



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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MARYLAND DELEGATION MEETING

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

8:30- 3:30 P.M.

Harris Creek

8:25 A.M. COMMISSION MEMBERS CONVENE AT DNR

Meet at the circle at the front entrance

Reserved parking can be arranged in advance by calling Jen Donnelly or park on the hill

8:30 A.M. BOARD DNR VAN TO STUMP COVE OYSTER COMPANY

Cambridge, Maryland

Discussion en Route:

CRABS: What caused the decline in the crab population this year?

Lynn Fegley, Deputy Director, Maryland DNR Fisheries Service

Issues to Discuss:

COORDINATION - Have Maryland, PRFC and Virginia imposed coordinated harvest management measures?

HABITAT – Does SAV health correlate directly to crab abundance?

FUTURE ACTION -What management actions can Maryland and Virginia take if the trend continues next year?

10-11 A.M. TOUR STUMP COVE OYSTER COMPANY

Little Choptank River

The Transition to Aquaculture in Maryland

Dick Balling, Owner

11 A.M. TRAVEL TO UNIVERSITY OF MD HORN POINT LAB DOCKS

11:30 A.M. BOARD DNR BOAT “KEHRIN” TO MOTOR TO HARRIS CREEK
Lunch on Board

Oyster Restoration Work Plan for Harris Creek

Tom O’Connell, Director, Maryland DNR Fisheries Service

To Dredge or Not to Dredge?

Tom O’Connell, Director, Maryland DNR Fisheries Service

12:15 P.M. TOUR OF HARRIS CREEK OYSTER RESTORATION SITE

Rendezvous with DNR Oyster Boat “Miss Kay” to Examine Samples of Wild and Seeded Oysters

Tom O’Connell, Director, Maryland DNR Fisheries Service

Issues to Discuss:

OYSTER BOTTOM - How are suitable bottom areas identified for restoration, and why are certain sites considered not restorable?

PROTECTION ACTIONS - What actions can be taken on land to protect oyster restoration investment?

Tom O’Connell, Lynn Fegley, DNR

1:15 P.M. DEPART HARRIS CREEK

Discussion En Route:

BLUE CATFISH - What impact is this invasive species having on Bay fisheries and habitat, what is the economic opportunity for the commercial seafood industry, and how can we manage blue catfish?

Tom O’Connell, Director, Maryland DNR Fisheries Service

LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION - Re-introduce the 2013 CBC “Bounty Bill”, SB 547, that would give a judge discretion to award a monetary reward to a person who gives DNR information about a person who intentionally spread invasive species, if the information leads to a conviction and fine.

MD Delegation Discussion

2:00 P.M. ARRIVE AT HORN POINT DOCK

Travel by DNR van to Annapolis

3:30 P.M. ARRIVE AT DNR IN ANNAPOLIS