



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Agenda Irvington, VA November 4-5, 2021

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Meeting Location:

Tides Inn

480 King Carter Drive

Irvington, VA 22480

12:45 P.M. WELCOME
West Cove Room

1:00 P.M. ROLL CALL
ADOPTION OF MINUTES
ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

1:10 P.M. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES

- Executive Council Meetings (10/1/21 & 12/15/21)
- Chesapeake Resilient Farms Initiative/Federal Update
- CBC Annual Audit

1:30 P.M. A PROLIFERATION OF PLASTICS
Field studies consistently demonstrate that plastic pollution is ubiquitous and a growing threat to the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem, including potential effects on human health. What do we know so far about the sources and fate of these materials? What are the next steps for policy action?

Matthew Robinson

Environmental Protection Specialist, DC Department of Energy and Environment
Chair, Plastics Pollution Action Team, Chesapeake Bay Program

[2:10 P.M.] COMMISSION DISCUSSION

2:30 P.M. BREAK

2:45 P.M. CLIMATE POLICY GAPS ANALYSIS

The three member states of the Chesapeake Bay Commission have different policies in place to address our changing climate. What are the fundamental policies that need to be addressed in each state and what gaps exist in our current policies? How can we learn from one another to adopt the strongest measures that will protect the Chesapeake Bay watershed? This session is Part III of our ongoing partnership with Virginia's Coastal Policy Center.

Chesapeake Bay Commission Staff

[3:00 P.M.] DELEGATION CLIMATE POLICY DISCUSSIONS

Using the knowledge gained from the previous session, the delegations will meet separately to discuss the identified gaps in climate policies within their jurisdiction and determine potential actions to fill them.

3:45 P.M. BREAK & TRANSITION TO TOUR LOCATION

4:00 P.M. LIVING SHORELINE TOUR

We will embark on an informative walk to experience The Tides Inn's recently completed 18,000 square foot living shoreline project along Carter's Creek. The project builds on the Clean Carter's Creek program, which works with local partners to restore oyster reefs, shorelines and upland landscapes.

Will Smiley
Ecologist
Tides Inn

4:45 P.M. ADJOURN

Friday, November 5, 2021

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**9:15 A.M. WELCOME
ROLL CALL**
West Cove Room

9:30 A.M. OYSTER MANAGEMENT & RESTORATION

Maryland and Virginia are on track for meeting their oyster restoration outcomes, but at the same time oyster populations are incredibly depleted from their former abundance. How did we get here and what is the next step? Policy differences in oyster management impact restoration efforts. Are there additional changes needed to both enhance restoration and the commercial fishery? And how do the stakeholders approach oyster management and restoration?

Andrew Button

Head, Conservation and Replenishment, Fisheries Management Division

Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Captain J.C. Hudgins

President, Virginian Watermens Association

Mathews County Waterman

Allison Colden, PhD

Maryland Fisheries Scientist

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

10:30 A.M. BLUE CRAB ABUNDANCE

With our Bay Agreement commitments for Blue Crab abundance as the starting point, we will discuss the current status of the stock and the industry – so vital to the economic livelihood of our waterfront communities. How did we get here and what have we learned along the way? What measures can we take to ensure success in the future?

Tom Miller, PhD

Director, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory UMCES

Member, Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Stock Assessment Committee

11:00 A.M. BREAK

11:15 A.M. SEAFOOD PROCESSING

What are the issues confronting the seafood processing industry? How can we ensure that we have the workforce necessary to sustain the market?

A.J. Erskine
General Manager
Coward Seafood & Bevans Oyster Co.

11:45 A.M. LIVING RESOURCES POLICY DISCUSSION

Using the knowledge gained from the previous sessions, the Commission will discuss the policy issues and determine the actions that they may wish to undertake.

**12:15 A.M. NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC COMMENT**

12:30 P.M. ADJOURN

*The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held at the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel in Annapolis, MD
on January 6-7, 2022*