

DRAFT MINUTES

Recreational Fishing Advisory Board Meeting

November 5, 2007

Members Present

George Hudgins - Chairman
Edward Rhodes - Vice-chairman
Carlisle Bannister
John Barr

Carolyn Brown
Jim Deibler
Jesse "Jimmie" Duell
Charles Randolph

Members Not Present

Charles Southall

The RFAB Work Session was held from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. These minutes are from the Final Meeting of this project cycle.

At 7:13 p.m., Chairman Hudgins called the meeting to order.

Ms. Jane McCroskey informed everyone that the revenue available for projects is estimated as \$1,446,858 as of December 31, 2007. This estimate includes Governor Kaine's proposed budget reduction of \$416,366, as well as \$120,000 for the cost of recreational saltwater license sales by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF).

Mr. Hudgins asked for a review of the draft September 10, 2007 RFAB meeting minutes. Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Deibler seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to accept the draft minutes as final.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to vote on Items A, B, and, G together and was seconded by Mr. Randolph. The vote passed 8-0.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the funding for Items A, B, and, G and was seconded by Mr. Barr. The vote passed 8-0.

Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.

- A) 2008 Children's Fishing Clinic (Year 11). Rob Cowling, Newport News Rotary Club and Coastal Conservation Association-Peninsula. **\$6,000**. The vote to approve passed 8-0. See motion details above Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.
- B) 2008 Kiwanis Club Children's Fishing Clinic (Year 7). Wesley Brown, Capital District Kiwanis Club. **\$6,000**. The vote to approve passed 8-0. See motion details above Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.
- C) 2008 Virginia Game Fish Tagging (Year 14). Jon Lucy, VIMS and Lewis Gillingham, VMRC. ~~\$73,093~~ **Amended to \$76,718**. Mr. Randolph made a motion to approve the funding and was seconded by Ms. Brown. The vote passed 8-0.

- D) Federal Assistance (Wallop-Breaux) Matching Funds FY 2008. Jack Travelstead, VMRC. **\$283,512**. Mr. Randolph made a motion to approve the funding and was seconded by Mr. Deibler. The vote passed 8-0.
- E) Sheepshead Population Dynamics in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia (Year 3). H. Liao, J. Ballenger, C. Jones, ODURF. **\$67,206**. Mr. Barr made a motion to approve the funding and was seconded by Mr. Duell. The vote passed 7-1. Mr. Bannister asked Mr. Ballenger about the sample size. Mr. Ballenger believes they will reach the goal of 500 fish by the end of the 3-year study.
- F) Wishart's Point Landing. Stewart Hall, County of Accomack. **\$275,000**. (RF# 03-05: \$25,000 Engineering Study). Mr. Deibler made a motion to table this item and was seconded by Mr. Bannister. Mr. Rhodes made a substitute motion to deny the funding and was seconded by Mr. Randolph. Mr. Randolph added the condition that the County of Accomack is welcome to submit a proposal at a later date, if the Army Corps of Engineers ever decides to dredge the area. Mr. Rhodes accepted this additional condition to his motion and the vote passed 8-0.

New Projects.

- G) 2008 Youth Developmental "Hooked on Fishing" Adventure (Year 1). A. Fisher, R. Lockhart, Virginia Charter Boat Association. **\$6,780**. The vote to approve passed 8-0. See motion details above Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.
- H) Saxis Fishing Pier Expansion. Charles Tull, Mayor, Town of Saxis. **\$173,151**. Mr. Deibler made a motion to approve the funding and was seconded by Mr. Barr. The vote passed 8-0. The Board reviewed the Facility Grant Provision Checklist with Mayor Tull. Mayor Tull agreed to all the applicable terms on the checklist. (Funding is contingent on the Town/County securing all the applicable permits for this project.)
- I) Pilot Study: Application of pop-up satellite archival tags (PSATs) to assess postrelease survival, habitat utilization and short term movement of striped bass in Virginia's winter recreational fishery. J. Graves, R. Latour, A. Horodysky, VIMS. **\$71,371**. Mr. Duell made a motion to approve the funding and was not seconded, so the motion failed. Mr. Deibler made a motion to deny the funding and was seconded by Mr. Bannister. The vote passed 8-0.
- J) Improving stock assessment of weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*). Dr. Yan Jiao, Dr. Don Orth, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University and Rob O'Reilly, VMRC. **\$87,194**. Mr. Deibler made a motion to approve the funding and was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The vote passed 8-0.
- K) Reef Monitoring Equipment Support for VMRC's Fisheries Management Division. M. Meier, J. Grist, VMRC. ~~\$42,964~~ **Amended to \$72,964**. Mr. Randolph made a motion to approve the funding and was seconded by Ms. Brown. The vote passed 8-0.

- L) Adult Red Drum Population Structure Study. Joe Grist, VMRC. **\$20,390**. Mr. Randolph made a motion to approve the funding and was seconded by Mr. Duell. The vote passed 8-0.

The First Cycle 2008 RFAB meetings are scheduled for January 14, March 10, and May 12. Proposal applications for this cycle are due Monday, December 17, 2007 by 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Hudgins adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Note: Audio files of the meeting are available at <http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfd/index.shtm>
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