



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Agenda

Port Isobel Island

Tangier, VA

September 10-11, 2026

Full Commission meetings are in-person attendance only. No live-streaming is available. Members of the public interested in attending the meeting must contact Jennifer Dieux at jdieux@chesbay.us for more information.

Meeting Location:

Port Isobel Island

Tangier, VA

1:00 P.M. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1:10 P.M. AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PORT ISOBEL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Through its Port Isobel Environmental Education Program, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) provides a unique watershed education experience to students and teachers, surrounded by and directly interacting with the species, habitats, and communities that make our estuary special. But operating on a Bay island also comes with challenges like rising tides and disappearing shorelines. How is CBF teaching about the Bay today while preparing for the Bay of tomorrow?

Hilary Harp Falk, President and CEO, CBF

Tom Ackerman, Vice President for Education, CBF

1:30 P.M. CONSIDERATION OF WATERSHED AGREEMENT RESOLUTION

In 2014, at its September Meeting on Port Isobel, the Commission passed a resolution announcing its intention to participate in every goal and outcome of the then newly signed Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement by identifying and pursuing legislative, budgetary, and policy needs at the state and federal level. Now that the Watershed Agreement has been revised, the Commission has the opportunity to renew its continuing commitment to the updated list of goals and outcomes.

1:45 P.M. ADJOURN

Friday, September 11, 2026

7:45 A.M. DELEGATION BREAKFASTS

Baker Hall

Delegations will discuss news and issues relevant to their jurisdictions.

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL

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

9:30 A.M. A MORE EFFICIENT FUTURE THROUGH NUTRIENT MASS BALANCE?

At its simplest, mass balance means that what goes in must come out. By tracking nutrient inputs, such as fertilizer and manure, and nutrient outputs, such as harvested crops, livestock sold or milk produced, we can estimate nutrient surpluses. These surpluses represent nutrients that remain in the system and may contribute to losses to waterways or the atmosphere. Using farm and watershed data, rather than relying solely on models, a mass balance approach offers a way to measure a key system outcome rather than just relying on counting practices. In this discussion we ask: can a focus on nutrient surpluses help guide more effective strategies for reducing nutrient losses from farms, communities, and watersheds, and if so, how can such strategies be implemented in CBP programs?

Kurt Stephenson, Virginia Tech
Zachary Easton, Virginia Tech

10:45 A.M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 Watershed Agreement Resolution
INTERIM ACTIONS
NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC COMMENT

11:00 A.M. ADJOURN

*The next meeting of the full Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on November 12-13, 2026.*

Weather contingency:

Thursday

1:10 PM	Executive Director Updates
1:30 PM	A More Efficient Future Through Nutrient Mass Balance?
2:45 PM	Break
3:00 PM	Delegation Break-outs
4:00 PM	Interim Actions, New Business, Public Comment
4:15 PM	Adjourn & Break

Friday

8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Members-only Field Activities
11:00 AM	Return & Pack
11:30 AM	Depart



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Delegation Breakfast Meetings Tangier Island, VA September 11, 2026 7:45 a.m.

Selected Topics for Discussion

Maryland

- 2026 Bay Cabinet meeting
- 2027 Session priorities
- Updates from DNR

Pennsylvania

- Legislative Updates
- WIP Updates
- November meeting planning
- December EC meeting

Virginia

- Secretarial Updates
- WQIF Recommendations
- JLARC Ag BMP Recommendations
- EPA Milestones Evaluation
- SJ25 Report
- 2027 Session Priorities