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Potomac River Fisheries Commission Meeting

Colonial Beach, VA —

Chairman Wayne France announced today the Potomac River Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting on **Friday, March 5, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.** via GoToWebinar (webinar information below). Chairman France invites all interested persons to attend this open public meeting.

The advertised public hearing will include the following: to amend Regulation 1, Sec. 4 - addition new outline designations and adding Section 4(a)(iv) in order to review license status in foreign jurisdictions, and accordingly restrict Commission license if restricted, revoked, or suspended elsewhere; to amend Reg. I, Sec. 2(d)(5)- eliminate the inactive crab pot status and requiring all crabbers to pay for their CP ID tags/decals at renewal or pay the administrative fee for CP tags/decals ordered after the renewal period ends; to amend Reg. I, Sec. 2(g) - enhance the oyster buy boat license language; to adopt Reg. III, Sec. 13(g) - establish a new regulation allowing a commercial hook and line transfer to a gill net; to amend Reg. III, Sec. 13(d) – add language for a transfer from a commercial gill net to a hook and line license and establish a transfer fee; to amend Reg. III, Sec. 11(b) - revise the method of fish measurement; to amend Reg. III, Sec. 10(b) - require an audit fee on any person for a striped bass tag audit; to amend Reg. VIII, Sec. 1 - add new language for the dissolution of program; and, to amend Reg. I, Secs. 2(l)(1), 2(m)(1), and 2(m)(2) adjust issuing a fish trot line, fish pot, eel pot, or bait pot license to a natural person instead of a boat. The full text of the proposal can be found at www.prfc.us or by requesting a copy by email at contactprfc@gmail.com.

Items on the agenda include: reports on the 2020 crab, fish, and oyster harvest; a summary of the August ASMFC meeting; summary reports from the BCAC, FFAC, and the OCAC meetings; an update and presentation on the ACCSP proposal; modifications to the membership and procedures for advisory committees; 2021 oyster plantings; and biological reference points.

PRFC does not discriminate against individuals with disabilities. This meeting will be held virtually via GoToWebinar. If you would like to participate during the meeting, you **MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE** for the Meeting of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission – March 5, 2021 at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8120091695395640588>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Registering will allow you to view any slides that are presented, as well as ask questions during public comment, or as called upon by the Chairman. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Please keep this confirmation email as it will allow you to easily join the meeting on March 5, 2021.

AUDIO ONLY: You can also dial in using your phone. Using this format, you will not be able to participate verbally during the meeting or view any of the presentations.

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