



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

Virginia Delegation Retreat

Eastern Shore of Virginia
August 11-12, 2022
Agenda

Thursday, August 11th

Virginia Institute of Marine Science's Eastern Shore Laboratory, Seaside Hall
40 Atlantic Ave
Wachapreague, VA 23480

12:00 P.M. Lunch & Welcome

1:00 P.M. Policy Issue I: Coastal Ecology & Aquaculture

The Eastern Shore Laboratory (ESL) serves as both a field station in support of research and teaching, as well as a site for resident research in coastal ecology and aquaculture. By virtue of its unique coastal location, the ESL affords educational and research opportunities on climate resilience not available elsewhere within the region.

Dr. Richard (Dick) Snyder

Professor and Director, Virginia Institute of Marine Science Eastern Shore Laboratory

2:30 P.M. Travel to Nickawampus Farm

23028 Nickawampus Road
Melfa, Virginia 23410

[The Farm is a four-mile, 10-minute drive from Wachapreague.]

2:45 P.M. Policy Issue II: Agriculture and Climate Resilience

Change in agriculture can arise for many reasons, ranging from simple to complex - such as environmental threats, generational change, commercial competition or development threats. In order to remain competitive, a comprehensive yet flexible approach is required. We will learn about the long-term changes seen on the property as well as the unique challenges of farming in coastal Virginia.

Ben Willis

Nickawampus Farm

Curt Smith

Deputy Director, Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission

4:30 P.M. Adjourn for the Day

Friday, August 12th

Four Corners Office Building

25020 Shore Parkway, Suite 2A

Onley, VA 23418

8:30 A.M. Call-to-Order & Welcome

8:40 A.M. Lightning Round Updates

- CBC Amendments & the Final Budget
- Environmental Literacy Positions
- PFAS & Coal Tar Sealant Legislative Update

9:00 A.M. Policy Issue III: Virginia's Resilience Funding

With significant funding available in the Community Flood Preparedness Fund and the Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund, what is the Administration doing to ensure transparency in the funding process and successful awards? How are the guidelines for the new Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund being developed?

Andrew Wheeler
Senior Policy Advisor, Governor's Office

9:15 A.M. Policy Issue IV: Carbon Sequestration

Are Virginia's policies aligned to support carbon sequestration? What has been done so far and what changes are needed to streamline our efforts?

Rob Farrell
State Forester, Virginia Department of Forestry

Corey Connors
Executive Director, Virginia Forestry Association

10:15 A.M. Break

10:30 A.M. Policy Issue V: Prevention Programs for Abandoned and Derelict Vessels

With funding secured for abandoned and derelict vessel removal, attention can turn to prevention. What does a successful prevention program look like? How can we achieve success in Virginia?

Adrienne Kotula
Virginia Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission

11:15 P.M. Public Comment

11:30 P.M. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Full Commission, September 8th – 9th in Charlottesville, Virginia

Meeting Attendees

Senator Sarah Elfreth, CBC Chair

Delegate Robert Bloxom, Jr., Vice Chair

Delegate David Bulova

Travis Voyles, Acting Secretary

Ann Swanson, CBC Executive Director

Senator Lynwood Lewis, Jr., VA Delegation Chair

Senator Emmett Hanger, Jr.

Andrew Wheeler, Senior Advisor

Adrienne Kotula, CBC Virginia Director