

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Potomac River Fisheries Commission  
Colonial Beach, Virginia**

**June 23, 2000**

**Commissioners Present:** Gordon M. Birkett (VA) – Chairman, William L. Rice, Sr. (MD) – Vice Chairman, John T. Parran (MD) – Secretary, Paul H. Kellam, III (MD), William A. Pruitt (VA), John W. White (VA), Sarah Taylor-Rogers (MD), and Kenneth W. Williams, Sr. (VA).

**Officers Present:** Kirby A. Carpenter – Executive Secretary, J. Clifford Hutt and Michael C. Mayo – Legal Counsel

**Press:** Ruth Finch – Free Lance-Star

**Others Present:** Bill Sieling – Maryland Department of Agriculture Seafood Marketing, Dr. Herb Austin – VIMS, Phil Jones – MdDNR, Ellen Cosby – VMRC, Lt. William L. Bates and Sgt. David C. Larsen – MdDNR Law Enforcement, Capt. M. Ray Jewell and Col. Steve Bowman – VMRC Law Enforcement, Jim Drummond, Marvin L. Harley and Thomas McGinnis, Jr. – Finfish Advisory Committee, John Morris, Jr. – Shellfish Advisory Committee, Douglas F. Jenkins, Sr., Herman Delvo, Richard Daiger, Walter Johnson, Robert T. Brown, Edward J. Gonsowski and several others who did not sign the guest register.

Chairman Birkett called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Parran provided an invocation.

**Consideration of Minutes**

Commissioner Parran made *a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2000 as written and distributed*. The motion was seconded by Commissioner White and approved.

**Oyster Repletion Program Report**

The Executive Secretary presented a preliminary oyster repletion program report. It showed 5,750 bushels of seed, which was obtained through VMRC from the Piankitank River, was planted on Gum Bar; 8, 311 bushels of seed, which was obtained through MdDNR from Back Cove, was planted on Swan Point; and 19,103 bushels of seed, also through MdDNR from Oyster Creek, was planted on Sheepshead Bar. This Oyster Creek seed was “second year” seed and some were already near market size and expected to be ready for harvest this fall if it survives. There was also 37,960 bushels of fresh shell planted on Thicket Point Bar between May 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The reef shell planting portion will be completed after the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

The Executive Secretary thanked MdDNR and VMRC for their assistance and providing the seed. Mr. Douglas F. Jenkins, Sr. complimented the PRFC for their efforts on the seed planting.

**Review of the Limited Entry License Registration Fee**

The Executive Secretary stated that at the last meeting the Commission moved to increase the hook and line licenses by 40 through a license drawing. There was discussion on what to charge for the registration fee. Staff strongly urged that the registration fee for any and all licenses that become available under the random drawing provisions be the same. In order to change this fee, it will require a regulation change and needs to be advertised for public hearing.

Commissioner Kellam requested that the money get “ear marked” to go into the oyster repletion program. The Legal Officer stated that the Compact requires all monies received are deposited into the Commission’s General Fund and they are then disbursed according to the Commission adopted budget each year. Although you could not specify a particular purpose for the money when it is collected, the Commission can disburse the monies, from all sources, as it deems best when it approves the next budget. The Executive Secretary said our accounting system allows the receipts from the registration to be reported separately.

Commissioner White *made a motion to advertise for public hearing increasing the limited entry license registration fee from \$5.00 to \$25.00 (Reg. I, Sec. 1(d)), with the recommendation that the money from such fee be used towards the oyster repletion program as suggested.* Commissioner Parran seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

### **Review of Advisory Committee Membership and Procedures**

The Executive Secretary presented a draft of the “Membership and Procedures for the Potomac River Advisory Committees” which incorporates the changes and modifications discussed over the last few meetings. Essentially, they would reduce the membership of the finfish committee from 18 to 14 and split the shellfish committee into two 8 member committees, one for crabs and another for oysters/clams. It also adjusted the quorum requirements, detailed the various membership positions on the committees and provided general operating guidelines.

