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Potomac River Fisheries Commission Meeting

Colonial Beach, VA —

Chairman AJ Erskine announced today the Potomac River Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting on **Friday, December 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the John T. Parran Hearing Room of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission (The Carpenter Building), 222 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach, Virginia. Chairman Erskine invites all interested persons to attend this open public meeting.

Items on the agenda include: reports on the crab and oyster harvest, and the annual oyster survey. The Commission will adopt Orders to establish the 2017 recreational and commercial striped bass seasons, gear and size limits as well as most other finfish species and update the quota for the commercial Menhaden fishery. There will be an update on the ASMFC annual meeting.

Other items on the agenda include, but are not limited to: updates on the Oyster Management Reserve Program, the Rotational Natural Oyster Harvest Program, Jones Shore Area #1 harvest, the Hook & Line Striped Bass Tag Exchange Program, recreational sport license sales, commercial catfish landings, NRG Energy Funding and a performance update for the commercial Striped Bass fishery. Summaries from the Oyster Strategic Planning Panel and the Oyster/Clam Advisory Committee will be presented. There will be a presentation on Mallows Bay. The nominating committee will be appointed as well as the announcement of advisory committee vacancies. There will also be a delinquent seafood catch report hearing.

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