



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Marine Resources Commission
380 Fenwick Road
Building 96
Fort Monroe, VA 23651

Travis A. Voyles
Secretary of Natural and Historic
Resources

Jamie L. Green
Commissioner

July 31, 2024

PERSONAL SERVICE

Dean Rhea



Dear Mr. Rhea:

Pursuant to Section 28.2-528 of the Code of Virginia, you are hereby notified that a hearing will be held regarding your oyster convictions during the monthly Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 9:30 AM, or as soon thereafter. At the hearing, the Commission staff will assert or question the matters of fact or law set forth in the documents provided on the link located at <https://www.mrc.virginia.gov/calendar.shtm> to determine the length of time for the revocation of your Commission-issued licenses and fishing privileges in the Commonwealth's tidal waters. The documents for the August meeting will be available online Friday, August 23, 2024. Please bring all licenses issued to you to the meeting and please be present by 9:30 AM. The hearing will be held during the monthly Commission meeting at 380 Fenwick Road, Building 96, Fort Monroe, VA 23651. The Commission may revoke your licenses and privileges to fish in tidal waters for a period of up to five years.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact me at my office at (757) 247-2206 any time during business hours.

Sincerely,

Herbert Bell
Lt. Col. of Law Enforcement

HB/mlg

Hand delivered to Dean Rhea
MRC ID:

by MPO H. Rhea on 7-31-24
Date

Dean Rhea

Commission Meeting

**19245
August 27, 2024**

Rebecca Francese	George Mapp	Mark Hiltke
Bill Pruitt	Ronald Owens	Melissa Southworth
Roger Mann	Darryl Hurley	Gavin Sayers
Lee Diehl	J. C. Hudgins	Ed Davis
Dave Pryor	Anthony Hogge	Rich Calvert
Jackie Shannon	Julie Hedrick	Kim Huskey
Tony Edwards	Matt Hull	and others.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA. – Commissioner Jamie Green asked if there were any changes from the Board members or staff.

Associate Member Headley moved to approve the agenda presented. Associate Member Bransom seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0.

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MINUTES: Commissioner Green asked if there were any changes or corrections to be made to the July 23, 2024, Commission Meeting minutes.

Associate Member Erskine moved to approve the minutes as presented. Associate Member Bransom seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0-1. Associate Member White abstained.

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Commissioner Green swore in the VMRC staff and VIMS staff that would be speaking or presenting testimony during the meeting.

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Commissioner Green explained that Senator DeSteph was unable to attend the meeting, but he entered a proclamation during the last senate session, and he asked that we execute it on his behalf.

Ronald Owens, on behalf of Senator DeSteph, presented Senate Joint Resolution Number 210, to William A, Pruitt, former Commissioner of Virginia Marine Resources

Associate Member Bransom moved to approve the Page 3 item as presented. Associate Member Hand seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0.

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4. CLOSED MEETING FOR CONSULTATION WITH, OR BRIEFING BY, COUNSEL. – No meeting needed

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13. LICENSE STATUS REVIEW

Adam Kenyon, Chief, Shellfish Mgmt., gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff’s evaluation for the three (3) License Status Review individuals, with PowerPoint slides. Mr. Kenyon’s comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Anthony Hogge

Anthony Hogge was present and sworn in. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Mr. Hogge stated that it was a small area, and he is guilty as he could be.

Associate Member Bransom made a motion to revoke all licenses and privileges for 5 years from the date of conviction. Associate Member Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0.

Raymond Jenkins Jr.

Raymond Jenkins Jr. was present and sworn in. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Col. Matt Rogers, Chief of Law Enforcement, presented more background of the violations.

Associate Member Bransom made a substitute motion to revoke all licenses and privileges for 2 years from the date of conviction followed by 3-year probation.

Associate Member Edwards seconded the motion. The motion failed, 3-5. Associate Members Hand, Kellum, Erskine, Bransom and White voted no.

Associate Member Bransom made a motion to revoke all licenses and privileges for 3 years from the date of conviction followed by 2-year probation. Associate Member Erskine seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-2. Associate Members Hand and White voted no.

Dean Rhea

Dean Rhea was not present, and this was presented to the Commission in his absence.

Associate Member Bransom made a motion to revoke all licenses and privileges for 3 years from the date of conviction followed by 2-year probation. Associate Member Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-2. Associate Members Hand and White voted no.

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6. **PUBLIC HEARING** Proposal to amend Chapter 4VAC20-720-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Restrictions on Oyster Harvest" to establish the 2024-2025 areas of public harvest, public oyster harvest seasons, and oyster resource conservation measures.

Adam Kenyon, Chief, Shellfish Mgmt., gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides. Mr. Kenyon's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Roger Mann, VIMS representative, was sworn in and spoke in support of the proposed public oyster harvest seasons. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

J. C. Hudgins was sworn in and spoke in support of the proposed public oyster harvest seasons. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Jackie Shannon was sworn in and spoke in support of the proposed public oyster harvest seasons. Her comments are a part of the verbatim record.

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEETING

August 27, 2024

The meeting of the Marine Resources Commission was held at the Marine Resources Commission main office at 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia with the following present:

Jamie L. Green	Commissioner
Patrick Hand	
Lynn Kellum	
A.J. Erskine	
William Bransom	
Jeremy Headley	Associate Members
Jeanette Edwards	
Thomas Preston	
Preston White	
Kelci Block	Assistant Attorney General Via phone
Jamie Hogge	Recording Secretary
Rachael Peabody	Director of Environmental Policy
Gerald Pitt	1 st . Sgt., Marine Police
Pat Geer	Chief, Fisheries Management
Randy Owen	Chief, Habitat Management
Adam Kenyon	Chief, Shellfish Management

Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS):

Lyle Varnell	Alex Sabo
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Others present:

Bob Simon	Tommy Kellum	Andrew Larkin
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