

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEETING

August 26, 2025

The meeting of the Marine Resources Commission was held at the Marine Resources Commission main office at 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia with the following present:

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| Jamie L. Green | Commissioner |
| Lynn Kellum | |
| A.J. Erskine | Associate Members |
| William Bransom | |
| Jeremy Headley | |
| Jeanette Edwards | |
| Thomas Preston | |
| Preston White | |
| Kelci Block | Assistant Attorney General
Via phone |
| Joseph Grist | Deputy Commissioner |
| Randy Owen | Chief, Habitat Management |
| Adam Kenyon | Chief, Shellfish Management |

Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS):

Lyle Varnell

Others present:

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| Carrie Miller | Lance Shores | Shanna Madsen |
| David O'Brien | Jordan Krevonick | Lucian Gregory |
| Mike Shackelford | Brody Feuerhahn | Robert Resh |
| and others. | | |

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA. – Commissioner Jamie Green asked if there were any changes from the Board members or staff.

Associate Member Bransom moved to approve the agenda as presented. Associate Member Headley seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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MINUTES: Commissioner Green asked if there were any changes or corrections to be made to the July 22, 2025, Commission Meeting minutes.

Associate Member Erskine moved to approve the minutes as presented. Associate Member Bransom seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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Commissioner Green swore in the VMRC staff and VIMS staff that would be speaking or presenting testimony during the meeting.

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- 2. PERMITS** (Projects over \$1,000,000.00 with no objections and with staff recommendation for approval).

Randy Owen, Chief, Habitat Management, reviewed the Page 2 items 2A through 2 D for the Associate Members. Mr. Owen’s comments are a part of the verbatim record.

- 2A. EASTERN FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION, #25-1492,** requests authorization to install 65 linear feet of riprap revetment as part of the repair of Mount Vernon Trail Bridge #26 in the City of Alexandria. This project requires a VMRC Wetlands permit.
- 2B. VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, #23-1116,** requests authorization to replace an electrical line under a 6,132 linear-foot section of the Nansemond River via horizontal directional drilling and embedment plow near the intersection of Bennetts Creek Landing and Bridge Road in the City of Suffolk. The electrical line will be installed a minimum of six (6) feet below the

river bottom. Recommend approval with an encroachment royalty of \$18,396.00 for the crossing under 6,132 linear feet of state-owned submerged bottom at a rate of \$3.00 per linear-foot. This project requires a VMRC Subaqueous permit

- 2C. **JONATHON WILSON, #25-1485**, requests authorization to construct an 83-foot long rock revetment channelward of a failing bulkhead along the Pamunkey River shoreline at 340 West Euclid Boulevard in King William County. The project requires a VMRC Wetlands permit.

- 2D. **NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY, #25-0615**, requests authorization to mechanically dredge a maximum of 170,000 cubic yards of state-owned submerged land to achieve a maximum depth of -57 feet below mean low water and to maintenance dredge up to 50,000 cubic yards of material per cycle on an as-needed basis, at Pier 6 berths at the Norfolk Southern Railway Company facility located on Norfolk Southern Drive, situated along the Elizabeth River in Norfolk. The dredged material will be transferred by barge to CIDMMA/CIRB or Shirley Plantation or offloaded on-site into sealed trucks and hauled to the Recycled Properties LLC facility in Chesapeake. Staff recommends approval with our standard dredge conditions, including a royalty of \$102,000.00 for the dredging of 170,000 cubic yards of submerged material at a rate of \$0.60/cubic yard, and a time-of year restriction from July 1 to September 30 of any year for the protection of nearby shellfish resources. This project requires a VMRC Subaqueous permit.

No one spoke in support or opposition of the projects.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Bransom moved to approve Page 2 items 2A through 2D as presented. Associate Member Erskine seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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- 3. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no Consent Agenda Items presented.

Randy Owen, Chief, Habitat Management, reviewed the Page 3 item for the Associate

Members. Mr. Owen's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

- 3A. LARRY SHORES JR., #25-0687,** requests after-the-fact authorization to retain seven (7) 4-foot by 8-foot crab shedding trays attached to an existing pier, and to utilize the pier for both private and commercial purposes, adjacent to tax parcel 20B-65, situated along Urbanna Creek in Middlesex County.

The applicant agreed to pay fees that are associated with the approval of the project.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Bransom moved to approve Page 3 item as presented. Associate Member Headley seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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- 4. CLOSED MEETING FOR CONSULTATION WITH, OR BRIEFING BY, COUNSEL. – No meeting needed**

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- 5. ROBERT J. RESH, #25-1077,** requests authorization to construct a 45-foot by 19-foot open-sided canvas boathouse roof structure adjacent to an existing private pier serving 945 Bobolink Drive, situated along a cove tributary to Linkhorn Bay in Virginia Beach. This project is protested by an adjacent property owner.

Randy Owen, Chief, Habitat Management, gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides. for the Associate Members. Mr. Owen's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Jason Barney, agent for the applicant, was sworn in and spoke. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Ryan Fanelli, was sworn in and spoke in opposition of the application. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Brody Feuerhahn, representative of Feuerhahn Building Corporation, was sworn in and spoke. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Bransom moved to approve the project as presented. Associate Member Headley seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-0-1. Associate Member White abstained.

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6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Shackelford: Mr. Michael Shackelford, commercial waterman, requested that the Commission reinstate his crab pot license which was placed on the waiting list in 2008. The Commission did not take any action.

Associate Member Bransom made a motion to refer the request back to CMAC for review with clarity for reinstatement and transferability. Associate Member Headley seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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Deputy Commissioner Grist introduced the newest employee, John Dearstine, who will be taking over the role of Mandatory Reporting and Licensing Department. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

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7. DISCUSSION: resolution pertaining to Virginia Waterway Maintenance Grant Program and Fund.

Deputy Commissioner Grist explained the background of the Virginia Waterway Maintenance Grant Program and Fund. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Edwards moved to adopt the resolution as presented by staff on projects previously funded Virginia Waterway Maintenance Fund grants approved prior to July 1, 2025. Associate Member Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next Commission meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, September 23, 2025.

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Jamie L. Green, Commissioner

Jamie Hogge, Recording Secretary