

MINUTES

Commission Meeting

January 23, 2018

The meeting of the Marine Resources Commission was held at the Marine Resources Commission main office at 2600 Washington Avenue, Newport News, Virginia with the following present:

John Bull	Commissioner
Chad Ballard	
Christina Everett	
Wayne France	
Heather Lusk	Associate Members
James Minor	
Ken Neill, III	
John Tankard	
Kelci Block	Assistant Attorney General
Matthew Hull	Policy Manager
Jamie Hogge	Recording Secretary
Erik Barth	Bs. Systems Manager
Dave Lego	Bs. Systems Specialist
Robert O'Reilly	Chief, Fisheries Mgmt.
Joe Cimino	Deputy Chief, Fisheries Mgmt.
Andrew Button	Head, Conservation/Replenishment
Stephanie Iverson	Fisheries Mgmt. Manager, Sr.
Jill Ramsey	Fisheries Mgmt. Specialist
Ryan Jiorle	Fisheries Mgmt. Specialist
Alex Aspinwall	Fisheries Mgmt. Specialist
Adam Kenyon	Fisheries Mgmt. Specialist
Alicia Nelson	Coordinator, RFAB/CFAB
Lewis Gillingham	Director, SWFT
Sydney Alhale	Fisheries Mgmt. Specialist
Sara Blachman	Fisheries Mgmt. Specialist
Anna-Mia Christmas	Fisheries Mgmt. Specialist

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Others present:

Daniel Taylor	Jake Woolwine	Bobby Reynolds
Kristie Viney	Joel Viney	Hali Hubbard
Marcus Zebrowski	David Butterworth	Bert Bombrant
Lynda Majors	Robert Jones	Katlin Edwards
Marc Grass	Paul A. Rubin	Jacob Hikman
Tina Smusz	Bob Belchin	Jenny Naylard
Katie Gutlenplan	Cindy Shurling	Tom Bondurant
Zach Hanson	Alishe Saunders	George Sancier
Donald W. Jones	Yvette Jones	Melissa Magnovn
Roberta Bondurant	Jimmy Jeuet	Rick Weeks
Mike Ridbul	Katherine Wilkin	John Clorh
John D’Orazo	Paul Nester	Zachary Jarjoura
Shawn Day	Brian Oma	Monica Brent
Ella Crown	Jay Ornus	Miles Morin
Anthony Creed	Wilson Turner	Vanessa Bolin
Nan Gray	Keith Nuttall	Jon Lucy
Jermiah Carr	Wes Blow	Rebecca Braley
Michael Rolband		
And others.		

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Commissioner Bull called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 a.m..

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At the request of Commissioner Bull, Associate Member Tankard said the invocation and John Bull, Commissioner, led the pledge.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Bull asked if there were any changes from the Board members or staff.

Tony Watkinson, Chief, Habitat Management, requested Item 5 be removed from the agenda by the request of the applicant.

Associate Member Tankard moved to approve the agenda, with recommendation to amend Item 5. Associate Member France seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0. Chair voted yes. Associate Member Minor was absent during vote.

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MINUTES: Commissioner Bull asked if there were any changes or corrections to be made to the December 12, 2017 Commission meeting minutes. There were no changes.

Associate Member Tankard moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Associate Member Neill seconded the motion. Abstention by Associate Member Ballard. The motion carried, 5-0-1. Chair voted yes. Associate Member Minor was absent during vote.

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Commissioner Bull swore in the VMRC staff and VIMS staff that would be speaking or presenting testimony during the meeting.

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Commissioner Bull called Chip Neikirk, Deputy Chief, Habitat Management to the podium. Commissioner Bull announced that this was the last meeting for Chip Neikirk, after more than 30 years of service. Mr. Neikirk's retirement will be effective February 1, 2018. The Commissioner thanked him for his many years of valuable service to the Commission and Commonwealth.

