



Press Release

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Senator Stuart Appointed to Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

MONTROSS, VA - Governor Bob McDonnell announced today that he has appointed State Senator Richard H. Stuart to serve as the Virginia legislator on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. The commission is comprised of members from each of the fifteen Atlantic Coast states, and also Pennsylvania, in order to manage the shared coastal fishery resources. The commission's five main policy arenas are interstate fisheries management, research and statistics, habitat conservation, sport fish restoration, and law enforcement.

Stuart said, "I appreciate Governor McDonnell appointing me to this commission. I am indeed honored and very excited about the opportunity to serve on the commission. This appointment will help me to better serve my constituents." Stuart's background includes a great deal of experience as a waterman as a young boy growing up in the Northern Neck. Later on in life, he has participated in almost every recreational fishery there is along the east coast and the Atlantic Ocean.

Minority Leader, Thomas K. Norment, Jr., commented that "Richard was appointed to this position because of his unique qualifications. He has worked in the commercial fishing industry and is an avid recreational fisherman. In his legislative career, Richard has demonstrated a passion for fisheries management. He is an ideal member for this esteemed commission."

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