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## COMMISSION ACTIONS September 29, 2020

**\*\* APPROVAL OF AGENDA. THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.** [[audio](#)]

**1. MINUTES** of previous meeting. **THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.** [[audio](#)]

**2. PERMITS** (Projects over \$500,000.00 with no objections and with staff recommendation for approval). **ITEM 2A WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.** [[audio](#)]

**3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. NONE** [[audio](#)]

**4. CLOSED MEETING FOR CONSULTATION WITH, OR BRIEFING BY, COUNSEL. NONE** [[audio](#)]

**5. PRESENTATION** Dr. Bob Orth and Dr. Chris Patrick, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Annual review of the status of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation. [[audio](#)]

**6. PRESENTATION** Presentation on Virginia's spend plan to distribute CARES Act Fisheries Disaster Relief funding. This spend plan was reviewed and officially approved by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. [\[audio\]](#)

**7. GRAND BAY PROPERTIES, LLC, #20-0808** Commission review of the Accomack County Wetlands Board's August 27, 2020, decision to approve the filling of 20 square feet of vegetated wetlands and 2,397 square feet of non-vegetated wetlands as part of a bulkhead replacement project along Chincoteague Bay on three (3) lots (756, 757 and 758) in the Captain's Cove subdivision. **THE COMMISSION VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO REVERSE THE WETLANDS BOARD DECISION AND DENY THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST TO FILL 20 SQUARE FEET OF VEGETATED WETLANDS AND 2,397 SQUARE FEET OF NON-VEGETATED WETLANDS.** [\[audio\]](#)

**8. ROBERT HETZELL, #20-1160** Commission review of the Accomack County Wetlands Board's August 27, 2020, decision to approve the filling of 250 square feet of non-vegetated wetlands as part of a bulkhead replacement project along Chincoteague Bay on Lot 765 in the Captain's Cove subdivision. **THE COMMISSION VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO REVERSE THE WETLANDS BOARD DECISION AND DENY THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST TO FILL 250 SQUARE FEET OF NON-VEGETATED WETLANDS.** [\[audio\]](#)

**9. GIBB HOWELL, #20-0864** Requests authorization to construct a second open-sided boathouse measuring 17-foot wide by 41-foot long at property situated along the Mattaponi River in King William County. The project is protested by both adjacent property owners. **THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY A VOTE OF 7 TO 1. ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER EVERETT VOTED NAY.** [\[audio\]](#)

**10. WILLIAM McDOWELL, #20-0015** Requests authorization to construct a 560 square foot open-sided boathouse and a 140 square foot pier shelter at his property (355 Osprey Point Lane) situated along the Rappahannock River in Essex County. The project is protested by an adjacent property owner. **THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 1. ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER EVERETT VOTED NAY.** [\[audio\]](#)

**11. BETTINA ESSERT, #20-0462** Requests authorization to construct approximately 614 linear feet of concrete mat and stone sill with 620 cubic yards of sand fill with native wetland plantings and a 14-foot by 80-foot concrete boat ramp adjacent to property (832 St. Lawrence Drive) along the Indian River in the City of Chesapeake. This project requires a tidal wetlands permit and a subaqueous permit. **THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY A VOTE OF 7 TO 1. ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FRANCE VOTED NAY.** [\[audio\]](#)

**12. VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, #20-1131** Requests authorization to replace five (5) transmission line support structures located in tidal wetlands, construct a temporary crossing over 400 linear feet of Hodges Creek, and replace a single 115 kV aerial transmission line over approximately 211 linear feet of Hodges Creek in the City of Chesapeake. This project requires a tidal wetlands permit and a subaqueous permit. **THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.** [\[audio\]](#)

**13. OLD DOMINION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, #20-1246** Requests authorization to place temporary timber mats over 5,000 square feet of non-vegetated wetlands and 30,400 square feet of vegetated wetlands to perform maintenance work and replace insulators on transmission lines along Chincoteague Road in Accomack County. A wetlands permit is required for use of a State-owned marsh. **THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.** [\[audio\]](#)

**14. JEFFREY and MONICA SCHENEMANN, Oyster Planting Ground Application #2018-022** Request authorization to lease approximately ten (10) acres of oyster planting ground in Wrights Cove, a tributary of the Coan River, in Northumberland County. The project is protested by numerous adjacent and nearby highland property owners. **THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED PER STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 1. ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER TANKARD VOTED NAY.** [\[audio\]](#)

**15. PUBLIC COMMENTS** There were no public comments. [\[audio\]](#)

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**A. HUNTINGTON INGALLS INC-NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING, #20-1058** Requests authorization to construct approximately 297 linear feet of fender system and three hydraulic gangways along the south side of Pier 5 at Huntington Ingalls-Newport News Shipbuilding along the James River in the City of Newport News. **THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

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