Commissioner Parran *moved to approve the advisory committee membership and procedures as written.* Commissioner Taylor-Rogers seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

A list of nominees for each of the committees was presented. As many members of the former committees, who had expressed an interest to continue to serve, as possible were nominated. Commissioner Rice noticed that Mr. Harry Boyden was nominated for the Oyster/Clam committee and Mr. Joseph Stine, Jr. was nominated for the Finfish Committee and asked the Chairman to switch their committee assignments. Chairman Birkett stated that he would make the appointments after the meeting and strongly urged those appointed to actively participate in all the meetings and if they are unable to attend, that they find someone to serve in their place.

### **Review of the Reduced License Fee Regulations**

The Executive Secretary stated that at the last meeting staff was asked to review the status of the reduced license fee regulations. These licenses were started as a result of Maryland State Senator James Simpson’s letter in 1987 requesting that the Commission consider granting “gratis licenses” to individuals 65 years of age or older. A list of items that are available under this regulation was presented. Currently, those items not eligible for this reduced fee are: clam dredge, oyster buyer, power assisted hand tong, charter boat captain and the haul seine, because under the “reduced fee” regulation these licenses are designated as for “exclusive use” by the licensee only, and therefore, the licensee who purchases a reduced license cannot take anyone else with him.

The Legal Officer reported that he had reviewed the language of Regulation I, Sections 2(1)(2) and 5(d), which could be considered as conflicting with regard to the “exclusive use” and the “unlicensed crew members” provisions of the commercial hook and line license. The Legal Officer presented his findings as follows:

“That these two regulations read together provide that a commercial hook and line licensee, regardless of age, when the licensee pays the normal license fee (currently \$50.00) and meets all other requirements of Regulation I, Sec. 2(1)(2) may be accompanied by no more than 2 unlicensed crew member(s).

“When a person is 65 years of age or older, meets all other requirements of Regulation I, Sec. 5(d) and elects to pay the reduced license fee such licensee *cannot be accompanied by any unlicensed crew members.*

He explained that the regulation provides that such reduced license fee and the privileges granted thereby are for the “exclusive use” of the licensee. If a person who otherwise would qualify for the reduced license fee elects to pay the normal license fee (not the reduced fee) he would not be subject to the “exclusive use” restriction set forth in Regulation I, Sec. 5(d).

After reviewing the list of available licenses, Commissioner Kellam *moved to advertise for public hearing, adding the power assisted hand tong as a license eligible for the reduced license fee with the stipulation that no one under the age of 65 be allowed onboard the vessel.* Commissioner Rice seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Douglas F. Jenkins, Sr. stated that there are a number of licenses that are currently eligible for the reduced license fee but are unable to be fished exclusively by a 65 year old man, such as the pound net. He recommended that the entire reduced license fee list be reviewed. The Executive Secretary stated that no pound nets have been sold at the reduced fee. He also noted anyone age 65 or older wishing to have helpers or someone else onboard with him, could do so by simply paying the regular license fee. The exclusive use provision is intended to prevent an enterprising younger person from finding a “senior” to buy a \$5.00 license, then that younger fisherman actually using the license, with the resulting loss of revenue for the Commission.

Commissioner Pruitt suggested reviewing the entire reduced license fee regulations and Commissioner Taylor-Rogers suggested that the advisory committees investigate which licenses should and should not be eligible for the reduced license fee. Commissioner Rice felt the earlier motion was sufficient and recommended moving on to the next item on the agenda. The Chairman asked the advisory committees to comment on the subject.

### **Crab Harvest Report Form**

The Executive Secretary reminded everyone that at last February’s public hearing on proposed crabbing regulations, there was a great deal of concern about the number of “hard crab” versus “peeler” pots being fished, and their respective catch rates. We were unable to answer those questions because the crab catch report did not separate the harvest or effort data between hard crab pots and peeler pots. A new crab harvest report form, which would be provided to the licensee starting next year and was designed to collect the necessary information, was presented. Commissioner Williams ***moved to approve the crab harvest report form as presented.*** Commissioner White seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

### **Pound Net Cull Ring Study**

As a follow up of the Potomac River pound net cull ring study the Commission had invited all licensed pound netters to an evening meeting at the Commission office. Mr. Chris Hager, from VIMS, gave a presentation on the study. There was a good turnout of pound netters from the lower river. The Executive Secretary reported that we had applied for a continuation of the federal grant, which is expected to be approved, that will enable us to begin distributing the cull panels before the fishing season next year. This application calls for the grant paying for the entire operation in order to get the first set of panels into the water, after that they will be sold at the Commission on an “at cost basis”.

