

## Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB975

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Pollard

**3. Committee:** Senate Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Crab pot tagging program

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill requires the Virginia Marine Resource Commission to implement by regulation a crab pot tagging program to facilitate the enforcement and identification of crab pot licenses. Such regulations shall require that all crab pots be marked with an individual identification number and with other information as required by regulation.

The engrossed bill includes provisions that the legislation will become effective April 1, 2003, if reenacted by the 2003 Session of the General Assembly and adequate funds have been appropriated.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates are:** Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02			
2002-03	\$0	0.00	
2003-04	\$174,525	2.00	0100

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No, an amendment to Item 397, Marine Life Management, of HB/SB30 may be included in the 2003 General Assembly session.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The Marine Resources Commission estimates that implementation of a crab pot tagging will require one Fisheries Management Specialist Senior position and one Fisheries Management Technician and related costs. The employees will be responsible for issuing, tracking, transferring, and replacing about 900,000 to 1 million accountable tags per year. Detailed cost estimates are:

	<i>FY2003 -04</i>	<i>FY2004 -05</i>
Personnel (salaries and fringe benefits)	\$69,525	\$75,850
Equipment (furniture, computers)	\$9,000	---
Supplies	\$4,000	\$4,000
Recurring charges (rent, phone, pool vehicles)	\$19,000	\$19,000
Travel	\$1,000	\$1,000
Tags (original, replacement, and mailing)	<u>\$72,000</u>	<u>\$72,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$174,525</b>	<b>\$171,850</b>

**9. Specificagencyorpoliticalsubdivisionsaffected:** MarineResourcesCommission.

**10. Technicalamendmentnecessary:** No.

**11. Othercomments:** None.

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