

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board
Virginia Marine Resources Commission
Virtual Meeting, Monday, September 11, 2023
5:30 p.m. Board Working Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Voting Meeting**

The Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) will hold an electronic meeting to vote on applications for the 2023 funding cycle. The meeting will be held virtually at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2023. Instructions for participation can be found at <https://mrc.virginia.gov/calendar.shtm#gsc.tab=0>. Comments or questions can be e-mailed to: alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov. Additional information can be found at <http://mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfd/index.shtm>: The projects are listed below.

Agenda:

- I. Introduction, Announcements, Comments.
- II. Status of Fund.
- III. Review of Minutes from the July 10, 2023 RFAB Meeting.
- IV. Artificial Reef Update.
- V. Fishing event applications for 2023 events:
 - A) 0423-01 2024 Hope House & Oak Grove Nursing Home Fishing Excursions and Clinics. Butch Pierce; George Reich, Great Bridge Fisherman's Association. **\$2,450.**
 - B) 0423-02 2024 Virginia Beach Anglers Club/Seton Youth Shelter Children's Fishing Trip. Lou Corigliano, Virginia Beach Anglers Club. **\$2,500.**
 - C) 0422-03 2024 Norfolk Youth Head Boat Fishing Trip. James "Ike" Eisenhower, Norfolk Anglers Club. **\$1,700.**
 - D) 0423-04 2024 Kiwanis Club Children's Fishing Clinic and Kiwanis Fishing Clinic. Wesley Brown, Capital District Kiwanis Club. **\$11,000.**
 - E) 0422-05 2024 Saxis and Morley's Wharf Children's Fishing and Conservation Educational Outings. Steven Elliot, Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club. **\$2,420.**
 - F) 0423-06 2024 Knights of Columbus Annual Kids Fishing Day. Jim McCaddin, Knights of Columbus. **\$7,500.**
- VI. Research and Access Projects:
 - G) 0423-07 Virginia Game Fish Tagging 2024. S. Musick (VIMS), L. Gillingham (VMRC). **\$90,908.**

- H) 0423-08 *Estimating Relative Abundance of Young-of-Year American Eel in the Virginia Tributaries of Chesapeake Bay. M. Fabrizio, T. Tuckey, VIMS. \$31,558. **(\$15,779 from VSRFDF, and \$15,779 from MFIF).**
- I) 0423-09 *Federal Assistance (Sportfish Restoration) Matching Funds, Federal FY 2024. P. Geer. \$148,809 **(119,047 from VSRFDF, 29,762 from MFIF).**
- J) 0423-10 Virginia Marine Sportfish Collection Project, Year 17. Ethan Simpson, Virginia Marine Resources Commission. **\$18,000.**
- K) 0423-11 Artificial Reef Program Anglers Support. M. Avery, Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association. **\$78,420.**
- L) 0423-12 Mathews Land Conservancy Public Access Fishing Enhancement and Program Development. B. La Casse, Mathews Land Conservancy. **\$17,850.**

VII. Next meeting(s):

Special meeting: Will be called virtually in October or November

2024 cycle: Applications for the 2024 cycle will be due by Monday, April 15, 2024.

Projects marked * are split funded

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