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2. PERMITS (Projects over \$500,000 with no objections and with staff recommendation for approval.):

Tony Watkinson, Chief, Habitat Management, reviewed the three page two items, A, B and C, for the Board members. Mr. Watkinson's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Associate Member Tankard asked that the term 'frac-out' be clarified. Mr. Watkinson explained that when directional drilling is involved, they usually use a 'mud slurry'. As the drill is entered through the river bottom, this may force mud to bubble to the surface, which is known as a 'frac – out'. Mr. Watkinson stated there are contingency plans in place should this occur.

Paul Rubin, a Hydro-Geologist was sworn in. Mr. Rubin explained that from his evaluations of different pipelines, the returns coming up through fractures are sediments that are laced with fentonite bentonite that may coat the bottom of the streams, impacting organisms, which is a concern. Mr. Rubin stated that in order to avoid possible impact of the streams, he suggested detailed studies of sediment composition be completed and plans in place if problem occur.

Associated Member Ballard moved to approve the page two items as presented. Associate Member Neill seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0. Chair voted yes. Associate Member Minor was absent during vote.

2A. WESTROCK CP, LLC, #17-1698, requests authorization to install a fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) veneer system along the channelward face of 927 linear feet of existing steel sheetpile bulkheading and inject cementitious epoxy grout or foam between the two walls to facilitate repairs to the North Bulkhead at their facility situated along the Pamunkey River in the Town of West Point. Staff recommends approval with a royalty of \$355.00 for the encroachment of the veneer facing system over approximately 71 square feet of State-owned subaqueous bottom at a rate of \$5.00 per square foot.

Royalty Fees (encroach 71 sq. ft. @ \$5.00)	\$355.00
Permit Fee	\$100.00
Total Fees	\$455.00

2B. CITY OF NORFOLK, DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, #17-1833, requests authorization to install approximately 991 linear feet of 42-inch steel water main approximately 30 feet below the Nansemond River, using horizontal directional drilling methods, entering from uplands at the terminus of Sleepy Hollow Road and exiting in uplands near Godwin Boulevard in the City of Suffolk. Staff recommends approval with adherence to our standard erosion and sediment control measures and to the contingency/clean-up plan for potential frac-outs included in the permit application.

Permit	\$100.00
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2C. CITY OF NORFOLK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, #17-1832, requests authorization to install approximately 190 linear feet of 36-inch raw water main at least 30 feet below the substrate of Baines Creek, using horizontal directional drilling methods. The site will be accessed from Clifford Street to the west and Powhatan Avenue to the east in the City of Portsmouth. Staff recommends approval with adherence to our standard erosion and sediment control measures and to the contingency/clean-up plan for potential frac-outs included in the permit application.

Permit	\$100.00
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3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: There were no consent items to be heard

4. CLOSED MEETING FOR CONSULTATION WITH, OR BRIEFING BY, COUNSEL. No closed meeting was necessary.

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6. **MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE, LLC, #17-1609**, requests authorization to install a natural gas pipeline beneath the bed of 18 streams and/or rivers with drainage areas of greater than five (5) square miles, which are considered to be State-owned subaqueous bottomlands of the Commonwealth, along the designated pipeline corridor in Giles, Montgomery, Franklin, Roanoke and Pittsylvania Counties for the Mountain Valley Project (MVP). The pipeline is protested by numerous citizens along its route.

Commissioner Bull requested legal advice from Kelci Block, Assistant Attorney General to provide the legal perimeters for the project. Ms. Block provided the legal perimeters from a Certificate that was already issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Ms. Block's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Randy Owen, Environmental Engineer, Sr., gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides. Mr. Owen's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC, has requested authorization and received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to construct and operate certain interstate natural gas facilities in West Virginia and Virginia, known as the Mountain Valley Project (MVP). The project is designed to transport approximately two billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) of natural gas from production areas in the Appalachian Basin to markets in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern United States. As proposed, the project calls for the installation of a 42-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline project that is proposed to span approximately 304 miles from northwestern West Virginia, east to southcentral Virginia (Chatham, Virginia).

