption of Order #93-5, Order #93-6 and these procedures will fix the number of commercial hook and line licenses thereby making it a limited entry fishery in the Potomac.

**TRANSFER GILL NET STRIPED BASS ALLOCATION TO COMMERCIAL HOOK AND LINE**

*A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved to adopt Commission Order #93-6 as follows:*

**ORDER #93 - 6****TRANSFER OF INDIVIDUAL STRIPED BASS ALLOCATION  
FROM GILL NET TO COMMERCIAL HOOK AND LINE**

**THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION**, having found it necessary for the preservation of the striped bass (rockfish) population to impose temporary restrictions on fishing (Regulation III, Section 13(c)) and pursuant to its authority under Regulation III, Section 13(b) and having adopted Commission Order #93-4, **HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS** the following procedures for the transfer of individual striped bass allocations from a gill net to a commercial hook and line be established.

Between July 1 and 30, 1993 any person meeting the qualifying conditions listed below may turn in one 1993 gill net license stand (or alternate stand) for the purpose of being able to take his striped bass allocation with a commercial hook and line. To qualify a person must:

1. Have a valid 1993 gill net license listing one or more locations.
2. Have unused 1993 striped bass identification tags issued by PRFC with his gill net license.
3. Return the license and gill net tag and any unused 1993 striped bass identification tags to the PRFC office within the dates provided.

4. Purchase a \$25.00 commercial hook and line license valid for the balance of 1993 only.
5. Persons currently holding both gill net and commercial hook and line licenses do not qualify for 1993.

**BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED** that any commercial hook and line license issued pursuant hereto is to be in addition to the number specified in Order #93-5. Only one gill net stand (or alternate) with its allocation per person may be transferred. Any striped bass identification tags used under this transfer must be taken in accordance with the season and rules for the commercial hook and line fishery. Allocations may not be transferred back to a gill net in 1993.

**BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED** that for the 1994 license year any 1993 gill net licensee desiring to use his striped bass identification tags with a hook and line must declare his intent between December 1 and January 31 (the usual gill net renewal period), surrender the gill net stand and its associated rights and privileges, and purchase a 1994 hook and line license at a cost of \$25.00 plus \$12.50 for each gill net stand surrendered in excess of the first stand.

**BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED** that any person opting to use his striped bass identification tags with a hook and line for 3 consecutive years or makes 3 transfers will thereafter remain as a hook and line licensee. Thereby, permanently reallocating striped bass identification tags from the gill net fishery to the hook and line fishery, increasing the hook and line quota and increasing the maximum number of licenses within that limited entry fishery and reducing the maximum number of gill net stands available in the Potomac.

**AND IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED** that a hook and line license obtained in this manor will carry with it all the rights and privileges associated with such license providing the gill net license privileges and rights are surrendered and forfeited.

### **SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

The Executive Secretary stated that a Texas Instrument desktop calculator purchased by the Commission in 1988 was inoperable and could not be repaired for less than the cost of a new calculator. The machine had been replaced but needed to be declared surplus to remove it from the Commission's property records.

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

*"That the Texas Instrument calculator described above be declared surplus and disposed of accordingly."* The motion passed unanimously.

### **POUND NET ISSUES**

The Executive Secretary reported on a meeting, requested by several pound netters, he had with them. A majority of the Potomac River pound netters had attended. One major outcome of the meeting was a recommendation to establish the limited entry for pound nets. Mr. Carpenter stated that the pound netters were very concerned about a federal bill being introduced in Congress entitled the Interstate Jurisdictional Fisheries Management Act which would allow for federal intervention into the regulation and protection of all species of migratory fish, in the same manner as the striped bass. The pound netters suggested providing for a tolerance for pound nets, now that there are seasons and size limits on virtually every species. Mr. Carpenter stated that he was researching some work done in Virginia and North Carolina with pound net escape panels that allow smaller fish to pass through. The Commission referred this topic to the Finfish Advisory Committee. The Commission also asked the Finfish Advisory Committee to consider a more detailed outline for the limited entry pound net fishery.

### **COMMERCIAL HOOK AND LINE LICENSE DRAWING**

The Executive Secretary showed the lock box which would hold the registration forms of those persons entering the drawing for the commercial hook and line licenses. The Commission then presented lock box key to Mr. Jim Drummond to hold until the drawing on July 1, 1993.

### **HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Commission reviewed the Hearing Officer's report of April 15, 1993 regarding 9 persons delinquent in filing seafood catch reports. The Chairman asked each person to come forward as his name was called, none were in attendance.

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

*"That the Commission approve the recommendations presented today in the Hearing Officer's Report dated April 15, 1993."* The motion passed unanimously.

### REPEAT OFFENDERS

In accordance with the policy adopted by the Commission at its February 5, 1993 meeting, the following list of repeat offenders, and the violations of which they were found guilty, was presented. The Executive Secretary stated that all of the individuals listed had been notified by certified mail that a hearing would be held today. The Chairman asked each person to come forward as his name was called. Mr. Edward Thomas Johnston and Mr. Joseph Tyrone Maddox were the only two in attendance.

