

VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
MENHADEN MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

380 FENWICK ROAD, BUILDING 96
FORT MONROE, HAMPTON, VA

VMRC COMMISSION ROOM

Tuesday, November 9, 2021
4:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE AGENDA

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| I. | MMAC Welcome and Introductions – R. Latour | 4:00 PM |
| II. | Approval of the March 2021 meeting minutes | 4:05 PM |
| III. | New Business | |
| | A) Virginia Fisheries Independent Surveys – R. Latour | 4:10 PM |
| | B) Progress on Addendum 1 to Amendment 3 – S. Madsen | 4:40 PM |
| | C) An Update on Omega Protein's Fishing Activities – M. Diehl | 5:00 PM |
| | D) Issues for Committee Consideration – S. Atkinson | 5:25 PM |
| | a. Proposed reduction fishery spill catch accounting | |
| | b. Proposed restriction on purse seine fishing – 1 mile from shore | |
| IV. | Other Business | 5:50 PM |
| V. | Adjourn | 6:00 PM |

MMAC MEETING OVERVIEW

New Business

- A) Presentation and discussion of Virginia fishery independent surveys that encounter menhaden and their utility as well as limitations in the stock assessment and associated indices.
- B) Discussion of the Atlantic menhaden Plan Development team’s progress on Addendum 1 to Amendment 3 of the fishery management plan and the potential impacts to Virginia’s fisheries. This Addendum explores new options for state-by-state allocation, the incidental catch and small scale fishery program, and the episodic events set aside program.
- C) Discussion of Omega Protein’s fishing activities and responses to “fish spills”.
- D) Discussion of Atlantic menhaden “fish spills” and proposed associated catch accounting as well as discussion of a proposed restriction on purse seine fishing within 1-mile of shore in the Chesapeake Bay.