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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, June 1, 2017 at 9:00 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: crab and oyster harvest reports; reports from the Crab Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Oyster Strategic Planning Panel (OSPP); updates on the Oyster Management Reserve Program (OMR), the Rotational Natural Oyster Harvest Program (RNOHP); and presentations on the winter crab dredge survey results, Striped bass acoustic telemetry, and lower Potomac River benthic community data. A discussion will take place about possible management responses for the 2017-2018 crab management cycle.

Other items on the agenda include, but are not limited to adopting an Order to close Gum Bar as part of the RNOHP; adopting an Order to continue with the current commercial Atlantic Menhaden catch limits and restrictions; updating Orders for recreational and commercial seasons, size and creel limits for Black Sea Bass; considering Regulations for an upcoming public hearing, and adopting the FY 2017-2018 budget. ASMFC compliance reports were presented prior to the Commission meeting via e-mail and are available to the public upon request.

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