
VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

2024 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB6001 (Chapter 2)

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Marine Resources Commission

Item 373	First Year - FY2025	Second Year - FY2026
Marine Life Management (50500)	\$33,016,720	\$26,266,720
Marine Life Information Services (50501)	\$1,469,113	\$1,469,113
Marine Life Regulation Enforcement (50503)	\$11,221,366	\$11,221,366
Artificial Reef Construction (50506)	\$73,079	\$73,079
Chesapeake Bay Fisheries Management (50507)	\$10,113,996	\$6,363,996
Oyster Propagation and Habitat Improvement (50508)	\$3,500,000	\$500,000
Shellfish Management (50509)	\$6,639,166	\$6,639,166
Fund Sources:		
General	\$18,121,481	\$14,371,481
Special	\$7,318,507	\$7,318,507
Commonwealth Transportation	\$363,743	\$363,743
Trust and Agency	\$3,000,000	\$0
Dedicated Special Revenue	\$858,396	\$858,396
Federal Trust	\$3,354,593	\$3,354,593

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 33.2, Chapter 1; and Title 62.1, Chapters 18 and 20, Code of Virginia.

A. Out of this appropriation, \$54,611 the first year and \$54,611 the second year from the general fund is provided for annual membership dues to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

B. Out of this appropriation, \$148,750 the first year and \$148,750 the second year from the general fund is provided for annual membership dues to the Potomac River Fisheries Commission.

C. Out of the amounts for Marine Life Regulation Enforcement shall be paid into the Marine Patrols Fund, \$169,248 the first year and \$169,248 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, \$144,520 the first year and \$144,520 the second year shall be transferred to Marine Life Regulation Enforcement from the Commonwealth Transportation Fund from unrefunded motor fuel taxes for boats and paid into the Marine Patrols Fund.

E.1. Out of this appropriation, \$4,000,000 the first year and \$4,000,000 the second year from the general fund, and \$3,000,000 the first year from nongeneral funds is provided to support oyster replenishment and oyster restoration activities. From these amounts \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to provide support for oyster restoration.

2. Any unexpended general fund balances designated by the agency for oyster remediation activities remaining in this Item on June 30, 2025, and on June 30, 2026 shall be reappropriated and reallocated to the Marine Resources Commission for expenditure.

3. Out of the amounts provided to support oyster replenishment and oyster restoration activities, the Commission may expend up to \$200,000 from the general fund the first year to support the Potomac River Fisheries Commission implementation of an oyster revitalization project in the Potomac River. The funding is contingent on an equal amount of support being provided for the project by the state of Maryland. If the matching funds are not provided, the Commission may use the funding for other oyster replenishment projects.

F. Out of this appropriation, \$3,750,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the non-federal share of costs of an Army Corps of Engineers environmental restoration project at Money Point in the Elizabeth River in the City of Chesapeake. Any remaining balance at year-end shall be carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year.