

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEETING

December 2, 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:

- Jamie L. Green Commissioner
- Patrick Hand
- Lynn Kellum
- A.J. Erskine Associate Members
- William Bransom
- Jeanette Edwards
- Thomas Preston
- Preston White
- Kelci Block Assistant Attorney General
Via phone
- Randy Owen Chief, Habitat Management
- Adam Kenyon Chief, Shellfish Management

Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS):

Lyle Varnell

Others present:

- Ron Martin
- Ben Stagg
- Kim Huskey
- Dirk Sanford
- Brandon Martin
- Barbara Zener
- Jordan Krevonick
- Andy Garby
- Corey Schultz
- John Waechter
- David O'Brien
- 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 Edwards 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 October 28, 2025, Commission Meeting minutes.

Associate Member Erskine moved to approve the minutes as presented. Associate Member Bransom seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-0-1. Associate Member Edwards abstained.

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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 G for the Associate Members. Mr. Owen’s comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Mr. Owen requested that Item 2A be heard separately from the other 2B – 2G items. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Associate Member Erskine moved to approve the request to separate item 2A as requested. Associate Member Bransom seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

2A. BRON PROPERTIES, LLC, VMRC #2025-2343, requests authorization to construct 200 linear feet of timber bulkheading, a maximum of one (1) foot channelward of mean high water and landward of existing tidal vegetated wetlands, located at 570 and 274 Marshfield Road, situated along Piscataway Creek in Essex County. This project requires a VMRC Wetlands permit.

Associate Member Preston moved to approve the project as presented predicated on the modified drawing. Associate Member Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

- 2B. ANN EUBANK, VMRC #2025-2250**, requests authorization to install 70 linear feet of riprap revetment at 131 Coopers Point Lane, situated along the Rappahannock River in Essex County. This project requires a VMRC Wetlands permit.
- 2C. UPPER BRANDON TIDAL MITIGATION BANK, LLC, VMRC #2025-1892**, requests authorization to mechanically dredge 1,098 square feet of nonvegetated wetlands and 23 cubic yards of state-owned submerged lands, on an as-needed basis, to create a connecting channel from the James River to the proposed tidal wetlands mitigation bank site at 1802 Upper Brandon Road in Prince George County. Dredged spoils will be utilized in the existing upland as part of the site construction. Staff recommends approval with a royalty of \$18.40 for the dredging of 23 cubic yards of state-owned submerged lands at a rate of \$0.80 per cubic yard. This project requires both a VMRC Wetlands and Subaqueous permit.
- 2D. HUNTINGTON INGALLS- NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING, VMRC #2025-1671**, requests authorization to construct a 25-foot by 425-foot platform extension to Pier 3 at the Newport News Shipbuilding facility, adjacent to 4101 Washington Avenue, situated along the James River in Newport News. This project requires a VMRC Subaqueous permit.
- 2E. CITY OF NORFOLK, VMRC #2025-1479**, requests authorization to place approximately 6,500 cubic yards of sand nourishment along 1,050 linear feet of shoreline between 13th View Street and 11th View Street behind Toler Place and approximately 43,000 cubic yards along 4,550 linear feet of shoreline from Sarah Constant Beach Park to Ocean View Beach Park, situated along the Chesapeake Bay in the City of Norfolk. Sand will be sourced from an upland location and truck-hauled to the nourishment sites. This project requires a VMRC Subaqueous permit.
- 2F. CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VMRC #2025-1823**, requests authorization to annually maintenance dredge by mechanical or hydraulic means approximately 27,000 cubic yards of state-owned submerged bottomlands within the existing Crab Creek municipal channel to a maximum depth of minus nine (-9) feet mean

low water adjacent to the Lynnhaven Beach and Boat Ramp Facility in Virginia Beach. Dredged spoils will be offloaded at the existing facility or transferred by barge to the Maple Street dredge material management area and utilized for city beach nourishment and marsh enhancement projects. Hydraulically dredged material will be placed directly onto Ocean Park Beach. Staff recommends approval with the standard dredge permit conditions, a dredge work time-of-year restriction from March 1 - September 30 of any year to protect juvenile summer flounder, and Commission notification (including coordinates) should the relocation of temporary floating channel markers be required due to depth constraints. This project requires a VMRC Subaqueous permit.

- 2G. VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, VMRC #2025-2016,** requests authorization to install stormwater management pond outfall pipes and structures, in four (4) locations impacting both tidal-fresh wetlands and state-owned submerged lands of the James River, as part of the Chesterfield Power Station Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Closure by Removal Project, in Chesterfield County. No changes are proposed for this project, which was previously permitted under #2020-2348. That previous permit expired prior to project completion. This project requires both a VMRC Wetlands and Subaqueous permit.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

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

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

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

- 5. **COREY SCHULTZ, VMRC #2025-0539**, requests authorization to construct a 5-foot wide by 144.5-foot long private non-riparian pier, including a 37-foot by 45-foot dual-slip, open-sided boathouse/gazebo, 5-foot wide finger piers, and associated mooring piles to specifically serve 659 Villa Road - constructed on and adjacent to Tax Map Parcel 3B-2-1A in the Town of Claremont, situated along the James River in Surry County. The 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. Mr. Owen's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Corey Schultz, applicant, was sworn in and spoke. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Barbara Zener, protestant, was sworn in and spoke. Her comments are a part of the verbatim record.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

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

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6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brandon Martin (7500)

Mr. Martin requested his Oyster User Fee All Gear license be reinstated. He did not purchase his Oyster User Fee All Gear in 2024. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Associate Member Bransom moved to approve the request to reinstate his Oyster User Fee All Gear so as long as he pay the previous year. Associate Member Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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- 7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 4VAC20-1390, "Pertaining to Shrimp," to expand the number of limited entry shrimp trawl licenses.

Adam Kenyon, Chief, Shellfish Management, gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides. Mr. Kenyon's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Dirk Sanford, a member of the public, was sworn in and spoke. He is requesting to obtain a permit as he was denied before the Commission in a previous attempt. His comments are a part of verbatim record.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Edwards moved to adopt the regulatory changes to expand the number of licenses from 19 to 26 as presented. Associate Member Erskine seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-1. Associate Member Bransom voted no.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. The next Commission meeting will be a combined November/December meeting that will be held on **Tuesday**, January 27, 2026.

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Jamie L. Green, Commissioner

Jamie Hogge, Recording Secretary