



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Agenda Charlottesville, VA September 8-9, 2022

Thursday, September 8, 2022

MEETING LOCATION:

Ivy Creek Natural Area
1780 Earlysville Road
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Attire: Field Trip Casual

**1:20 P.M. CALL TO ORDER
 ROLL CALL
 ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA
 WELCOME NEW NAVY LIAISON
 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

1:45 P.M. STORIES FROM THE NORTH
2022 Legislative Victories in Pennsylvania

Senator Scott Martin
Chair, Pennsylvania Delegation
Chesapeake Bay Commission

2:00 P.M. MEETING OVERVIEW

Ann Swanson
Executive Director
Chesapeake Bay Commission

2:15 P. M. SHARPENING OUR FOCUS

INSTALLMENT II: FORESTS & WETLANDS

During 2022, the Commission is taking a deeper dive into new data and technology tools that allow us to target policy, public dollars, and partner efforts to maximize impact. This second installment focuses on forest and wetlands resources, important for both water quality and living resource habitats across the watershed.

Joel Dunn
Executive Director
Chesapeake Conservancy

[2:45 P.M.] Commission Discussion

3:00 P.M. WETLANDS IN THE WATERSHED

While we have established strong protection and restoration goals, our tidal and nontidal wetlands face unprecedented pressures from changing weather patterns and land use changes. What can be done to address these new dynamics? Where should conservation be focused? Do we need new state or Federal policies?

Skip Stiles
Executive Director
Wetlands Watch

[3:30] Commission Discussion

3:45 P.M. BOARD BUS

Window Tour: Rivanna Conservation Alliance Raingarden

Installed at their rented offices in an industrial zone, giant planting boxes treat half the roof's rainwater before entering the Rivanna River. The boxes were a pilot project for city and state programs that offer funding and assistance to install a rain garden on qualifying properties.

Lisa Wittenborn
Executive Director
Rivanna Conservation Alliance

Friday, September 9, 2022

MEETING LOCATION:

Boar's Head Resort
200 Ednam Drive
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Attire: Business Casual

MEETING LOCATION: Ednam Room (Ednam Hall)

**9:00 A.M. WELCOME
ROLL CALL**

9:10 A.M. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES

- CESR Report
 - Inflation Reduction Act
 - Blue Catfish
 - Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Stock Assessment
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9:20 A.M. WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE 2023 FARM BILL

Congress has already started hearings on this omnibus legislation. It's Conservation Title is the single largest source of support for agricultural conservation in the watershed. What policy and funding components need to be enhanced to help meet our TMDL goals?

The History of CBC Involvement

Marel King and Ann Swanson

Creating New Opportunities

Alison Prost

Vice President for Environmental Protection and Restoration
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

[9:50 A.M.] Commission Discussion

10:00 A.M. CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUNDS

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is providing an additional \$2.3 billion to the watershed through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program, a federal-state partnership that provides communities low-cost financing for a wide range of water quality infrastructure. How can legislative action help states utilize this money effectively?

Kristen Hildreth
Legislative Director, Natural Resources and Infrastructure
National Conference of State Legislators

[10:30 A.M.] Commission Discussion

10:45 A.M. BREAK

11:00 A.M. OUR ICONIC LIVING RESOURCES: BLUE CRABS, STRIPED BASS & FRESHWATER MUSSELS

The Chesapeake's living resources are the ultimate drivers of our restoration efforts, yet many are continuing to struggle. What is the status of these iconic species? What pressures do they face? What policy actions are needed to improve their populations?

Blue Crabs and Striped Bass

Mike Luisi
Director of Monitoring and Assessment, Fishing and Boating Services
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Freshwater Mussels

Dr. Joe Wood
Senior Scientist
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

[12:00 P.M.] Commission Discussion

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

12:30 P.M. ADJOURN

*The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held at the Graduate Hotel in Annapolis, MD
on November 17-18, 2022*