



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Agenda Norfolk, VA September 5-6, 2024

THURSDAY MEETING LOCATION:

Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)
Owens-Bryant Board Room, Davis Hall
1370 Greate Road
Gloucester Point, VA 23062

12:00 P.M. WELCOME & NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS
ROLL CALL
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

12:10 P.M. MAY MEETING FOLLOW-UPS

12:15 P.M. WIN-WIN PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) not only protects military installations, but also benefits the environment by conserving land. These partnerships often work across boundaries and protect working lands, wildlife habitat, water resources, as well as threatened and endangered species. We will learn about one such win-win partnership along Virginia's York River.

Tom Olexa
Natural Resources Manager
Yorktown Naval Weapons Station

1:00 P.M. YORK RIVER BOAT TOUR (MEMBERS ONLY)
Virginia's York River is mostly off the beaten path. Its watershed includes thousands of acres of ecologically valuable wetlands, forests, and streams. But like most of coastal Virginia, the area experiences frequent flooding and coastal erosion. The Yorktown Naval Weapons Station decided to tackle these issues in a manner that would support habitat as well as shoreline protection. We will visit their innovative and award-winning restoration project on the water while learning from the experts involved.

2:45 P.M. SENTINEL LANDSCAPES: READINESS AND RESILIENCE

Sentinel landscapes are areas where conservation, working lands, and national defense interests converge. We sit within the Virginia Security Corridor, which protects 10 military installations representing every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. With Kittatinny Ridge in Pennsylvania and Middle Chesapeake in Maryland, all three Commission jurisdictions now have sentinel landscape partnerships. How can we leverage these partnerships to promote military readiness in our region and the resilience of our watershed?

Kevin Du Bois
Chesapeake Bay Program Coordinator
US Department of Defense

3:30 P.M. SCIENCE FOR THE BAY: THE VIRGINIA INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE (VIMS)

For nearly a century, VIMS has been providing scientific solutions to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to coastal communities around the world. As both a school of the College of William & Mary and a stand-alone advisory agency, VIMS is deeply embedded in the communities they serve and has the expertise and resources to provide practical and meaningful guidance to policy makers and the public.

Dr. D. Derek Aday
Director, Virginia Institute of Marine Science
Dean, College of William & Mary's School of Marine Science

4:00 P.M. ADJOURN

Friday, September 6, 2024

Breakfast Location:

Delta Hotels Virginia Beach Waterfront
2800 Shore Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Meeting Location:

Brock Environmental Center
3663 Marlin Bay Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Attire: Business Casual

8:00 A.M. DELEGATION BREAKFASTS
Delta Hotels Virginia Beach Waterfront
Oak Hill Room

9:45 A.M. WELCOME
Oyster Conference Room
Brock Environmental Center
3663 Marlin Bay Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

ROLL CALL

10:00 A.M. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES

- Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Report and Public Feedback
- Chesapeake Fisheries Update
- Milestones

10:15 A.M. WORKING HAND-IN-HAND: OYSTER RESTORATION & AQUACULTURE
Oyster restoration plays a crucial role in revitalizing the Chesapeake Bay, but the benefits extend beyond environmental conservation. Restoration and replenishment projects are proving to be a boon for oyster farming and aquaculture. The interplay between restoration efforts and aquaculture creates a harmonious relationship that fosters sustainability, provides food, and supports the livelihood of coastal communities.

Chris Moore
Virginia Executive Director
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Andrew Button
Head, Conservation and Replenishment
Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Bruce McLaughlin
Chief Executive Officer
First Landing Seafood Company

11:15 A.M. BREAK

11:30 A.M. THE FRONT LINES OF CLIMATE RESILIENCE: HAMPTON ROADS

The Hampton Roads region is one of the most vulnerable areas in the United States for impacts from climate change. Improving resilience and embracing nature-based solutions are critical to the region's future. How are local governments tackling these issues? How can the Commission help address these needs in their jurisdictions?

Mary-Carson Stiff
Executive Director
Wetlands Watch

C.J. Bodnar
Director of Public Works
City of Virginia Beach

Mike Tippin
Stormwater Engineering Center Administrator
City of Virginia Beach

Kristina Searles
Project Manager
City of Virginia Beach

**12:15 P.M. INTERIM ACTIONS
NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC COMMENT**

12:30 P.M. ADJOURN

*The next meeting of the full Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held in Kennett Square, PA on November 14-15, 2024.*



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Delegation Breakfast Breakouts

Norfolk, VA

September 6th, 2024

8:00 A.M.

Selected Topics for Discussion

Virginia

- Follow Up Items from August Retreat
- Chief Resilience Officer Updates
- Pay for Outcomes *Draft* Request for Applications

Maryland

- DNR Update
- EPA Evaluation of Maryland's 2022-2023 and 2024-2025 Milestones
- Results on Procurement Under Conowingo WIP
- 2025 Legislative Discussion

Pennsylvania

- Legislative Update
- WIP Update