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Potomac River Fisheries Commission Meeting

Colonial Beach, VA — Chairman Dennis Fleming announced today that the Potomac River Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting on **Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.** in the John T. Parran Hearing Room of The Carpenter Building, 222 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach, Virginia. Chairman Fleming invites all interested persons to attend this open public meeting.

Items on the agenda include but are not limited to: a crab harvest report, reports from PRFC's Oyster Strategic Planning Panel, Oyster/Clam and Crab Advisory Committees, a report from the Oyster Management Reserve Program meeting and consideration of designating Sheepshead as part of the OMR Program, an update on the Rotational Natural Oyster Harvest Program to include a discussion on the future of Cedar Point Oyster Bar, a presentation of the American Eel YOY survey by Dr. Troy Tuckey of VIMS, a presentation on Cownose Rays by Bob Fisher of VIMS, and updates on the status of the Potomac River Atlantic menhaden harvest. The Commission will discuss river wide female crab harvest restrictions for management year 2017-2018.

Other items on the agenda include: a summary of the August ASMFC meeting, adopting the 2017-2018 gill net season dates, the 2017-2018 oyster season dates, days and time limits (including Jones Shore) and riverwide daily bushel limits for oysters. The Commission will consider items for a future public hearing.

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