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Potomac River Fisheries Commission Meeting

Colonial Beach, VA —

Chairman Dennis C. Fleming announced today the Potomac River Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting along with an advertised public hearing on Friday, December 6, 2013 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. Fleming invites all interested persons to attend this open public meeting.

The advertised public hearing will deal with establishing a commercial registration fee for oyster buyers, creating the requirement of a basket to contain oysters on a vessel, changing the onboard oyster inspection procedure, allowing oysters to be in baskets aboard vessels, requiring wild shellfish identification tags to be used for oyster baskets, changing the inspection tax from \$1 to \$2, increasing sport license fees and establish resident and non-resident sport fishing licenses. The full text of the proposals can be found at www.prfc.us or by calling 800-266-3904

Items on the agenda include: reports on the Kitts Point artificial reef; fall oyster harvest, annual oyster survey and a crab harvest report. The Commission will revise Order 2013-11 updating the commercial gill net striped bass quota for the 2013-2014 season, adopt Orders to establish the 2014 recreational and commercial striped bass seasons, gear and size limits as well as most other finfish species. There will be an update on the ASMFC annual meeting.

Other items on the agenda include but are not limited to: a report from the Finfish Advisory Committee and the Oyster Management Reserve Program, appointment of the nominating committee and advisory committee vacancies. There will also be a delinquent seafood catch report hearing.

Colonial Beach Artists Guild will have artwork displayed starting December 5th in the John T. Parran Hearing Room. They will also be conducting a can food drive for the Colonial Beach Baptist Church. Visitors are welcome during normal business hours.

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