

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 at Bevans Oyster Co. for On-Water Activities
(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 Reedville
- 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.** Briefing on Menhaden and Tour of Omega Facility
- 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.** Travel from Reedville to Virginia Institute of Marines Science (VIMS)
- 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.** Dinner at VIMS (Page House Lawn)

September 10, 2015; Gloucester Point (VIMS)

- 8:40 - 9:00 a.m.** Overview of VIMS (Watermen's Hall Conference Room)
Dr. John Wells
Dean and Director of VIMS
- 9:00 - 9:20 a.m.** Eastern Shore Clams and Oysters
Michael Oesterling, *Executive Director*
Shellfish Growers of Virginia
- 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.** Board Bay Eagle for Discussion of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation,
Water Quality Monitoring (TMDL), Biodegradable Crab Pot Cull Ring
Technology, Microbeads.
- Return to Dock
- 10:45 -11:15 a.m.** Oyster Hatchery
Dr. Stan Allen, *Professor/Director*
Aquaculture Genetics and Breeding Technology

- 11:15 -11:45 a.m.** Blue Crab Discussion (in laboratory)
 Dr.Mark Luckenbach, *Associate Director
 for Research and Advisory Services
 VIMS*
- Mr. John Bull, *Commissioner
 Virginia Marine Resources Commission*
- 11:45 - 12:15 p.m.** Blue Catfish and Chesapeake Bay Multispecies Monitoring and Assessment Program (ChesMMAAP) Discussion (in laboratory)
- 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. 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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