



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Agenda Richmond, VA November 9-10, 2023

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Thursday Meeting Location:

Virginia Museum of History & Culture
428 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard
Richmond, VA 23220

Attire: Business

1:00 P.M. COMMISSION MEETING
J. Sergeant Reynolds Leadership Center

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
ADOPTION OF MINUTES
ADOPTION OF AGENDA
SEPTEMBER MEETING FOLLOW-UP

1:15 P.M. CHESAPEAKE WILD: Investing in our ecological biodiversity

Signed into law in October 2020, the Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense (Chesapeake WILD) Act directed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to develop a vision for collaborative conservation in the watershed. The collaborative process identified five focal areas for restoration efforts in the watershed: Fish and Wildlife Habitats, Climate Change, Community Partnership, Public Access, and Water Quality. How is this effort developing on the ground? How can the Commission continue to support such efforts?

Genevieve LaRouche
Chesapeake Bay Field Office Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Becky Gwynn
Deputy Director, Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Jamie Brunkow
Director of River Ecology, James River Association

[2:15 P.M.] Commission Discussion

2:30 P.M. BREAK

2:45 P.M. THE SUM OF ITS PARTS: Measuring Local Stream Health

The Chesapeake watershed is a network of local streams that provide key habitat and connectivity for plants and animals. Fragmentation and degradation of local areas disrupts the function of the greater Bay ecosystem. In response to the 2014 Watershed Agreement, a new Stream Health Indicator has been developed to standardize the evaluation of local water quality and measure improvement.

Claire Buchanan, Ph.D., Emerita Director, Program Operations
Aquatic Life Section, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin

Rikke Jepsen, Aquatic Ecologist II
Aquatic Life Section, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin

[3:45 P.M.] Commission Discussion

4:00 P.M. ADJOURN

Friday, November 10, 2023

Hilton Richmond Downtown
501 E. Broad St.
Richmond, VA 23219

Attire: Business Casual

MEETING LOCATION: Amethyst Room

**9:10 A.M. WELCOME
ROLL CALL**

9:15 A.M. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES

- CBC Annual Audit
- Executive Council Meeting
- Federal Crediting Task Force

9:30 A.M. PAY FOR PERFORMANCE: A Better Bang for the Buck?

Given the inherent constraints on the financial capacity to achieve our restoration goals, government, NGOs, and the private-sector are looking to “pay for performance” approaches to achieve environmental goals at a better price-point. What do these approaches entail? And are current state laws and policy supportive of this new way of doing business?

Moderator:
Tim Male, Executive Director
Environmental Policy Innovation Center

Panelists
Nick Dilks, Managing Partner
Ecosystem Investment Partners

Gabe Cohee
Director, Office of Restoration and Resilience
Chesapeake and Coastal Services, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Kristin Fisher, Ph.D.
Applied Agricultural Scientist
The Nature Conservancy

[10:15 A.M.] Commission Discussion

10:30 A.M. BREAK

10:45 A.M. RVA H20: Representing All Aspects of Clean Water in Richmond

In 2014, the City of Richmond’s Department of Public Utilities launched RVAH20 with an ambitious goal of developing Virginia’s first integrated wastewater, stormwater, and combined sewer system permit. The city achieved their goal in 2017, but along the way they discovered that RVAH20 is not just about a permit: it is a united effort to craft a water plan for a future all Richmonders can stand behind.

April Bingham
Senior Director, Department of Public Utilities
City of Richmond

Grace LeRose
Program Manager, Department of Public Utilities
City of Richmond

**11:30 P.M. DISCUSSION
NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC COMMENT**

12:00 P.M. ADJOURN

*The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held at the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel in Annapolis, MD
on January 4-5, 2024*