

Proposed Agenda
**Chesapeake Subcommittee of the House Committee on
Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources**

September 9 - 10, 2015

September 9, 2015; Kinsale, Virginia

- 11:00 - 12:45 p.m.** Board Vessel @ Bevans Oyster Co(1090 Skipjack Rd, Kinsale,VA 22488)
for On-Water Activities – Space on boat is limited
(including lunch)
- Identification of private and public oyster ground
 - Oyster production and economic investment for a sustainable future
 - Crab pot fishery and tending crab pots
- 12:45 -1:30 p.m.** Facility Tour of Oyster Plant
- 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.** Facility Tour of Baitfish Packing Operation
Discussion of economic importance of baitfish industry
- 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.** Travel from Kinsale to Omega Protein, 610 Menhaden Road,
Reedville, VA 22539 via personal car
- 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.** Briefing on Menhaden and Tour of Omega Facility

**September 10, 2015; Gloucester Point - Virginia Institute for Marine Science, 1208
Greate Road, Gloucester Point, VA 23062**

- 9:00 - 9:20 a.m.** Overview of VIMS (Watermen's Hall Conference Room)
Dr. John Wells
Dean and Director of VIMS
- 9:20 - 9:40 a.m.** Eastern Shore Clams and Oysters
Michael Oesterling, *Executive Director*
Shellfish Growers of Virginia
- 9:40 -10:10 a.m.** Blue Catfish and Chesapeake Bay Multispecies Monitoring and
Assessment Program (ChesMMAP) Discussion (in laboratory)
- 10:10 -10:40 a.m.** Blue Crab Discussion (in laboratory)
Dr. Rom Lipcius, *Professor of Marine Science, VIMS*
- Mr. John Bull, *Commissioner*
Virginia Marine Resources Commission

- 10:40 - 11:10 a.m.** Oyster Hatchery
 Dr. Stan Allen, *Professor/Director*
Aquaculture Genetics and Breeding Technology
- 11:10 -12:30 p.m.** Board Bay Eagle for Discussion of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation, Water Quality Monitoring (TMDL), Biodegradable Crab Pot Cull Ring Technology, Microbeads.
- Return to Dock
- 12:30- 1:00 p.m.** Lunch
- 1:00- 1:30 p.m.** Discussion of Native Oyster Restoration at the Virginia Oyster Restoration Center CBF (location behind Oyster Hatchery)
- 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.** Exploration of the Bay's Living Resources aboard Jenny S. - Space on boat is limited
 Discussion to include: environmental education and restoration program; economic impact of the restored Bay; hauling of a trawl net; and viewing of oyster sanctuary reef and oyster aquaculture grounds.
- 3:30 p.m.** Adjourn

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