

Chapter 26. Aquaculture Advisory Board.

§ 3.2-2600. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Aquaculture" means the propagation, rearing, enhancement, and harvest of aquatic organisms in controlled or selected environments, conducted in marine, estuarine, brackish, or fresh water.

"Aquaculture facility" means any land, structure, or other appurtenance that is used for aquaculture, including any laboratory, hatchery, pond, raceway, pen, cage, incubator, or other equipment used in aquaculture.

"Aquatic organism" means any species or hybrid of aquatic animal or plant, including fish, shellfish, marine fish, and marine organisms as those terms are defined by § 28.2-100.

1992, c. 643, § 3.1-73.6; 2008, c. 860.

§ 3.2-2601. Powers and duties of Commissioner.

The Commissioner shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To provide information and assistance in obtaining permits relating to aquacultural activities;
2. To promote aquaculture including encouraging investment in aquaculture facilities to expand production, processing capacity, and marketing;
3. To work with appropriate state and federal agencies to review, develop, and implement policies and procedures to facilitate aquacultural development;
4. To consult with and assist aquaculture industry groups, aquaculture associations, and academic institutions to develop, maintain, and expand the aquaculture industry; and
5. To develop, support, and implement policies beneficial to Virginia aquaculture.

1992, c. 643, § 3.1-73.7; 2001, c. 320; 2008, c. 860.

§ 3.2-2602. Aquaculture Advisory Board; composition and appointment of members.

A. The Aquaculture Advisory Board is established as an advisory board in the executive branch of state government. The Aquaculture Advisory Board shall advise the Commissioner on policy matters related to aquaculture.

B. The Governor shall appoint the Aquaculture Advisory Board, which shall be composed of seven members who are representative of the interests of the aquaculture industry.

The Board shall meet at the call of the Commissioner.

1992, c. 643, § 3.1-73.8; 2008, c. 860.

§ 3.2-2603. Aquaculture Advisory Board membership terms; compensation.

A. The terms for appointments to the Aquaculture Advisory Board shall be for three years. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made to fill unexpired terms.

B. Members of the Aquaculture Advisory Board shall receive no compensation for their services

but shall receive reimbursement for actual expenses.

1992, c. 643, § 3.1-73.8; 2008, c. [860](#).