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## Meeting planned to discuss oyster ground leases

**Nov. 10, 2014** - Hampton's Community Development Department will host a public information meeting on Nov. 20 to discuss recent requests for the Virginia Marine Resource Commission to issue oyster ground leases in the waters of Mill Creek and the Hampton River.

Representatives from the Commission will be the primary presenters at the Nov. 20 meeting, which is designed to give the public more information about the leasing process and to address any community concerns.

The Commission issues oyster ground leases and manages recreational and commercial saltwater fishing throughout Virginia. While the state encourages gardening and farming of oysters and clams, specific guidelines, permits or licenses are required.

The community meeting on oyster ground leases will be Thursday, Nov. 20 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Fort Monroe Community Center, 100 Stilwell Drive, Hampton.

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