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission (Commission), as the custodian of Virginia's submerged lands, has the proprietary authority and responsibility to issue permits for activities that take place over, under, through and on all submerged lands throughout the Commonwealth. This authority is based on the Commonwealth's ownership of submerged lands and was clarified through an opinion by Gerald L. Baliles, then Attorney General, on May 3, 1982. This opinion stated, in part, that "(t)he Commission should assume that all streams above some administratively determined minimum size...." are subject to its jurisdiction. The Commission has defined the minimum size of non-tidal waterways as those perennial streams with a drainage area of five square miles or with a mean annual instream flow of five cubic feet per second.

Given these thresholds, VMRC will exert jurisdiction over 18 of the project's 383 stream crossings based on drainage areas currently identified in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) or the current application on file. These crossings will occur in Giles, Montgomery, Franklin, Roanoke and Pittsylvania Counties.

VMRC's jurisdictional authority over this project is limited, however. Proposed activities within the waterways identified in the FEIS with less than a five square mile drainage basin or in adjacent non-tidal wetlands or uplands do not require authorization from this agency. Further, the Commission's jurisdiction and permit authority over this project is limited to measures to minimize the impact of the construction of the project on existing natural resources. FERC's recent approval of the project and issuance of a certificate of convenience and public necessity prevents the Commission from denying the issuance of a permit to cross the submerged land within the right-of-way (ROW) approved by FERC, or to otherwise require the relocation or reconfiguration of the project.

Michael Rolband, applicant and representative of Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC, was sworn in and his comments are a part of the verbatim record. He spoke on behalf of the project. Mr. Valham provided a detailed explanation of the project with a Powerpoint presentation and answered various question from Associate Members during the discussion of the project.

Jake Woolwine was sworn and his comments are part of the verbatim record. Mr. Woolwine spoke in support of the project. Mr. Woolwine supports clean energy because Natural Gas contains less contaminants than coal and coal pollution kills coral reefs.

Miles Morin, Executive Director of the Virginia Petroleum Council, was sworn and his comments are part of the verbatim record. Mr. Morin spoke in support of the project. Mr. Morin stated the pipeline is needed for clean fuel and energy savings.

David Butterworth, Local 798 Training Center, was sworn and his comments are part of the verbatim record. Mr. Butterworth explained the quality of work, safety, training and environmental standards that are required of the welders. Mr. Butterworth assured the welders are highly skilled, trained, American workers.

Jenny Naylard was sworn and her comments are part of the verbatim record. Ms. Naylard spoke in support of the project. Ms. Naylard spoke of the impacts of coal, which contains toxic metals vs. natural gas, which is clean.

John D'Orazio, President & CEO of Roanoke Gas Company, was sworn and his comments are part of the verbatim record. Mr. D'Orazio spoke in support of the project and explained the rise in Natural Gas demand in the Roanoke Valley.

Paul Nester, Vice President of Roanoke Gas Company, was sworn and his comments are part of the verbatim record. Mr. Nester spoke in support of the project. He stated that the project was necessary for the region and requested approval of the project.

Gary Wilkerson was sworn and his comments are part of the verbatim record. Mr. Wilkerson spoke in support of the project. He explained transporting Natural Gas by diesel

trucks create a very large amount of omissions whereas transporting Natural Gas by way of a pipeline would eliminate the carbon omissions to expel into the atmosphere.

Haley Hubbert was sworn and her comments are part of the verbatim record. Ms. Hubbert spoke in favor of the project. She spoke in favor of clean energy and the effect that coal has on birds and waterfowl due to the toxic waste that coal produces.

Joel Viney was sworn and his comments are part of the verbatim record. Mr. Viney spoke in favor of the project and addressed the positive effects that Natural Gas has toward the environment.

Bobby Reynolds was sworn and his comments are part of the verbatim record. Mr. Reynolds spoke about the negative effects of coal pollution that contaminates streams, mountaintops, forest and wildlife.

