



# 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

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**12:45 P.M. WELCOME**  
West Cove Room

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

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**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
- Plastics Pollution
- CBC Annual Audit

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**1:30 P.M. WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND PROGRESS**

*A cornerstone of the Bay Program is the network of water quality monitoring stations that provides the science to drive decision-making and objectively assess our progress. We will hear the latest results of nutrient and sediment inputs from the Bay's major tributaries, and learn about the massive network of monitoring stations in the watershed and the tidal Bay. Who are the partners that participate and support this work, and how has this effort grown and evolved over time?*

Doug Moyer

Associate Director for Studies & Supervisory Hydrologist

United States Geological Survey, Virginia & West Virginia Science Center

Peter Tango  
Monitoring Coordinator  
United States Geological Survey

[2:10 P.M.] **COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

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**2:30 P.M. BREAK**

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**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.*

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

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**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

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**4:45 P.M. ADJOURN**

**Friday, November 5, 2021**

**Meeting Location:**

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

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**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

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**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**

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**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.

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**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**

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**12:30 P.M. ADJOURN**

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