

MINUTES
SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING

June 30, 2022
4:30 to 5:30 pm

Commission Room
380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96
Fort Monroe, Virginia

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Members Present

J. C. Hudgins
Dan Dise via WebEx
Ernest George
Charles Johnson
Don Porter

Members Present

Tommy Kellum
Jackie Shannon via WebEx
Beverly Ludford
Cody Metcalf via WebEx
Peyton Mason

VMRC/VIMS/VDH Staff

Andrew Button
Ben Stagg
Jamie Hogge
Andy Shin
Melissa Southworth, VIMS via WebEx
Roger Mann, VIMS via WebEx
Adam Wood, VDH/DSS

J. C. Hudgins, Acting Chairman, opened the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Associate Member Tommy Kellum made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Associate Member Beverly Ludford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on the 2022 Oyster Restoration and Replenishment Plan (ORP)

Andrew Button, Deputy Chief, Shellfish Management Division, provided an update and status on the 2022 Oyster Replenishment and Replenishment projects that were completed with a PowerPoint presentation. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

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2021-2022 oyster harvest season review

Mr. Button, Deputy Chief, Shellfish Management Division, provided a detailed update on the results of 2021-2022 oyster harvest season that included the results of post-harvest data with a PowerPoint presentation. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Preliminary Discussion on 2022-2023 public harvest season

Mr. Button, Deputy Chief, Shellfish Management Division, provided the SMAC members with a blank 2022-2023 Public Oyster Harvest sheet for members to fill out and provide their recommendations for the upcoming public oyster harvest season. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Many members felt that 2021-2022 Public Oyster Harvest Season worked out well because it opened up a wide-range of open harvest areas at different times which did not put pressure on one specific area.

Many members preferred a longer season than an increase in bushel limit to take pressure off of the private ground. Their comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Public Comment

Mr. Jason Graham, spoke about not able to get PT license due to not being able to obtain an Oyster User Fee All Gear license. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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