CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Agenda
Annapolis, MD
May 7-8, 2026

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Thursday Meeting Location:
Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library*
1410 West Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Thursday, May 7, 2026

12:00 P.M. **DELEGATION LUNCH BREAKOUTS**
Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library

1:00 P.M. **CALL TO ORDER**
WELCOME
NEW MEMBER & STAFF INTRODUCTIONS
ROLL CALL
ADOPTION OF MINUTES
ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1:15 P.M. **DELEGATION LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**
Maryland and Virginia have concluded their 2026 General Assembly regular sessions, while Pennsylvania remains in session. What legislative advances in Bay Restoration have occurred? What opportunities remain?

Senator Gene Yaw, Pennsylvania Delegation Chair
Senator Jeremy McPike, Virginia Delegation Chair
Delegate Sheila Ruth, Maryland Delegation Chair

1:45 P.M. **BREAK**
We will reset the room and give our federal partners time to set up their showcase.

2:00 P.M. **FEDERAL PARTNER SHOWCASE**

As a state-led, federally supported effort, the Chesapeake Bay Program includes a number of federal agencies. These key partners share their expertise and resources in pursuit of our common vision for a healthy Bay and watershed. We have invited many of our federal partners to join us to showcase their mission areas and programs that operate throughout the region. As we embark on the next 15 years of partnership with a renewed Watershed Agreement, what are they most excited about? How can we deepen our partnership with them for the benefit of watershed communities?

A full list of participating agencies and attendees is in your folder. Commission members will divide into 4 groups to rotate through 4 stations, each with 2-3 agencies. Every 27 minutes, we will ask our groups to move to the next station.

4:00 P.M. **ADJOURN**

Friday Meeting Location:
The Westin Annapolis
100 Westgate Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Friday, May 8, 2026

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

9:10 A.M. **CBC ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

- Approval of CBC 2027 Meeting Dates
- Approval of CBC FY 2027 Budget

9:25 A.M. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATES**

- What have we been up to?
- Federal Legislative and Budget Priorities
- Chesapeake Bay Program News
- Potomac Interceptor – From CBC Conversation to Real World Example

9:45 A.M. **THE LATEST BLUE CRAB BENCHMARK STOCK ASSESSMENT**

The Commission has been eager to hear the results of the latest Blue Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment and whether new data has contributed to a new assessment model for understanding the status and stressors of the Chesapeake's blue crab population. What does the stock assessment suggest about the efficacy of the actions we are taking to support a sustainable population?

Dr. Michael Wilberg
Professor, Fisheries Science
Chesapeake Biological Laboratory
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

[10:15 A.M. Q&A]

10:30 A.M. **BREAK**

10:45 A.M. **MODELING GOOD BEHAVIOR**

Models are critical planning tools because they help us project how our environment will respond to the actions we take. In this panel, we explore what it takes to build our new Phase 7 Chesapeake Bay model, how a new habitat suitability model may unlock new opportunities in "tiering" or staging our work to more effectively meet the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), and what we have learned from state and local perspectives on the Bay model and TMDL.

Bo Williams
Implementation and Evaluation Team Lead
EPA Chesapeake Bay Program

Dr. Kaylyn Gootman
Integrated Analysis Coordinator
EPA Chesapeake Bay Program

Greg O'Connell
Commonwealth Fellow
Virginia Sea Grant & Chesapeake Bay Commission

[11:30 A.M. Q&A]

11:45 A.M. **INTERIM ACTIONS**
NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC COMMENT

12:00 P.M. **ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the full Chesapeake Bay Commission will be held at Tangier Island, VA, on September 4-5, 2025.

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