

VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

VIRGINIA SALTWATER FISHING TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

**380 FENWICK ROAD, BUILDING 96
FORT MONROE, HAMPTON, VA 23651**

VMRC COMMISSION BOARD ROOM

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

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Annual Meeting of Saltwater Tournament Committee Set

The annual meeting of the Tournament Committee of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament will be held Monday, November 18th at 380 Fenwick Road, Building 96, Fort Monroe, VA, 6 PM, in the Virginia Marine Resources Commission's Board Room. The meeting is scheduled to start at 6 PM and the public is encouraged to attend.

The meeting will begin with a public comment period to provide anglers an opportunity to address the Committee with their suggestions and concerns relating to the operation and policies of the Tournament's program. Following the public comment period, the Committee will proceed with its formal meeting. The main agenda items include a review of the 2019 Citation data with a comparison to prior years, an update of State Record fish for 2019, review any Citation/State Record appeals for 2019, a discussion of criteria for determining when a fish is deemed not eligible for a Citation or State Record due to mutilation and consider whether Tripletail should be added to the list of eligible species.

The Tournament Committee meets at least annually to review and set minimum qualifying weights and lengths for species eligible in the State's popular recognition program. Additionally the Committee can consider changes to the Tournament's rules regarding Citations and State Records at this time.

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