



# CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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## Agenda Washington, DC May 4-5, 2023

**Thursday, May 4, 2023**

**Hart Senate Office Building  
9th Floor  
120 Constitution Ave NE  
Washington, D.C. 20002**

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**1:15 P.M. WELCOME & NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

**ROLL CALL  
FOLLOW-UP FROM JANUARY MEETING**

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**1:30 P.M. THE 2023 FARM BILL, PART ONE: MAXIMIZING OUR OPPORTUNITY**

*In dialogue with our partners, the Commission has identified opportunities to advance conservation workforce development and improve delivery of key conservation programs with the 2023 reauthorization of the farm bill. Experts from the Bay region will share their perspectives on how these priorities, if enacted by Congress, will maximize the benefits of the farm bill's conservation title, and help meet our water quality goals.*

Jason Gleason  
Executive Vice President, Crossroads Strategies

Matt Royer  
Director, Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center

Keisha Sedlacek  
Federal Director, Chesapeake Bay Foundation

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**2:10 P.M. THE 2023 FARM BILL, PART TWO: BIPARTISAN AND BICAMERAL SOLUTIONS**

*Omnibus, five-year farm bills have a history of bipartisan support and timely passage to ensure critical discretionary programs do not expire. Many of the conservation programs that Bay partners are relying on to deliver pollution reductions on agricultural lands throughout our watershed are popular nationwide but could still work better. Where do majority and minority staff from the Senate*

*and House Agriculture Committees see opportunities for bipartisan policy changes that will advance Bay restoration?*

John Busovsky  
Professional Staff, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture,  
Chairman Glenn “GT” Thompson

Ashley Smith  
Deputy Staff Director, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture,  
Ranking Member David Scott

Callie Eideberg  
Senior Professional Staff, U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry,  
Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow

Coleman Garrison  
Senior Professional Staff, U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry,  
Ranking Member John Boozman

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**2:50 P.M.      BREAK**

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**3:00 P.M.      DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR: National Park Service  
Channeling the Potential of a Chesapeake Bay National Recreation Area**

*With the release of a discussion draft of authorizing legislation in 2022, the decades old concept of a Chesapeake Bay National Recreation Area reached an important milestone. With goals of helping to conserve the Bay, improving public access, delivering additional federal resources to the region, and spurring economic growth and prosperity across the watershed. How can Commission members help to bring this concept to fruition?*

Shelby Davis-Prettiman  
Legislative Assistant, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen

Leila Duman  
Senior Legislative Assistant, Representative John Sarbanes

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**3:45 P.M.      ADJOURN**

**Friday, May 5, 2023**

**Beacon Hotel**

Beacon Room

1615 Rhode Island Ave. NW

Washington, DC 20036

Attire: Business Casual

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**9:15 A.M. WELCOME**  
Beacon Room

**CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL  
ADOPTION OF MINUTES  
ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA**

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**9:20 A.M. CBC ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

- Approval of CBC 2024 Meeting Dates
- Approval of CBC FY 2024 Budget
- Approval of CBC FY 2025 Appropriations Request

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**9:30 A.M. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES**

- Chesapeake Bay Program Office Leadership
- Executive Council Charge: Charting a Course to 2025 and Beyond
- Blue Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment
- Status and Impact of Bay-related Litigation
- Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST) 2021 Progress
- USDA/EPA Federal Crediting Taskforce

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**10:00 A.M. DELEGATION CHAIR REPORTS**  
**2023 General Assembly Advances in Bay Restoration**

Senator Scott Martin, Pennsylvania Delegation Chair

Delegate Sara Love, Maryland Delegation Chair

Senator Lynwood Lewis, Jr., Virginia Delegation Chair

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**10:30 A.M. BREAK**

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**10:45 A.M. CONSERVATION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT**

*Green jobs are growing in DC. The Anacostia Urban Waters Partnership and its new Ambassador, Xavier Brown, have focused efforts on connecting students at Anacostia High School in Ward 8 with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) career*

*opportunities in restoration. The newly created Kingman Rangers program is training DC adults and youth for full-time and seasonal environmental restoration and education jobs on Kingman and Heritage Islands. How can our workforce development goals be informed by these efforts to establish new pipelines to urban conservation jobs?*

Xavier Brown

Director C2 Academy and Anacostia Ambassador, University of the District of Columbia

Teresa Martin & John Turvey  
Living Classrooms Foundation

Participant perspective

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**11:45 A.M. INTERIM ACTIONS  
NEW BUSINESS  
PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**12:00 P.M. ADJOURN**

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*The next meeting of the full Chesapeake Bay Commission  
will be held in Harrisburg, PA  
on September 7-8, 2023.*