### **Crab Harvest Report**

A preliminary report of the 2000 Potomac River crab landings from April through June was presented. It showed 6,797 bushels of hard crabs and 29,901 pounds of peelers compared to 10,244 bushels of hard crabs and 37,124 pounds of peelers for the same period last year. However, this year’s data is very preliminary and the June 2000 data was only for the first few days of the month. The effort, as measured in the number of boats working, the pots fished, and the number of days worked, was about the same in both April and May this year as last year.

Staff was asked to look at the crab data from the early spring to see if there had been any impact of the 30-bushel daily harvest limit that was imposed last fall. Graphs of the daily April CPUE and the trend line for the CPUE was presented. They showed that the April 2000 CPUE was higher than the 1997 and 1999 ones but not as good as 1998. It was not possible to determine the impact of the bushel limit imposed last fall with the available information at this time. It would probably take several years of consistent regulation to attempt to measure that type of impact.

### **ASMFC Issues**

Annual Reports - The Executive Secretary stated that as part of the fishery management plans the Commission is required to submit annual reports on the fishing activities for all of the species. Copies of those reports were presented.

American Shad and River Herring – This report shows, that even with a moratorium on the harvest of the American and hickory shad, the pound net by-catch provision has allowed some 2,000 to 5,000 pounds of American shad and 300 to 400 pounds of hickory shad harvested each year. The report also included information on the Potomac young-of-year (YOY) index, taken from the MdDNR annual survey. It showed a fairly steady increase in the YOY indexes during the 1990s, with the exception of 1999 when it dropped considerably. The reason for the sudden decline is not known.

Mr. Marvin L. Harley presented the Commission with some summary information on the American Shad Restoration Project. This is an Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin sponsored project for which Mr. Harley collects adult shad each spring. The fish are spawned and the fry cultured at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery. Since 1995 over ten million fry have been released in the Potomac, and it is estimated that some 30,000 shad could have returned as adults from these fry. They had returned approximately 3,000,000 American shad fry to the river this year. He then asked the Commission to investigate the possible reopening of the shad fishery. The Executive Secretary stated that ASMFC American Shad FMP requires the development of specific population estimates and harvest rates be submitted to the Technical Committee before we can apply to reopen the fishery.

Commissioner Parran ***made a motion to have scientific personnel investigate the reopening of the shad fishery.*** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Ellen Cosby stated that VMRC has authorized VIMS to investigate ways of sampling the shad for a possible reopening of the fishery. Phil Jones from MdDNR stated that there has been a significant increase in the American shad population throughout the Maryland Chesapeake Bay. MdDNR plans to look at the status of the shad resource next year. He also stated that it would be beneficial to consider a bay-wide effort and approach to any attempt to reopen the shad fishery.

Bluefish – The report details our compliance with the provisions for the Bluefish FMP and presented the commercial and charter boat harvest for 1999. It noted that there is a provision to close the commercial fishery when and if both Maryland and Virginia notify the Commission that their commercial bluefish fisheries are closed. It also noted the recreational catch and landings are being estimated via MRFSS and are therefore included in the Maryland and Virginia data.

Summer Flounder – This is a statement of what our regulations and landings were during 1999. It included notice of a provision to close the commercial summer flounder fishery when and if both Maryland and Virginia notify the Commission that their fishery is closed. The PRFC notified our licensees of Maryland's closure on September 9, 1999 when Maryland informed us that their fishery was closed. The recreational data is being collected via MRFSS.

Black Sea Bass – This report lists our black sea bass regulations and the lack of any commercial or charter boat harvest, and that the recreational data is again via MRFSS.

Preliminary Elver Survey Report – Dr. Herb Austin presented a preliminary elver survey report. The ASMFC Eel FMP requires the long-term monitoring of the young of the year. Each of the states spent this year looking for locations so that long-term sampling sites can be established. An "Irish Ramp", which is an astro-turf covered plywood structure with water flowing over it that the eels climb up into a catch basin, was found to be the most efficient way to sample glass eels. The other gears used to take samples were the dip net and fyke net. There will be a final report given in September. He presented an example of the type of data collected from Brackens Pond at the Naval Weapons Station on the York River. The data shows that sampling needs to be done every couple of days starting in March, which is when the glass eels begin to show up. There are waves of eels that increase every couple of weeks, which is possibly due to the moon phase.

