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# VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

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2001 Special Session I

## Budget Bill - HB3 (Introduced)

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Marine Resources Commission

Item 426	First Year - FY2001	Second Year - FY2002
<b>Marine Life Management (50500)</b>	<b>\$11,530,603</b>	<b><del>\$11,320,417</del> \$11,526,272</b>
Marine Life Information Services (50501)	\$683,592	\$683,592
Marine Life Regulation Enforcement (50503)	\$4,959,500	\$4,973,711
Marine Resources Surveying and Mapping (50505)	\$404,137	\$404,137
Artificial Reef Construction (50506)	\$149,316	\$149,316
Chesapeake Bay Fisheries Management (50507)	\$2,998,991	\$2,994,594
Oyster Propagation and Habitat Improvement (50508)	\$2,335,067	<del>\$2,115,067</del> \$2,320,922
Fund Sources:		
General	\$7,185,577	<del>\$7,119,788</del> \$7,325,643
Special	\$2,423,024	\$2,278,627
Commonwealth Transportation	\$266,245	\$266,245
Federal Trust	\$1,655,757	\$1,655,757

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Authority: Title 18.2, Chapters 1 and 5; Title 19.2, Chapters 1, 5 and 7; Title 28.2, Chapters 1 through 10; Title 29.1, Chapter 7; Title 32.1, Chapter 6; Title 33.1, Chapter 1; and Title 62.1, Chapters 18 and 20, Code of Virginia.

A. The appropriation includes annual membership dues to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, \$25,322 the first year and \$26,588 the second year from the general fund.

B. This appropriation includes annual membership dues to the Potomac River Fisheries Commission, \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the second year from the general fund.

C. Out of the amounts for Marine Life Regulation Enforcement shall be paid into the Marine Patrols Fund, \$116,929 the first year and \$116,929 the second year, pursuant to § 28.2-108, Code of Virginia. For this purpose, cash shall be transferred from the Commonwealth Transportation Fund.

D. Pursuant to § 58.1-2146, Code of Virginia, \$149,316 the first year and \$149,316 the second year shall be transferred to Artificial Reef Construction from the Commonwealth Transportation Fund from unrefunded motor fuel taxes for boats.

E. Any unexpended general fund balances designated by the agency for oyster remediation activities remaining in the Marine Life Management Program on June 30, 2001, and June 30, 2002, shall be reappropriated.

F. The amounts for Oyster Propagation and Habitat Improvement include \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year from the general fund for the Commission to develop a matching fund grant program for private industry efforts to restore oyster reefs in areas close to the Commission's reef-building efforts.

G. The Commission shall deposit proceeds from the sale of oyster shells, oyster seeds, and other subaqueous materials pursuant to § 28.2-550, Code of Virginia, to the Public Oyster Rock Replenishment Fund established by § 28.2-542, Code of Virginia. The proceeds from such sale shall be used for the same purposes specified in § 28.2-542 .

*H. Included in this appropriation is funding and two general fund positions for the Commission to establish a crab pot tagging program to assist in the enforcement of regulations regarding harvesting of blue crabs.*