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

***"The Potomac River Fisheries Commission hereby orders the privilege to obtain any Potomac River license is hereby suspended for a period of two (2) years from today's date for the following individuals: John Frederick Elzey, Jr., John Clinton Jefferson, John Albert Masiak, Patrick Todd Murphy and Jeffery Wayne Owens."*** The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed with Mr. Maddox the number and severity of the violations of which he had been found guilty and the importance of abiding by the Commission's regulations. After further discussion the following motion was made by Mr. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Hudnall:

***"The Potomac River Fisheries Commission hereby orders the privilege to obtain any Potomac River license is hereby suspended for a period of thirty (30) days from today's date for Mr. Joseph Tyrone Maddox. Further, that Mr. Maddox be placed on probation for ninety (90) days from today's date. If during that ninety (90) days Mr. Maddox receives a citation, of which he is subsequently found guilty in a court of law, his privilege to obtain any Potomac River license shall be suspended for a period of one (1) year."*** Mr. Pruitt voted nay and all other Commissioners voted aye. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The Commission then gave Mr. Johnston the opportunity to explain his violations. They also stressed to him the importance of the regulations in relation to protecting the resources of the Potomac. After further discussion the following motion was made by Mr. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Hudnall:

***"The Potomac River Fisheries Commission hereby orders Mr. Edward Thomas Johnston be placed on probation for ninety (90) days from today's date. If during that ninety (90) days Mr. Johnston receives a citation, of which he is subsequently found guilty in a court of law, his privilege to obtain any Potomac River license shall be suspended for a period of one (1) year."*** Mr. Pruitt voted nay and all other Commissioners voted aye. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Freeman explained that he felt Mr. Maddox's citations were more severe than Mr. Johnston's, therefore the difference in his motions.

### CATCH AND RELEASE

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

***"That the subject of a catch and release striped bass fishery be referred to the Finfish Advisory Committee."*** The motion passed unanimously.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

***A motion was made by Mr. Pruitt, seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved to go into Executive Session at 12:55 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.***

The Commission reconvened into regular session at 1:00 p.m. noting that no action was taken but the subject of salaries was discussed.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

***A motion was made by Mr. Pruitt, seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved to adopt the Commission's FY 1993-94 operating budget as follows:***

**POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION  
1993-94 BUDGET**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

1993-94 BUDGET

PERSONAL SERVICES:

101-109 Compensation of Commissioners & Salaries	\$ 155,575
199 Other Personal Services	3,500
	\$ 159,075

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:

201 Advertising	\$ 10,000
204 Postage	8,000
205 Telephone	5,000
206 800 Service	1,500
208 Electric Current	1,600
209 Freight Expense	100
212 Lease of Equipment	300
213 Legal & Expert Services	1,000
214 Membership Dues & Subscriptions	500
216 Printing Regulations	5,000
220 Travel Expenses	12,000
221 Water Service	600
224 Photographic Service - Charts	600
270 Repairs to Equipment	1,000
275 Building Maintenance	2,000
280 Interest Expense	500
281 Bank Charges	100
299 Other Contractual Services	20,000
301 Automotive Expense	1,200
309 Fuel for Heat	1,200
313 Office Supplies	3,000
330 Household Furnishings & Supplies	600
332 Licenses, Tags, Report Books	25,000
	\$ 100,800

CURRENT CHARGES & OBLIGATIONS:

240 Insurance - surety bonds, fire auto liability, workmen's comp.	\$ 7,500
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PENSION AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

510 Retirement	\$ 19,600
511 Group Life Insurance	1,200
512 Group Health Insurance	14,200
513 Employer's O.A.S.I.	10,100
	\$ 45,100

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

801 Office & Other Equipment	\$ 12,000
802 Furniture & Fixtures	2,500
	\$ 14,500

DEVELOPMENT & REPLETION EXPENSES:

225, 331, 333 & 335 Seed Oysters and/or Shell	\$ 155,141
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<u>UNEXPENDED CASH BALANCE:</u> (contingency fund)	\$ 20,000
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TOTAL	\$ 502,116
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**POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION  
1993-94 BUDGET**

**RECEIPTS**

	<u>1993-94 BUDGET</u>
UNEXPENDED CASH BALANCE FORWARD: (as of 7/1/93)	\$ 57,000
SALE OF LICENSES:	
Fish - Commercial	20,000
Fish - Recreational	10,000
Oyster	30,000
Crab	20,000
Clam	1,000
OYSTER BUSHEL INSPECTION TAX:	25,000
APPROPRIATIONS BY STATE:	
Maryland	165,558
Virginia	165,558
INTEREST ON SAVINGS (C/D's)	7,000
MISCELLANEOUS: Confiscated Property, Sale of Tags, Etc.	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 502,116

**MARYLAND APPROPRIATION**

As a result of budget constraints during the fiscal year 1992-93 Virginia was unable to fulfill this Commission's appropriation request of \$165,558.00. 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 of accepting only like amounts from each state, the Executive Secretary asked for authority to return \$15,558.00 to the State of Maryland.

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

*"The Executive Secretary is directed to return \$15,558.00 to the State of Maryland because of an unmatched appropriation from the State of Virginia for the fiscal year 1992-93." The motion passed unanimously.*

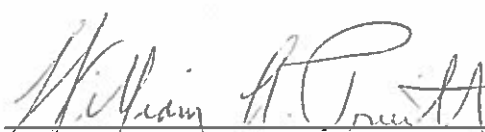
**DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission was scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Friday, August 6, 1993 in La Plata, Maryland. The exact location would be announced at a later date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m.*

  
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John Thomas Parran, Chairman

  
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William A. Pruitt, Secretary