

POTOMAC RIVER CRAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

August 26, 2008

1. **Call To Order** – 6:00 p.m.
2. **Crab Harvest Report**
3. **Possible Regulation Changes for Consideration**
 - **Transfer fee for “crab pot” licenses** – Except for transfers to immediate family members, all crab pot license transfers would be subject to a \$1,000 transfer fee, in addition to the usual license fee, payable by the new licensee. At the Crab Advisory Committee meetings on May 19th and June 7, 2005, the committee made a recommendation to define *immediate family member as spouse, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law and stepchildren*. These transfer fees would be go into as special account and used exclusively to buy back and retire crab pot licenses.
 - **Remove the “white” sign for peelers**
 - **Cull ring sizes** – (Require at least two 2 3/8” cull rings)
 - **A reduced license fee for people who are not crabbing**
 - Option #1 – Pay a reduced fee and will not be able crab at all that year.
 - Option #2 – Can pay the difference and be able to crab 30 days after the full license fee is paid.
 - **Discussion on a tagging system for each crab pot - (decals, tags, removable or permanent?)**
 - Option #1 – Tag buoys
 - Option #2 – Tag pots
 - Option #3 – Tag both buoys and pots
4. **Discuss The Theft of Crab Pots (Minutes provided from the last Crab Advisory Meeting)**

Chairman Boorman asked that the issue of theft of crab pots be placed on the next agenda. He said there has been a lot of theft in the middle and upper part of the river. Not only theft of crab pots but also other people crabbing pots and he has reported this to Maryland.

Lt. Charles Sauter explained that Mr. Carpenter has phoned him stating there are reports of theft in the river and when Lt. Sauter checks his messages, there are no phone calls or reports from the watermen. He stated the watermen have to make the initial call, otherwise the marine police will not know that there's a problem.

Mr. Carpenter reminded everyone that both Maryland and Virginia's law enforcement telephone numbers are located on the back of the license holders.
5. **Committee Membership Vacancies**
6. **Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman**
7. **New Business**
8. **Adjourn**