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Potomac River Fisheries Commission Meeting

Colonial Beach, VA —

Vice-chairman William L. Rice, Sr. announced today the Potomac River Fisheries Commission will hold a public hearing in conjunction with its next regular meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in the John T. Parran Hearing Room of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission Building, 222 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach, Virginia. Mr. Rice invites all interested persons to attend this open public meeting.

The Public Hearing will address proposed regulation changes to clarify that only one crab pot license per person per boat can be issued; adopting a new section to allow two lesser number-of-pot licenses to be combined to make a 400 or 500 pot license; to add the terms “limited liability company” and “natural person” to several regulations in place of “person”; to delete the word “weir” and redefine fyke and hoop nets and limit their location to water less than 6’ MLW; to change the words “individual fisherman” to “licensee”, and require party, company, corporation, firm or association ownerships to designate a single authorized user of the striped bass ID tags; and to repeal and/or re-codify certain subsection of Reg. II.

Items on the agenda for the regular meeting include but are not limited to: actions on the proposed regulation changes; a report on the fall oyster harvest and the annual oyster survey; a report on the crab harvest; and a report from the finfish advisory committee. The Commission will establish the 2007 commercial, recreational and charter boat fisheries season dates, size limits, catch limits and other restrictions for striped bass and most other species.

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