The Executive Secretary thanked Dr. Herb Austin and Mr. Harley Spears for their joint efforts of this project, since the information gained on both sides of the river will be combined into a single Potomac YOY and be part of an overall bay-wide index.

Annual ASMFC Meeting – The Executive Secretary stated that the annual ASMFC meeting has been set for the week of October 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> in Clearwater, Florida.

### **Arkansas Blue Catfish**

Mr. Marvin L. Harley asked that the drift gill nets be considered for use in the upper river to catch the blue catfish. He believes we have lost almost all the brown (bullhead) catfish in that area of the river because of the presence of this new species. Last year, 40,000 to 50,000 pounds of bullheads were caught and this year less than 10,000 pounds have been harvested. He feels that there are large numbers of Arkansas blue catfish out in the channel (in the deep water), and something needs to be done to get them out of there. Ellen Cosby stated that during the mid-1970s, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries stocked this species in the Rappahannock and James Rivers. They now seem, somehow, to have expanded their range into the Potomac River.

The Executive Secretary suggested getting more information on control measures used elsewhere and any information on commercial and recreational fisheries before trying to start a drift gill net fishery for these catfish. The Chairman asked the staff to work with the advisory committees and the two states to gather information and present it at the next meeting.

### **Audit Report**

The Executive Secretary noted that each of the Commissioners should have received their copy of the annual audit report directly from the Auditors. He stated that no accounting problems or control measures were noted however, they did make a recommendation regarding capital expenses, which was referred to the budget committee.

### **Legal Officer's Review of Reg. III, Sec. 1(a) and Reg. I, Sec. 6(a)(1) and (2)**

The Executive Secretary stated that questions had been raised about law enforcement officers being able to seize someone's boat for having just a couple of small fish on the first offense. He felt that it needed some clarification and had asked the Legal Officer to review the regulations. The Legal Officer reported on an authorized enforcement officer's ability to seize boats and equipment used in a violation of the Commission's regulations with respect to a first or second offense as defined under our regulations and the general penalty provisions as follows:

"An officer upon making an arrest for violation(s) of a regulation of the PRFC may seize a boat and/or equipment *used in violation of the offense* charged *only* when the offense as written is subject to the penalty provisions of REGULATION I SEC. 6(a)(2), i.e., a first offense charged as the destruction or theft of seafood, nets or gear of another or if the offense(s) is/are charged as a second or subsequent violation of the regulations of the PRFC as set forth in that section."

"An officer may seize any and all fish, oysters, crabs, and other seafood that may be caught, sold, offered for sale, or are being held in violation of *any* of the provisions of the Regulations of the PRFC upon making an arrest for such violation(s). The seizing officer may dispose of such fish, oysters, crabs or other seafood at their discretion to the best interest of the Potomac River."

The Legal Officer clarified that an officer may seize any product(s) of the river when caught in violation of the regulation, however when seizing gear or equipment it must be charged as a second offense or an arrest for the destruction of someone else's equipment and other than those reasons listed above, a seizure is not warranted.

### **Hand Scrape Areas**

Robert T. Brown, representing the St. Mary's County Watermen's Association, asked that all the natural oyster bars in the Potomac River be opened for harvest with hand scrapes and to impose a daily bushel limit in these areas. He believes much of the bottom is silting over and we are losing it because the ground is not being worked. Chairman Birkett said he was aware that some private planters in Virginia performed "maintenance work" on their private leased grounds each year before planting seed.

The Executive Secretary stated that this proposal would require a regulation change, therefore a public hearing. He offered to have staff put together some historical information on this issue and present it at the next meeting. He also noted the 5-year experiment, on the long-term effects of various methods of “working the bottoms”, on Heron Island will end next year and a report is due to the Commission next spring. The setting pattern throughout the river is well documented and there is a history of spat sets once every 10-15 years in the upper river and in the lower river we have not seen a spat set of seed quality during the 1990s.

Robert T. Brown asked if it was possible to lease ground from Maryland or Virginia in order to raise seed oysters. The Executive Secretary stated that the Commission had explored that before and the current working arrangements with MdDNR and VMRC are to the best “financial interest” of the Commission.

