

POTOMAC RIVER CRAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

February 10, 2009

1. **Call To Order** – 6:00 p.m.

2. **Crab Harvest Report**

3. **Possible Regulation Changes for Consideration**

- **Reg. VII, Sec. 5(e) – Crab Pot Depth Restrictions** – At the last Crab Advisory Committee meeting there was a request to reconsider the 30-foot depth restriction for setting crab pots. After the committee reviewed the issue, a motion was made to change the crab pot depth restriction from September 1st to the end of the season to June 15th through September 15th. **The motion failed with 3 in favor and 5 against.**

The issue was placed on the December 5, 2008 Commission meeting agenda and was referred back to the Crab Advisory Committee for further review and to consider all options.

- **Reg. VII, Sec. 1(d) – Peeler Trap or Crab Pound** – This is to clarify that peeler traps or crab pounds should be removed from the Potomac River by the last day of the peeler trap season.

4. **Order 2007-13 – Two Crab Pot Licenses on One Boat** – This Order expired on November 30, 2008. The Committee needs to have a discussion to see if the Order should / should not be renewed.

5. **Topics of Discussion**

- To discuss the possible scenario(s), depending on the winter crab dredge survey, to decide what needs to be done if the current 34% reduction stays in place, increases or decreases.
- To discuss the idea of closing the crab fishery on Sunday's.

6. **Free 2 ½" Cull Ring Program Update** – The Commission agreed during the crab renewal period to offer a sample of 25 free 2 ½" cull rings to PRFC crabbers who are willing to use them.

7. **Committee Membership Vacancies**

8. **Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman**

9. **New Business**

10. **Adjourn**