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Potomac River Fisheries Commission Meeting

Colonial Beach, VA —

Vice-chairman William Rice announced today the Potomac River Fisheries Commission would hold a public hearing together with its regular meeting on Friday, February 16, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the John T. Parran Hearing Room of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission Building, 222 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach, Virginia. Mr. Rice expressed his desire to invite all interested persons to attend this open public meeting.

There will be a public hearing on the method of measuring the total length of fish and increasing the hard crab size limit. The Commission will also adopt the spring striped bass season, creel and size limits; set the commercial quota and recreational limits for summer flounder; and establish the recreational size and creel limits and the commercial by-catch limits for weakfish for 2007.

The Commission will review its policy of allowing two crab pot licensees to work on one boat, and consider adopting a policy regarding haul seine and crab pot gear conflicts. Other items on the agenda include but are not limited to, review the crab, fish and oyster harvest reports receiving an update from the ASMFC winter meeting. The Commission will also elect their Chairman, Vice-chairman and Secretary for 2007.

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