Commissioner Kellam suggested that the Commission contact Carolyn Watson, Assistant Secretary for Resources Management and get ideas on the direction that the Commission should take regarding oysters. Commissioner Taylor-Rogers commented that MdDNR is working comprehensively with respect to oysters and could include the Potomac River in this study. Governor Glendening has pledged \$25 million for the next 10 years for oyster restoration in the Chesapeake Bay. Virginia, Maryland and several other governmental agencies are about ready to sign the Bay Agreement. Part of this Bay Agreement is to investigate new ways to bring the oysters back.

Commissioner Rice *made a motion to direct the oyster/clam committee to consider extending the handscrape area and adding daily catch limits, and authorize the staff to advertise this item for public hearing.* Commissioner Taylor-Rogers seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

### **Eel Pot Mesh Size**

Robert T. Brown stated that the St. Mary’s County Waterman’s Association would like for the Commission to consider changing the mesh size used in eel pots from ½” x ½” minimum to ½” x 1” because they are no longer catching any big eels.

The Executive Secretary stated that several years ago the Commission adopted just such a requirement with a 3-year phase-in period for fishermen to convert their gear. However, just before effective date of the change the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, a number of upper river eelers petitioned the Commission, and the Commission reversed their decision and since then the ½ x ½” mesh size regulation has been in place.

The Chairman referred this to the Finfish Advisory Committee for review and requested that a report be given at the next meeting. Capt. Drummond stated that he would also like the committee to revisit the issue of hook and line license holders being able to hold multiple licenses.

### **Crab Pot Issues**

Mr. Robert T. Brown stated that the St. Mary’s County Waterman’s Association would like to have the Crab Advisory Committee review the suggestion that both hard crab pots and peeler pots have the same minimum mesh size of 1½”. He also questioned why the male hard crab was legal to harvest at 5”, but the soft crab is legal at 3 ½” when they are both the same species. Mr. John Morris asked why couldn’t they use their own discretion as to close the cull rings in the hard crab pots during the peeler run and open them up when they are not instead of the fixed May and June period.

Chairman Birkett referred these items to the Crab Advisory Committee.

### **Introduction**

Lt. William Bates introduced Sgt. Dave Larsen, who replaced Sgt. Charles Santerre as the sergeant in Charles County for the MdDNR Police. The Commission welcomed him.

**Holiday Schedule**

The Executive Secretary stated that the Governor of Virginia has declared July 3<sup>rd</sup> a holiday and would like the Commission to observe this day also. Commissioner Parran ***moved that PRFC office be closed July 3<sup>rd</sup> this year.*** Commissioner Kellam seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

**Budget Committee Report**

Commissioner Pruitt reported that the budget committee had met and their report was presented. The budget is balanced, there are no drastic changes from last year in the operating budget, but noted that the capital improvement budget does reflect the purchase of the adjoining property. He asked if the Commission had received the updates from the Virginia Retirement System on the changes in the limits of the amount of the employer's matching contributions to the deferred compensation program following the General Assembly's actions last year. He wanted to ensure that the Commission is following the VRS requirements. The Executive Secretary stated that the auditors had reviewed the Commission's deferred compensation program as well as our Policy Manual during their last audit. Since the Commission is bi-state, it has the authority to direct its own policies for its deferred compensation program. Commissioner Pruitt stated that, when the Commission adopted its deferred compensation matching contribution, he had thought that it was going to be the same as that offered in Virginia. He was concerned about this being different and felt that it should correspond with either the State of Maryland or Virginia.

Commissioner Pruitt made a motion, ***"That the deferred compensation matching contribution correspond with that approved by the Virginia General Assembly"***, it was seconded by Commissioner White and unanimously approved.

Chairman Birkett left the meeting at 11:40 a.m. and turned the gavel over to Commissioner Rice at that time.

**Update of PRFC Operations Manual**

The Budget Committee presented suggested changes to the Commission's Operation Manual as follows: a) increasing the cost of items that are capitalized and inventoried on the Commission's books from \$100 to \$250; b) increase the mileage reimbursement rate from 23¢ (we were actually paying 24¢) to 35¢; and c) include dental health insurance coverage within the health insurance benefits. The Executive Secretary noted that there have also been several changes in that manual since last printed or reviewed in its entirety by the Commission. These were identified with *italic text* in the July 1, 2000 Draft of the Operations Manual. Changes being considered today are identified with shaded and strikethrough text.

