

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS
of the
POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION
March 9, 2023**

Pursuant to the Potomac River Compact of 1958, as duly enacted into law by the General Assemblies of the States of Maryland and Virginia and duly ratified by the Congress of the United States of America, the Potomac River Fisheries Commission hereby proposes to amend and/or adopt regulations as follows, so as:

1. Amend **Reg. I, Sec. 5(d)(8)** Reduction of License Fees – amend language from "a single boat or vessel used by the licensee..." to "a natural person using a license to..."
2. Amend **Reg. I, Sec. 2(u)** Charter Boat Captain – amend language to include "Whenever a vessel is used to carry fee paying passengers, they must fly the pennant that was issued with their Charter Boat Captains license".
3. Repeal **Reg. VI, Sec. 5(d)** Recreational Striped Bass Permit – Repeal
4. Repeal **Reg. VI, Sec. 5(e)** - Barbless Hooks Required – Repeal
5. Amend **Reg. I, Sec. 2(g)(1)** – Oyster Buyer Registration Fee – remove the words "registration" and amend to "license". Enables Reg. I, Sec. 2 – Commercial License Registration and oyster buyers would pay the CLR fee.
6. Amend **Reg. II, Sec. 2(a) (4)** Closed Areas for Hand Scraping / Hand Tonging- move line to Swan Pt across to Bluff Pt.
7. Amend **Reg. I, Sec. 2(d)(5)** CP ID Tags/Decals Fee and Replacement – to set fee by order
8. Amend **Reg. VI, Sec. 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 4(d), and 4(e)** (Sport Crabbing) – to limit free sport crabbing to only private landowners and change the existing sport crabbing boat license to a sport crabbing individual license
9. Amend **Reg. VII, Sec. 2(a)(1)** - Size limits – allow minimum size to be set by order
10. Adopt **Reg. VIII, Sec. 4(f)** - Establishing an OMR Administrative Fee
11. So as to propose new commercial license fees under **Reg. I, Sec. 2** – License Fees as follows: PN - \$200, GN - \$75, HS - \$200, FN - \$75, FTL - \$75, FP - \$100, EP - \$150, BP - \$100, HL - \$100, CBC - \$100, Crab Dip Nets & Trot Lines - \$100, PT - \$50, CP-300 - \$200, CP-400 – \$300, CP-500 – \$400, Oyster Tonger - \$150, "OT" Tags for boat - \$50, P.A. Hand Tongs - \$100, HSV - \$300, HS Ind. - \$225, Registered Oyster Buyer - \$75 and Clam Dredge - \$375.

**NOTICE OF HEARING
March 9, 2023**

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that a public hearing will be held by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission on adoption of the foregoing proposed regulations or amendments to the regulations of the Commission on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the John Thomas Parran Hearing Room of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission Building, 222 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach, Virginia. The precise text of the proposed amendments is available at the Commission office or by calling (804) 224-7148 or visiting our website – www.prfc.us.