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# VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

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2005 Session

## Budget Bill - HB1500 (Chapter 951)

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Marine Resources Commission

| Item 399   | First Year - FY2005 | Second Year - FY2006                            |
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| <b>Marine Life Management (50500)</b>              | <b>\$12,051,099</b> | <b><del>\$12,051,099</del><br/>\$13,566,099</b> |
| Marine Life Information Services (50501)           | \$705,867           | \$705,867                                       |
| Marine Life Regulation Enforcement (50503)         | \$5,949,383         | <del>\$5,949,383</del><br>\$6,424,383           |
| Artificial Reef Construction (50506)               | \$158,034           | \$158,034                                       |
| Chesapeake Bay Fisheries Management (50507)        | \$3,644,115         | <del>\$3,644,115</del><br>\$3,684,115           |
| Oyster Propagation and Habitat Improvement (50508) | \$1,593,700         | <del>\$1,593,700</del><br>\$2,593,700           |
| Fund Sources:                                      |                     |   |
| General  | \$6,131,803         | <del>\$6,131,803</del><br>\$7,646,803           |
| Special  | \$3,998,718         | \$3,998,718                                     |
| Commonwealth Transportation                        | \$277,578           | \$277,578                                       |
| Dedicated Special Revenue                          | \$60,000            | \$60,000  |
| Federal Trust                                      | \$1,583,000         | \$1,583,000                                     |

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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, \$32,000 the first year and \$34,000 the second year from the general fund.

B. This appropriation includes annual membership dues to the Potomac River Fisheries Commission, \$155,000 the first year and \$155,000 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, \$119,544 the first year and \$119,544 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 § 58.1-2289 D, Code of Virginia, \$158,034 the first year and \$158,034 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, 2005, and June 30, 2006, shall be reappropriated and reallocated to the Marine Resources Commission for expenditure.

F. 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 .

G. Out of the amounts for Oyster Propagation and Habitat Improvement is designated \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year for Virginia's share of an Army Corps of Engineers environmental impact study on the introduction of non-native oyster species.

*H. Out of the amounts appropriated for Chesapeake Bay Fisheries Management, \$40,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for transfer to the Virginia Institute of Marine Science for continued research and control of the Veined Rapa Whelk, an invasive species of snail that readily consumes commercially valuable shellfish such as hard clams and oysters.*