Commissioner Kellam made a motion, it was seconded by Commissioner White and unanimously approved:

***"To adopt the Potomac River Fisheries Commission Operations Manual as presented including the changes in the deferred compensation section as modified by the previous motion."***

**Adoption of FY 2000-2001 Operating Budget**

The Budget Committee presented the Commission's FY 2000-2001 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets. A motion was made by Commissioner Parran, seconded by Commissioner Williams and unanimously approved:

***"To adopt the FY 2000-2001 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets as presented."***

**POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION  
2000-2001 DISBURSEMENTS BUDGET**

2000-2001 BUDGET

PERSONAL SERVICES:

101-109 Compensation of Commissioners & Salaries	\$ 197,435
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CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:

201 Advertising	\$ 5,000
202 Agent Fees	1,000
204 Postage	10,000
205 Telephone	5,000
206 800 Line	3,500
207 Internet Service	1,000
208 Electric Current	2,000
209 Freight Expenses	500
212 Lease of Equipment	3,500
214 Membership Dues & Subscriptions	500
216 Printing Regulations*	5,000
220 Travel Expenses	20,000
221 Water Expenses	750
224 Photographic Services-Charts	500
270 Repairs to Equipment	1,500
275 Building Maintenance	1,000
280 Interest Expense	500
281 Bank Charges	100
290 ACFCMA**	92,150
299 Other Contractual Services	<u>15,000</u>
	\$ 168,500

MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

301 Automotive Expenses	\$ 1,500
309 Fuel for Heat	1,200
313 Office Supplies	6,000
330 Household Furnishings & Supplies	800
332 Licenses, Tags, Report Books	35,000
400 Resale Supplies	<u>5,000</u>
	\$ 49,500

CURRENT CHARGES & OBLIGATIONS:

240 Insurance - surety bonds, fire, auto liability, workmen's comp.	\$ 4,000
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PENSION AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

510 Retirement	\$ 22,800
511 Group Life Insurance	2,500
512 Group Health Insurance	26,000
513 Employer's FICA	11,000
513 Employer's Medicare	3,000
514 Deferred Compensation Match	<u>6,000</u>
	\$ 71,300

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

801 Office & Other Equipment	\$ 13,000
802 Furniture & Fixtures	<u>3,000</u>
	\$ 16,000

SPECIAL PROJECT EXPENSES

100 Reserve for Capital Improvements	\$ 180,000
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DEVELOPMENT & REPLETION EXPENSES:

225, 331, 333 & 335 Seed Oysters and/or Shell	\$ 251,145
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UNEXPENDED CASH BALANCE: (contingency fund)

\$ 30,000

TOTAL	\$ 967,880
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\*Partially supported by ACFCMA (Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act) funds

\*\* Fully supported by ACFCMA



POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION  
2000-2001 BUDGET

RECEIPTS	
	<u>2000-2001 BUDGET</u>
UNEXPENDED CASH BALANCE FORWARD: (as of 7/1/99)	\$287,000
SALE OF LICENSES:	
Fish	60,000
Oyster	20,000
Crab	60,000
Clam	500
Fish - Recreational	60,000
Crab – Recreational	750
OYSTER BUSHEL INSPECTION TAX:	5,000
APPROPRIATIONS BY STATE:	
Maryland	175,000
Virginia	175,000
<u>SPECIAL GRANTS:</u>	
Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act	\$96,630
INTEREST ON SAVINGS (C/D's)	20,000
RESALE SUPPLIES	5,000
MISCELLANEOUS: Confiscated Property, Sale of Tags, Etc.	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 967,880

POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION  
2000-2001 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET

RECEIPTS	
	<u>2000-2001 BUDGET</u>
Cash balance brought forward:	\$ 78,000
Additions (7/1) (from operations budget)	<u>180,000</u>
Total	\$258,000
DISBURSEMENTS	
<u>Contractual Services:</u>	
Engineer Study	\$ 25,000
Building	485,000
Land	<u>0</u>
Sub-total	\$510,000
<u>Unexpended Cash Balance</u>	\$ 0
Total	(\$252,000)

**Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting, which will be a public hearing, was scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in La Plata, MD.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gordon M. Birkett, Chairman

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John T. Parran, Secretary