



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Agenda Stratford Hall, VA November 13-14, 2025

Members of the public interested in attending the meeting should contact Jennifer Dieux at jdieux@chesbay.us for location information.

MEETING LOCATION:

Stratford Hall

Thursday, November 13, 2025

**12:30 P.M. WELCOME & NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS
ROLL CALL
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA
SEPTEMBER MEETING FOLLOW-UPS**

12:45 P.M. WHAT ARE THE FISH TRYING TO TELL US?

Changes in population dynamics are being observed in marine ecosystems across the planet. The Chesapeake Bay is not immune to this phenomenon, and the distribution of our fisheries is shifting. Consider the new presence of white shrimp and stone crabs in the Bay. What does science tell us about these shifts? What are our industries doing to adjust? What can our legislatures do?

Dr. Mary Fabrizio, Professor
Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William & Mary

Captain Chris Newsome
Charter Captain, Bay Fly Fishing

Kate Wilke, Fisheries Scientist
The Nature Conservancy

[1:30 P.M.] Commission Discussion

1:45 P.M. BREAK

2:00 P.M. A SUCCESS STORY: THE WORLD'S LARGEST OYSTER REEF RESTORATION

As a part of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Agreement, partners committed to restore native oyster habitat and populations in 10 tributaries by 2025 and ensure their protection. In September, partners came together to celebrate achieving this commitment. How did the partners come together to achieve this commitment? What hurdles were cleared along the way? What does the future of oyster reef restoration look like in the Bay?

Kevin Schabow, Director
Chesapeake Bay Office, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Jackie Shannon, Virginia Oyster Restoration Manager
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Tommy Kellum, Owner
W.E. Kellum Seafood

[2:45 P.M.] Commission Discussion

3:00 P.M. OPEN COMMISSION DISCUSSION

3:30 P.M. ADJOURN

Friday, November 14, 2025

Breakfast & Meeting Location:
Stratford Hall

8:00 A.M. DELEGATION BREAKFAST BREAKOUTS

Delegations will discuss news and issues relevant to their jurisdictions. Breakfast is available for members only.

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

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

- CBC Annual Audit
 - Federal Budget Status
 - Chesapeake Bay Program Updates
 - Forums and Conferences
 - Blue Crab Stock Assessment Update
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9:30 A.M. OUR WETLANDS: MULTIPLE BENEFITS & MULTIPLE STRESSORS

Wetlands provide innumerable benefits – nutrient removal, habitat, recreation, and protection from storms. Yet they remain threatened by development and rising sea levels as our jurisdictions struggle to meet our restoration goals. What is Virginia doing at the state and local level to address wetlands protection and restoration? Are there lessons that our other jurisdictions can learn?

Kirk Havens, Director of the Center for Coastal Resources Management
Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William & Mary

Becky Gwynn, Deputy Director
Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Ben McFarlane, Chief Resilience Officer
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

[10:15 A.M.] Commission Discussion

10:30 A.M. BREAK

10:45 A.M. THE REFRESHED CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED AGREEMENT

After receiving and reviewing robust public feedback, the partnership has now prepared a refreshed Chesapeake Bay Agreement that will be presented to the Executive Council on December 2nd. Commission staff will brief the members on the major changes to the Agreement and the opportunities for enhanced progress in meeting our updated goals.

Commission Staff

[11:30 A.M.] Commission Discussion

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

12:00 P.M. ADJOURN

*The next meeting of the full Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held in Alexandria, VA on January 8-9, 2026.*