Alicia Saunders was sworn and her comments are part of the verbatim record. Ms. Saunders spoke in favor of the project. She expressed her concerns about the acid run off from coal mining, which is also known as leaching. She also expressed her concerns about the diluted toxic metals that coal companies dump into the waterways, which has a negative effect on the ecosystem.

Zachary Hanson was sworn and his comments are part of the verbatim record. Mr. Hanson spoke in favor of the project. He expressed the negative impacts coal waste has on the environment. Mr. Hanson also expressed his view that Natural Gas is the least harmful fossil fuel that will have less impact on the environment.

Kristy Viney was sworn and her comments are part of the verbatim record. Ms. Viney spoke in support of the project and explained about the life span of a coal miner. She also expressed her opinion that it would be less expensive to rid coal than it would be to keep coal because it is very costly. Ms. Viney is in support of clean energy.

Staff has received more than 43 individual letters, emails or petitions expressing opposition to the project.

Certain of these letters focus their concerns over construction of the pipeline in karst areas typical to the mountainous areas of Virginia's Valley and Ridge Province in Giles, Craig, Montgomery and Roanoke Counties. Karst is defined as a landscape that is formed by the dissolving of bedrock.

The following individuals spoke in opposition of the project and were sworn. All comments are part of the verbatim record. Roberta Bondurant, Linda Majors, Vanessa Bolin, Zachary Zojouror, George Sancie, Mark Grass, Donald Jones, Kathy Chandler, Paul Rubin, Robert Jones, Jacob Hikman, Monica Brent, Tina Smusz, Yvette Jones, Nan Gray, Tom Bondurant, and others spoke.

Many of the protestants expressed their concern over the project's potential to adversely impact the state and federally listed threatened and endangered (T&E) aquatic species, and candidates for listing, known from this area. These species include the Roanoke logperch, Candy darter, Orangefin madtom, Spiny mussel and Green floater mussel. Deforestation and trenching associated with establishment of the pipeline ROW and construction, they fear, will lead to increased erosion and sedimentation of the streams which support these T&E species.

Collectively the protestants concerns seem to focus on three important areas: (1) geologic hazards/threats relating to construction of a high pressure natural gas pipeline in karst topography; (2) adverse impacts to State and Federally listed threatened and endangered aquatic species and/or the habitats that support these organisms; and (3) the use of eminent domain to take private lands for the benefit of private investors/entities.

MVP has committed to resource-specific mitigation plans filed with its FERC application and agreed to all of DGIF's recommendations for instream work time-of-year restrictions necessary to minimize impacts to State and Federally listed threatened or endangered freshwater mussel and fish species and trout during their respective spawning periods. MVP has additionally worked with DCR and FERC to address the concerns noted with construction of the pipeline in karst areas. Accordingly, in light of the aforementioned resource-specific mitigation plans filed with its FERC application, and after considering the concerns expressed by those in opposition, agency comments as well as all of the factors contained in §28.2-1205 of the Code of Virginia, staff recommends the permit required for this project include the following permit conditions:

- (1) With the exception of the Pigg River and Stony Creek, the instream construction activities shall be accomplished during low flow periods utilizing dam and pump, flume around or within cofferdams constructed of non-erodible materials in such a manner that no more than half the width of the waterway is obstructed at any point in time. All areas of State-owned bottom and adjacent lands disturbed by this activity shall be restored to their original contours and natural conditions within thirty (30) days from the date of completion of the authorized work. All excess materials shall be removed to an upland site and contained in such a manner to prevent its reentry into State waters;
- (2) Erosion and sediment control measures shall be in conformance with the 1992 Third Edition of the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook and shall be employed throughout construction;
- (3) If it is determined that blasting is necessary at any of the crossings, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries shall be notified a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the blasting;
- (4) The Department of Conservation and Recreation shall be contacted for any stream crossings where karst landscape features are encountered during installation for inspection, mitigation and documentation;

