Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number HB1572				
	House of Orig	in Introduced Substitute Engrossed			
	Second House	In Committee Substitute Enrolled			
2.	Patron	Pollard			
3.	Committee	Passed both Houses			
4.	Title	Recreational eel pot license			

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill authorizes the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to establish a license for individuals who want to catch eels for noncommercial purposes. The license would allow a person to obtain a recreational gear license to use no more than two eel pots at a fee of not more than \$10. All revenue collected by the Marine Resources Commission from the sale of the licenses will be deposited into the Virginia Marine Products Fund at the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and used to promote the sale of marine products.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:

6b. Revenue Impact:

Fiscal Year	Dollars	Positions	Fund
2000-01	\$0	N/A	N/A
2001-02	\$1,000	0.00	NGF (0900)
2002-03	\$1,000	0.00	NGF (0900)

- **7. Budget amendment necessary:** No. The nongeneral fund appropriation for the Marine Products Board can be adjusted administratively to account for the additional revenue to the Virginia Marine Products Fund.
- **8. Fiscal implications:** The Marine Resources Commission (MRC) estimates that 100 or fewer recreational gear licenses for eel pots will be sold for \$10 each. All fees collected will be deposited in the Virginia Marine Products Fund as established under § 3.1-684.63, Code of Virginia, to support the activities of the Marine Products Board. The cost of printing new license forms and adapting the current license system will not require an additional appropriation for MRC.
- **9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Marine Resources Commission, Marine Products Board of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources

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