



Virginia Marine Resources Commission

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Newport News, Virginia 23607

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Virginia Marine Resources Commission

- State Agency with 159.5 Employees
- Headquartered in Newport News, Virginia
- Established in 1875
- Mission: “We are stewards of Virginia’s marine and aquatic resources, and protectors of its tidal waters and homelands, for present and future generations.”



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- Regulates our important commercial fishing and shellfish industry, a \$1.2 billion economic dynamo that employs more than 20,000 Virginians and is growing through new oyster and clam farming operations.
- Sets the seasons and catch limits for our roughly 750,000 saltwater anglers, and runs the highly popular Saltwater Fishing Tournament that recognizes extraordinary catches.



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- Enforces our fishing and boating laws through a fully-certified Marine Police force that also conducts search and rescue as well as homeland security operations.
- Protects our environmentally sensitive tidal wetlands and manages 1.5 million acres of submerged lands statewide, as well as an ever-increasing number of docks, piers, bulkheads, boathouses and marinas.
- Operates with a small staff that enjoys 10 years of completely problem-free audits.



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MARINE FISHERIES
 21,792 jobs created
 \$108,250,000 commercial landings.

MARINE HABITAT
 5,000 miles tidal shoreland.
 1,472,000 acres bottomlands.

MARINE POLICE
 Patrol tidal waters, shorelines.
 Enforce fishery, habitat, health laws.
 Enforce navigation, boating, waterway laws.
 Provide search & rescue, waterborne safety.
 Terrorist acts on waterways/installations (7-02)

RESPONSIBILITIES



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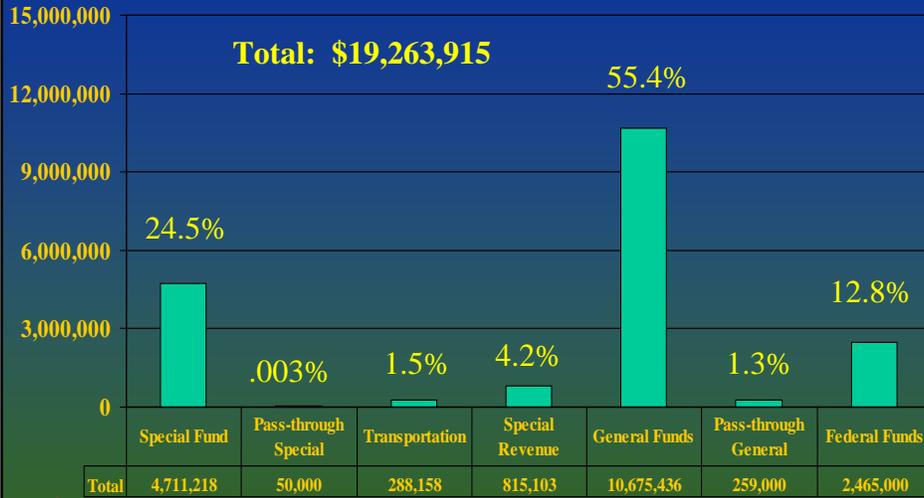
	Positions
Commissioner's Office	3
Fisheries	32
Habitat Permitting	18
Habitat Surveying/Leasing/Mapping	7
Law Enforcement	85.5
Human Resources/Payroll	2
Information Technology	3
Accounting/Licensing	5
Grants	1
Administration	3
TOTAL	159.5



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EXPLANATION OF AGENCY FUNDING SOURCES

- **SPECIAL FUNDS:** CONSIST OF MONIES COLLECTED FROM THE SALES OF RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES
- **PASS THROUGH SPECIAL FUNDS :** \$50,000 GIVEN ANNUALLY TO VIMS, AS MANDATED BY THE APPROPRIATION ACT, FOR USE IN THEIR MARICULTURE AND MARINE ADVISORY SERVICES PROGRAM
- **TRANSPORTATION FUNDS:** MONIES FROM UNREFUNDED MONIES FROM GASOLINE USED IN BOATS – FUNDS AGENCY ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM AND PART OF AGENCY MARINE DISPATCH CENTER
- **DEDICATED SPECIAL REVENUE:** MONIES COLLECTED IN THE WATERWAYS IMPROVEMENT FUND, FROM HABITAT PERMIT FEES, ROYALTIES, DREDGING FEES, CIVIL CHARGES, ETC.
- **GENERAL FUNDS:** MONIES APPROPRIATED TO THE AGENCY BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- **PASS THROUGH GENERAL FUNDS:** YEARLY PAYMENTS TO INTERSTATE COMPACT ORGANIZATIONS – ASMFC AND PRFC, AND \$40,000 PASS-THRU TO VIMS FOR RAPA WHELK STUDY
- **FEDERAL FUNDS :** FEDERAL GRANTS FOR WALLOP-BREAUX, COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT, NOAA JOINT ENFORCEMENT, FISHERIES STATISTICS, FISHERIES/ASMFC LAW ENFORCEMENT OF FISHERIES LAWS, REPLENISHMENT, ETC.



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