

Agenda
CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION
Annapolis, Maryland
January 8, 2009

MEETING LOCATION: Loews Annapolis Hotel

10:00 A.M. WELCOME

10:10 A.M. CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
ADOPTION OF MINUTES
ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

10:15 A.M. THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WITH LIVING RESOURCES

PART I: OYSTERS

Introduction: The Bottom Line
Staff

Environmental Impact Statement:
Findings and Future Decision Making
Colonel Dionysios Anninos
District Commander, CENAO-DC

Oysters and Aquaculture
Tommy Leggett
Oyster Farm Manager and Oyster Fisheries Scientist
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

11:00 A.M. PART II: BLUE CRABS

Federal Help for Watermen: Blue Crab Disaster Relief Funds
Peyton Robertson, Director
NOAA, Chesapeake Bay Office

Frank Dawson, Assistant Secretary
MD DNR

Jeff Corbin, Assistant Secretary
VA Natural Resources

11:45 A.M. BREAK

12:00 P.M. LUNCH/STATE DELEGATION MEETINGS
(Members will be seated for lunch according to Delegation)

1:30 P.M. NEW APPROACHES TO RESTORING WATER QUALITY

Part I: NEW POLICIES:

2008 Chesapeake Executive Council Meeting

The Chesapeake Executive Council met in Washington, DC on November 20. In light of wide agreement that we will not meet water quality goals by 2010, setting a new timetable for Chesapeake restoration, accelerated progress, and improving accountability were some of the main topics discussed.

- Independent Evaluator
- Milestones- every two years
- Contingency plans
- Establishing a new Deadline
- Biofuels Directive
- Presidential Ask
- Change of meeting date to Spring 2009

2:00 P.M. Part II: NEW MODEL:

Taking it Down to the Local Level

Updates to the Bay model will allow for allocations of nutrient and sediment loadings at a smaller scale – namely small watersheds rather than large river basin and state load allocations as we have had in the past. This will give us new insight into local sources of impairment and will underscore the role of local government in Bay restoration.

Mark Dubin
Agricultural Technical Coordinator
Chesapeake Bay Program Office &
USDA-CREES Mid-Atlantic Water Program, University of Maryland

2:30 P.M. Part III: AGRICULTURE:

Strategic Delivery of Technical Assistance and Outreach

Using the new federal funds available, the Farm Bill's Chesapeake Watershed Program calls for focus on a small number of strategically chosen sub-watersheds, where outreach, education, and best management practice implementation can be intensified with the goal of significant measurable results.

Craig Derickson,
PA State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service

3:00 P.M. ELECTION OF 2009 OFFICERS

3:05P.M. REMARKS OF THE OUTGOING CHAIRMAN
Representative Art Hershey - Pennsylvania

3:20 P.M. ACCEPTANCE REMARKS OF INCOMMING CHAIRMAN
In 2009, the Chairmanship of the Commission rotates to Virginia.

3:30 P.M. ADJOURN

The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission will be held at the
Washington Plaza Hotel in Washington DC
on May 7 & 8, 2009