

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Operations and Performance of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, 2019

RECOMMENDATION

Board of Game and Inland Fisheries membership ► The General Assembly may wish to consider amending §29.1-102.A of the Code of Virginia to require that at least one member of the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries be a current or former senior law enforcement official. (Recommendation 10)

POLICY OPTIONS

Staff typically propose policy options rather than make recommendations when (i) the action is a policy judgment best made by elected officials—especially the General Assembly, (ii) evidence suggests action could potentially be beneficial, or (iii) a report finding could be addressed in multiple ways.

Boat registration fees ► The General Assembly could include language in the Appropriation Act granting the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries temporary authority to increase boat registration fees by more than the \$5 every three years specified in §29.1-701.1 of the Code of Virginia. (Option 2)

Fees for exempt hunters and anglers ► The General Assembly could amend §29.1-301 of the Code of Virginia to authorize the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to charge exempt hunters and anglers a nominal registration fee of several dollars, thereby allowing Virginia to claim forgone federal revenue. (Option 4)