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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 231

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Expressing the sense of the General Assembly that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries provide more timely, responsive interaction between itself, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and hunters' and sportsmen's organizations when proposing or changing regulations.

Patron—Saxman

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

WHEREAS, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries conduct, on a two-year cycle, their "periodic regulation review and amendment process"; and

WHEREAS, during this review and amendment process, the Department and the Board address and consider possible amendments to all state regulations governing wildlife, hunting, trapping, fishing, and boating administered by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the public's participation in the regulations review process through available public comment opportunities and the public discussion of critical issues related to wildlife, hunting, fishing, or boating are key elements in the development of regulation amendments that reflect changes in wildlife and fisheries resources and recreational boating; and

WHEREAS, there may be additional opportunities for the Board and the Department to obtain comments and recommendations from the various constituent groups regarding both the identification of critical resource management issues and the adoption of wildlife regulations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries provide more timely, responsive interaction between itself, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and hunters' and sportsmen's organizations when proposing or changing regulations; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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