- (5) The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries shall be notified for any work in trout waters to avoid conflicts with trout stocking activities;
- (6) The Permittee agrees to conduct mollusk and fish surveys and relocation efforts in the 18 jurisdictional waterways, as recommended by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries in their comments dated January 8, 2018, unless specifically waived in writing. All surveys should be performed by a qualified, permitted biologist, no more than six months prior to the start of construction. Any relocations should be coordinated with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and no federally listed species should be relocated without first coordinating with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- (7) Permittee agrees to adhere to the instream work TOYR’s identified in Attachment H5, Table 1 of the Joint Permit Application as recommended by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to protect state and federally listed mussel and fish species, unless specifically waived in writing.
- (8) Permittee agrees to adhere to the Emergency Spill Plan (APPENDIX D-2 Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan and Unanticipated Discovery of Contamination Plan for Construction Activities in Virginia), as filed with FERC and recommended by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.
- (9) Permittee agrees to install the proposed pipeline beneath the Pigg River by the horizontal directional drill method, and Stony Creek by the conventional bore method, to minimize impacts to state and federally listed species. A “frac-out” contingency plan must be provided for the Pigg River crossing to address potential frac-outs or related spills associated with any directional drilling activities. If these crossings methodologies cannot be completed successfully due to unfavorable onsite conditions, both may be undertaken utilizing the open-cut dam and pump crossing methodology.

Lastly, staff recommends a one-time royalty assessment in the amount of \$1,935.00 for the encroachment of the proposed pipeline beneath 645 linear feet of State-owned subaqueous land at a rate of \$3.00 per linear foot.

Royalty Fees (encroach 645 linear feet @ \$3.00/linear foot)	\$1,935.00
Permit Fee	\$ 100.00
Total Fees	\$2,035.00

Associate Member Tankard made a motion to amend staff recommendation to add a 10th. condition, which would include a post – construction compliance inspection from VMRC staff. Associate Member Minor moved to accept and approve the modified staff recommendation to add a 10th. condition. Associate Member Neill seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-1. Chair voted yes. Associate Member Everett voted no.

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7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Staff was sworn in. Robert O’Reilly, Chief, Fisheries Mgmt., spoke on behalf of Jon Lucy, formally of VIMS and Keith Nuttall, retired Marine Police Officer, both very involved with speckled trout, had with concerns of the recent speckled trout fish kill due to the cold weather. Both Mr. Lucy and Mr. Nuttall were present earlier, but was unable to stay for the Public Comment. Mr. O’ Reilly’s comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Staff is requesting to hold a Finfish Management Advisory Meeting on February 12, 2018 to discuss speckled trout concerns. The February 12th. Finfish Management Advisory Meeting will provide ample time to assure that those with concerns have a chance to speak and conclusions can be reached prior to the February Commission Meeting.

Associate Member Neill recommended the review of other fish that have been affected by the cold weather during the Finfish Meeting.

Associate Member Neill made a motion to accept the staff recommendation. Associate Member Minor seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0. Chair voted yes.

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8. PUBLIC HEARING: Proposal to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-1120-10 et seq., “Pertaining to Tilefish and Grouper,” to increase the recreational possession limit for golden tilefish.

Joe Cimino, Deputy Chief, Fisheries Mgmt., presented the information provided in the staff’s evaluation for the Board members. Mr. Cimino’s comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Mr. Cimino recommended amending the possession limit from 7 golden tilefish to 8 which are clearly stated in the regulation 4VAC20-1120-30(A,B). The vessel limit will be clearly stated in 4VAC20-1120-30(C) of the regulation.

Commissioner Bull opened the public hearing to comments.

Wes Blow, recreational Fisherman, was sworn in. Mr. Blow requested that the species are looked at very carefully. Mr. Blow spoke about his concerns that the 8 fish limit could possibly damage the fishery, especially the charter boats. Mr. Blow recommended a fish limit of no more that 3 – 4 fish.

