



Marine Resources Commission

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JUNE 2003 COMMISSION ACTIONS

The following are the agenda items from the Commission's regular June meeting yesterday at Commission headquarters. The Commission's action is in bold.

1. MINUTES of previous meeting. **The Commission voted, 8-0, to approve the minutes as prepared.**
2. PERMITS (Projects over \$50,000 with no objections and with staff recommendation for approval). **The Commission voted, 8-0, to approve the permits as recommended.**
- 3 Amendment of Security Zone Regulation in the area of the Surry Nuclear Power Plant to include the discharge canal. **The Commission voted, 8-0, to include a second security zone related to the Surry Nuclear Power Plant.**
4. REPEAT OFFENDER: **The Commission heard the case of one waterman and recommended a one-year probation for his three offenses in one-year period.**
5. EXECUTIVE SESSION. **The Commission voted, 8-0, to go into a return from an executive session to hear from legal counsel regarding a request from the City of Newport News for a "formal hearing" on its permit request related to the King William Reservoir project. The Commission also heard from its legal counsel regarding agenda item No. 17.**
6. MATHEWS COUNTY, #02-2188, requests authorization to install one (1) 280' armor stone breakwater located 100 feet channelward of mean low water, one (1) 100' armor stone breakwater located at mean low water and place up to 4,300 cubic yards of beach fill material as part of the restoration of Festival Beach at the end of Route 643 along the Chesapeake Bay in Mathews County. Both adjacent property owners protest the project. **The Commission voted, 8-0, to approve the permit with staff recommendations.**
7. ESTON COSBY, #02-1773, requests authorization to construct an 18-foot by 26-foot open-sided boathouse at the channelward end of a 130-foot long private pier and to construct a 30-foot long riprap groin and extend a second riprap groin 10 feet to a total length of 40 feet adjacent to his property situated along Mill Creek and the Rappahannock River in Middlesex County. The project is protested by an adjoining property owner. **The Commission voted, 8-0, to approve the permit with staff recommendations.**
8. BLUEWATER POINT HOMEOWNERS ASSOC., INC., #02-2333, requests after-the-fact authorization to retain two (2) uncovered boatlifts and three (3) finger piers and additional authorization to modify seven (7) other finger piers and install seven (7) additional uncovered boatlifts at an existing community pier within an unnamed cove off of Indian Creek in Lancaster County. **The Commission voted, 7-0, to approve the after-the-fact permit with staff recommendations.**
9. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, #03-0415, requests authorization to hydraulically place up to 90,000 cubic yards of dredged material, per dredge cycle, from the Burtons Bay Federal Navigation Channel in Accomack County on three previously used 23-acre sites in Burtons Bay involving State-owned wetlands and submerged lands. Wetlands and subaqueous permits are required. The Commission voted, 7-0, to approve the permit. **The Commission voted, 8-0, to approve the permit with staff recommendations.**

10. RAPPAHANNOCK PRESERVATION SOCIETY, #93-1526, requests a final extension of their permit to place suitably-sized concrete rubble material and pre-fabricated reef modules at two previously authorized oyster reefs, known as Christ Church Rock in Middlesex County and Steamer Rock in Lancaster County, in the lower Rappahannock River. Recommend approval with an expiration date of June 6, 2004, which extends the permit to the maximum ten-year period allowable. All terms and conditions of the previous permit, as extended and modified, remain in effect. **The Commission voted, 8-0, to approve the permit extension until June 6, 2004.**
11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **The Commission voted, 5-3, to deny the request of the City of Newport News to hold a “formal” hearing on its application for a permit regarding the King William Reservoir.**
12. Public Hearing: Request to establish Regulation 4 VAC 20-1070-10 Et Seq., to provide management requirements for the haul seine fishery, in response to HB2239 that modified the definition of a haul seine. **After the conclusion of a lengthy public hearing, the Commission decided to table any decision until its July 22nd meeting.**
13. Public Hearing: Requested amendment of Regulation 4VAC20-950-10 et seq., “Pertaining to Black Sea Bass”, to modify the directed fishery and by-catch fishery harvest quotas. **The Commission voted, 4-0, to approve the regulation per staff recommendation. (The Commissioner was present but not voting.)**
14. Public Hearing: Request to amend Regulation 4VAC20-910-10 et seq., “Pertaining to Scup”, to modify the summer period harvest quota. **The Commission voted, 4-0, to approve the regulation per staff recommendation. (The Commissioner was present but not voting.)**
15. Further Consideration of proposed amendments to Regulation 4VAC20-490-10 et seq. Pertaining to Sharks” to establish new rules for spiny dogfish. A Public Hearing was held in May 2003. **The Commission voted, 4-0, to approve the regulation per staff recommendation. (The Commissioner was present but not voting.)**
16. Request for Emergency amendment to Regulation 4 VAC20-752-10 Et Seq., to replace an inaccurate longitudinal coordinate associated with the Virginia Blue Crab Sanctuary boundary line. **The Commission voted, 4-0, with Associate Members Cowart and Williams abstaining, for the emergency regulation. A formal public hearing will be held at the Commission’s July 22nd meeting.**
17. Harry Doernte: Request for amendments to the black sea bass regulation. **The Commission heard the request and decided to forward the matter to the Finfish Management Advisory Committee for a report at the Commission’s July or August meeting.**
18. Recommendations of the Recreational Fishing Advisory Board. **The Commission voted, 6-0, to approve the Board’s recommendations.**

NEXT MEETING: July 22, 2003

