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## Potomac River Fisheries Commission Meeting

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COLONIAL BEACH, VA — Chairman Joseph Palmer, Jr. announced today that the Potomac River Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting along with a public hearing on Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the John T. Parran Hearing Room of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission Building, 222 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach, Virginia. Mr. Palmer invites all interested persons to attend this open public meeting.

The advertised public hearing will deal with two crab pot licenses on one boat, setting the by-catch for American shad, clarifying the striped bass identification tag allocation for commercial hook and line and pound nets, changing the water depth restriction for crab pot longlines, establishing Regulation VIII for the Oyster Management Reserve Program, and discussing a possible American eel season closure. The full text of the proposals can be found at [www.prfc.state.va.us](http://www.prfc.state.va.us) or by calling 800-266-3904.

Regular items on the agenda include but are not limited to: a crab harvest report; a report from the Oyster/Clam and Finfish Advisory Committees, an update from the Oyster Management Reserve Participants meeting, and a presentation of the American Eel YOY survey by VIMS.

Other items on the agenda also include: summary of the August ASMFC meeting, adopting the 2012-2013 gill net and oyster seasons and a delinquent seafood catch report hearing. The Commission will also discuss seeking legislation to increase the fines on the pre-payable fine schedule and oyster tax.

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