The public hearing was closed and the matter was before the board for discussion and action.

Associate Member Neill made a motion to accept the staff recommendation. Associate Member Minor seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0. Chair voted yes.

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9. DISCUSSION: Extension of the Public Oyster Harvest Season in Rappahannock River Rotation Area 6 and Rappahannock River Area 7.

Andrew Button, Head, Conservation/Replenishment, presented the information provided in the staff’s evaluation for the Board members. Mr. Button’s comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Staff recommends that areas scheduled to close January 31st. not be extended for more than five working days. Areas would include York River Area 1, Rappahannock Area’s 6 & 7, Great Wicomico Area 1 and Blackberry Hangs.

Associate Member Minor made a motion to extend the season for 7 days. Associate Member Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0. Chair voted yes.

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10. REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC HEARING: Proposal to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-960-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Tautog," to modify the recreational and commercial seasons and the recreational possession limit.

Sydney Alhale, Fisheries Mgmt. Specialist, presented the information provided in the staff’s evaluation for the Board members. Ms. Alhale’s comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Staff recommends amending Chapter 4VAC20-960-10 et seq., “Pertaining to Tautog,” to set the 2018 recreational season from January 1 through May 15 and July 1 through December 31 and increase the recreational possession limit to 4 fish per person. Staff also recommends setting the 2018 commercial season from January 1 through January 21, March 1 through May 15, and November 1 through December 31.

Associate Member Tankard made a motion to accept the staff recommendation. Associate Member France seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0. Chair voted yes.

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- 11. **REQUEST FOR A FEBUARY PUBLIC HEARING:** Proposed amendments to Chapter 4 VAC 20-950-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Black Sea Bass," to establish the commercial back sea bass fishery quota for 2018, and modify the bycatch trip limit.

Joe Cimino, Deputy Chief, Fisheries Mgmt., presented the information provided in the staff's evaluation for the Board members. Mr. Cimino's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Staff recommends the Commission advertise for a February public hearing to amend the 2018 Virginia directed commercial Black Sea Bass fishery quota to 664,000 pounds, and consider adjustments to the bycatch trip limit.

Associate Member Tankard made a motion to accept the staff recommendation. Associate Member Neill seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0. Chair voted yes.

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- 12. **REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:** Proposal to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-510-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Amberjack and Cobia," to adopt commercial and recreational fishing regulations consistent with the recently approved Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission management plan for cobia.

Ryan Jiorle, Fisheries Mgmt. Specialist, presented the information provided in the staff's evaluation for the Board members. Mr. Jiorle's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Staff recommends advertising for a February 2018 public hearing for proposed amendments to Chapter 4VAC20-510-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Amberjack and Cobia," to adopt commercial and recreational fishing regulations consistent with the recently approved Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission management plan for cobia. Staff also recommends a public hearing for proposed amendments to Chapter 4VAC20-995-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Commercial Hook-and-Line Fishing," to make the regulation consistent with the Code of Virginia.

Associate Member Neill made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to advertise for a public hearing, except that the public hearing be held in March 2018 instead of February 2018. Associate Member Minor seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0. Chair voted yes.

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- 13. **REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:** Proposal to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-910-10 et seq., “Pertaining to Scup (Porgy),” to set commercial scup landing period dates, establish the 2018 commercial summer period quota, and vessel trip limit.

Jill Ramsey, Fisheries Mgmt. Specialist, presented the information provided in the staff’s evaluation for the Board members. Ms. Ramsey’s comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Staff recommends advertising for a February Public Hearing to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-910-10 et seq., “Pertaining to Scup (Porgy),” to set commercial scup landing period dates, establish the 2018 commercial summer period quota, and vessel trip limit.

Associate Member Tankard made a motion to accept the staff recommendation. Associate Member Neill seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0. Chair voted yes.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

John M. R. Bull, Commissioner

Jamie Hogge, Recording Secretary