

DRAFT MEETING AGENDA

Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board Meeting

Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Monday, September 8, 2025

Virtual Meeting 3:00 p.m.

The Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) will hold a virtual meeting on applications for the 2025 funding cycle at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2025, via Microsoft Teams. 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.

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Tentative Agenda

- I. Introduction, Announcements, Comments.
- II. Status of Fund.
- III. Review of Minutes of the July 2025 RFAB Meeting.
- IV. Artificial Reef Update
- V. Fishing event applications:
 - A) Item A was recommended for approval at the May RFAB meeting
 - B) Item B was recommended for approval at the May RFAB meeting
 - C) Item C was recommended for approval at the May RFAB meeting
 - D) Item D was recommended for approval at the May RFAB meeting
 - E) 0425-05 2026 Sunshine Program. Steve York, Norfolk Angler's Club. **\$10,500.**
 - F) Item F was recommended for approval at the May RFAB meeting
 - G) 0425-07 Virginia Rod and Reef Slam. Sarah Cayton, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc. **\$23,550.**

VI. Other Projects:

- H) 0425-08 MLC Public Access Waterfront Enhancement and Community Saltwater Learn to Fish Program (SL2F). Bernadette La Casse, Mathews Land Conservancy. **\$34,140.**
- I) 0425-09 Virginia Game Fish Tagging 2025. S. Musick (VIMS), M. Hargis (VMRC). **\$93,228.**
- J) 0425-10 M Year 2: Use of Pop-Up Satellite Archival Transmitting Tags (PSATS) to evaluate air exposure and handling effects on the survival of red drum (*Scianops ocellastus*) released during Virginia's late summer recreational fishery. Hamish Small, William & Mary's Batten School of Coastal & Marine Sciences & VIMS. **\$87,051.**
- K) 0425-11 Marine Sportfish Collection Project 2025. Ethan Simpson, VMRC. **\$18,000.**
- L) 0425-12 *Federal Assistance (Sportfish Restoration) Matching Funds, Federal FY 2026. P. Geer. \$204,822 (**\$153,616 from VSRFDF**, \$51,206 from MFIF).
- M) 0425-13 Seagrass Habitat Restoration and Monitoring. Christopher J. Patrick, VIMS. **\$99,038.**

VII. Adjourn.

Projects marked * are split funded

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