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Governor McDonnell Announces Additional Appointment to Administration

RICHMOND – Governor Bob McDonnell today announced an additional appointment to his administration under the Natural Resources secretariat, naming Jack G. Travelstead as commissioner of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. He was sworn in today.

Jack Travelstead has served with the Virginia Marine Resources Commission since March 1, 1981. He has been chief of the Fisheries Management Division since 1984, and deputy commissioner since 2006.

Travelstead was appointed acting commissioner by Governor McDonnell on March 22, 2012, when former Commissioner Steven G. Bowman retired from state service.

He earned a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Old Dominion University and a Master's of Arts in Marine Science at the College of William and Mary. He resides in Toano with his wife, Ellen. The Virginia Marine Resources Commission serves as stewards of the Commonwealth's marine and aquatic resources, and protectors of its tidal waters and homelands, for present and future generations. The agency manages saltwater fishing, both recreational and commercial, and works to create and maintain sustainable fisheries for the benefit of all anglers and the ecosystem. It also manages water bottoms in public trust for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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