



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Agenda Annapolis, MD January 4-5, 2024

Thursday, January 4, 2024

Hotel:

Annapolis Waterfront Hotel
80 Compromise Street
Annapolis, MD

Room:

Chesapeake Ballroom II

Attire: Business

12:30 P.M. WELCOME & NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS
Chesapeake Ballroom II

12:35 P.M. ROLL CALL
ADOPTION OF MINUTES
ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA
FOLLOW-UP FROM NOVEMBER MEETING

12:50 P.M. FEDERAL POLICY UPDATES
What is the current status of the federal appropriations process for FY 2024 and what are the factors influencing how and when budget negotiations may be resolved? What are the prospects for Farm Bill reauthorization? How can the Commission be effective in meeting our federal policy priorities throughout the remainder of the 118th Congress?

Wally Burnett
Principal
Crossroads Strategies

Jason Gleason
Executive Vice President
Crossroads Strategies

1:15 P.M. BEYOND 2025: MOVING THE PARTNERSHIP FORWARD

The Executive Council received three high-level recommendations on how to move the partnership forward at their 2023 meeting. With a focus on accelerating investments, integrating emerging science, and monitoring, and fast-tracking actions plans, the partnership must now chart the path Beyond 2025. How can the Commission work to ensure the success of this effort?

Anna Killius
Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission
Co-Chair, Beyond 2025 Steering Committee, Chesapeake Bay Program

1:45 P.M. OUR ICONIC LIVING RESOURCES: BLUE CRABS & STRIPED BASS

The Chesapeake's living resources are the ultimate drivers of our restoration efforts, yet many are continuing to struggle. As we re-commit to our living resource goals in Bay restoration and consider the management of these species moving forward, it is important to understand their population status and what pressures they face. What policy actions are underway to improve their populations?

Lynn Fegley
Director, Fishing and Boating Services
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Pat Geer
Chief, Fisheries Management Division
Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Chris Moore
Virginia Executive Director
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Robert T. Brown, Sr.
President
Maryland Watermen's Association

[2:45 P.M.] Commission Discussion.

3:00 P.M. BREAK

3:15 P.M. HEALING THE ANACOSTIA: AN URBAN RIVER RESTORATION

The Anacostia River watershed covers 176 square miles of the District of Columbia, Prince George's County and Montgomery County in Maryland, and is home to over 1 million people. It is a river on the mend, recovering from centuries of industrialization and pollution to become an urban

oasis in the middle of the nation's capital. What can we learn from this unique urban restoration effort to apply in our communities?

Christopher Williams
President/CEO
Anacostia Watershed Society

Abel Olivo
Executive Director
Defensores de la Cuenca

Lauren Rauk
Council Member
Town of Brentwood, MD

[4:00 P.M.] Commission Discussion

4:15 P.M. ADJOURN

Friday, January 5, 2024

Hotel:

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80 Compromise Street
Annapolis, MD

Meeting Location:

Chesapeake Ballroom II

Attire: Business Casual

**9:15 A.M. WELCOME
ROLL CALL
Chesapeake Ballroom II**

9:20 A.M. LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES

- 2024-2025 Milestones
- Protected Lands Progress
- 2024 & 2025 Meeting Dates

9:35 A.M. THE 2024 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS

What can we expect during the 2024 General Assembly sessions in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia?

Delegation Reports & Commission Discussion

10:00 A.M. SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES FOR THE BAY

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay has partnered with the Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers and Conservation Innovation Fund to create a model for companies to achieve on-farm sustainability while keeping farmer profitability at the forefront. This collaboration brings significant funding, technical support, and incentives to help farmers prioritize conservation while navigating difficult dairy market conditions. How can this approach be expanded and replicated to help meet Bay restoration goals?

Callan Walsh Dever
Founding Managing Director
Conservation Innovation Fund

Janae Klingler
Director of Animal Care & Sustainability
Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative

Mauricio Rosales
Senior Agriculture Projects Manager
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

[10:45 A.M.] Commission Discussion

11:00 A.M. BREAK

11:15 A.M. INNOVATION IN MARYLAND'S AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY

Agriculture is the largest industry in the Bay watershed with the largest influence on water quality. Innovation will be key to our mutual success in restoring the Bay. What efforts is Maryland undertaking to ensure success? What can we learn from their efforts to apply at home?

The Honorable Kevin Atticks
Maryland Secretary of Agriculture

Belinda Burrier
Burrier's Linganore Farm

Emma Jagoz

Moon Valley Farm

[12:00 P.M.] Commission Discussion

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

12:25 P.M. ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS

12:30 P.M. ADJOURN

*The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held at the Rocky Gap Resort in Frostburg, Maryland on May 2-3, 2024*