



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

Virginia Delegation Meeting

Eastern Shore of Virginia
July 19th – 20th, 2021
Agenda

Monday, July 19th

University of Virginia's Coastal Research Center
6364 Cliff Road
Cape Charles, VA 23310

12:00 P.M. Lunch & Welcome

12:45 P.M. Policy Issue I: Climate Resilience

We will head out on the water to learn about the research being conducted by the University of Virginia and the Nature Conservancy on the dynamics and transitions that comprise the barrier island landscape. How does the ongoing research at the facility inform our coastal resilience policy choices moving forward?

*Dr. Cora Johnston Baird
Site Director, University of Virginia Coastal Research Center*

****Please note that capacity is limited on the vessels.**
**** Contact Adrienne Kotula (akotula@chesbay.us) with questions.******

2:45P.M. Drive to Cherrystone Aqua-Farms
1588 Townfield Drive
Cape Charles, VA 23310

[Cherrystone Aqua-Farms is a five-mile, 10-minute, drive from the Research Center.]

3:00 P.M. Policy Issue II: Sustainable Fisheries

Cherrystone Aqua-Farms has cultivated clams and oysters along Virginia's Eastern Shore since 1895. High-grade husbandry techniques paired with sustainable farming and harvesting practices make for exceptional products with low environmental impact. What policy actions would assist the industry in their efforts towards sustainability?

*Kim Huskey
Vice President of Government Affairs
Cherrystone Aqua-Farms*

5:00 P.M. Adjourn

Tuesday, July 20th

Eastern Shore of Virginia Barrier Islands Center

7295 Young Street
Machipongo, VA 23405

8:30 A.M. Welcome

Sally Dickinson

Executive Director, Eastern Shore of Virginia Barrier Islands Center

8:40 A.M. Lightning Round Updates

- Water Quality Progress
- Environmental Literacy & Technical Assistance

9:00 A.M. Governor Northam's Proposed Budget [Release Pending]

What items are contained within the proposed budget that will guide us towards success in meeting the 2014 Bay Agreement goals? What else may be needed?

Matthew Strickler

Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources

9:15 A.M. Policy Issue III: Riparian Buffers and Trees

Are Virginia's policies aligned to support riparian buffers and trees? What changes are needed to streamline our efforts?

Karen Firehock

Executive Director, Green Infrastructure Center

10:00 A.M. Break & Tour of the Eastern Shore Barrier Islands Center & Grounds

The Barrier Islands Center preserves and perpetuates the unique culture of Virginia's Barrier Islands through education and the collection and interpretation of over 7,500 artifacts. We will learn more about the irreplaceable history that they are preserving for future generations.

Sally Dickinson

Executive Director, Eastern Shore of Virginia Barrier Islands Center

10:45 A.M. Policy Issue IV: Microplastics and Marine Debris

What are the policy actions identified in Virginia's Microplastics and Marine Debris Reduction Plan? How can we focus our efforts to make meaningful progress?

Adrienne Kotula

Virginia Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission

11:30 P.M. Public Comment

11:45 P.M. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Full Commission, September 9th and 10th in Easton, Maryland

Virginia Delegation Members

Delegate David Bulova – Chair	Senator Emmett Hanger, Jr. – Vice Chair
Senator Lynwood Lewis, Jr.	Delegate Robert Bloxom, Jr.
Delegate Nancy Guy	Missy Cotter Smasal – Citizen Representative
Matthew Strickler – Secretary of Natural Resources	