



MARYLAND - VIRGINIA
"Potomac River Compact of 1958"

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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

Clerk of the Circuit Court
City of Alexandria
520 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: PRFC Proposed Regulations – Legal Notice and Posting Thereof

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, Maryland-Virginia Compact of 1958 ((Laws of Virginia, Section 28.2-1001)), which provides for posting proposed regulations of this Commission, please find enclosed a copy of proposed amendments to the Regulation of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission scheduled for public hearing as noted on the attached Notice of Hearing.

Please post this notice in a conspicuous place at or in your office. Will you also acknowledge receipt of the proposed regulations and hearing notice and the date of so doing.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Martin L. Gary
Executive Secretary

MLG:cf

Proposed Regulations Received:

Date: _____

Proposed Regulations and Notice Posted:

Place: _____

By: _____

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS
of the
POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION
March 5, 2021

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. 4** – Revocation Reciprocity – to amend Regulation 1, Sec. 4 by adding new outline designations and adding Section 4(a)(iv) in order to review license status in foreign jurisdictions, including Maryland and Virginia, of applicants for or holders of a license with the Potomac River Fisheries Commission and accordingly restrict Commission license if restricted, revoked, or suspended elsewhere.
2. Amend **Reg. I, Sec. 2(d)(5)** – Crab Pot ID Tags/Decals Fee and Replacement – to eliminate the “inactive” crab pot status and require all crabbers to pay for their CP ID Tags/Decals during renewal; an administrative fee will be required for CP ID Decals ordered after January 31.
3. Amend **Reg. I, Sec. 2(g)** – Oyster Buyer’s License– to increase the license fee and to expand details of the oyster buy boat license language.
4. Adopt **Reg. III, Sec. 13(g)** – Individual Striped Bass Allocation Transfer from Commercial Hook and Line to Gill Net -to establish a new regulation to allow a commercial hook and line license to transfer to a gill net license.
5. Amend **Reg. III, Sec. 13(d)** – Individual Striped Bass Allocation Transfer from Gill Net to Commercial Hook and Line – to amend the language and establish a transfer fee.
6. Amend **Reg. III, Sec. 11(b)** – Method of Measurement – to revise the method of fish measurement.
7. Amend **Reg. III, Sec. 10(b)** – Striped Bass Tagging – to require an audit fee on any person for a striped bass tag audit.
8. Amend **Reg. VIII, Sec. 1** – Oyster Management Reserve Program – to amend with new language for the dissolution of the OMR program.
9. Amend **Reg. I, Secs. 2(l)(1)** – Fish Trot Line, **2(m)(1)** – License Required, and **2(m)(2)** – License Fees – to adjust issuing the Fish Trot Line, Fish Pot, Eel Pot, and Bait Pot licenses to a natural person instead of a boat.

NOTICE OF HEARING
March 5, 2021

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 Friday, March 5, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. This meeting will be held virtually via GoToWebinar. If you would like to participate during the meeting, you **MUST** register **IN ADVANCE** at:

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

AUDIO ONLY: Using this format, you will not be able to participate verbally during the meeting. Phone Number: (631) 992-3221; Access Code: 449-471-936.