



# 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**

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

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**Meeting Attendees**

Senator Sarah Elfreth, CBC Chair	Senator Lynwood Lewis, Jr., VA Delegation Chair
Delegate Robert Bloxom, Jr., Vice Chair	Senator Emmett Hanger, Jr.
Delegate David Bulova	Andrew Wheeler, Senior Advisor
Travis Voyles, Acting Secretary	Adrienne Kotula, CBC Virginia Director
Ann Swanson, CBC Executive Director	