



# 2021 Chesapeake Executive Council Meeting

Principals' Staff Committee Meeting

June 2, 2021



# Why am I here today?

- To provide knowledge of meeting logistics.
- Get your feedback on the proposed agenda(s).
- Collect your thoughts on the idea of climate mini sessions, including which topics should be pursued from a list the planning committee has put together.
- Urge you to work with your Executive Council member in getting them to attend the meeting.



# When and Where?

- Brock Environmental Center
- Virginia Beach, Virginia
- Friday, October 1, 2021
- Approximately three hours.

# Who?

## Confirmed:

- Governor Ralph Northam, Virginia (Chair)
- Governor Larry Hogan, Maryland
- Chesapeake Bay Commission Chair David Bulova (VA)

## Unconfirmed:

- Governor John C. Carney Jr., Delaware
- Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York
- Governor Jim Justice, West Virginia
- Governor Tom Wolf, Pennsylvania
- Mayor Muriel Bowser, District of Columbia
- Administrator Michael Regan, Environmental Protection Agency



# Proposed On-the-Water Agenda

- Executive Council members will spend approximately an hour and a half onboard two Virginia Marine Resource Commission vessels.
- Suggested topics:
  - Visit oyster aquaculture operations and make connection to the economic impacts of climate change.
  - View first-hand impacts of climate change to the region.
  - Opportunity to fish and discuss the connection of climate change on the Bay's species.
- Members will be served a box lunch on the boat before public meeting.



# Proposed Public Meeting

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Meeting will be webcast.

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Will try to keep public meeting to around 30 minutes, if possible.

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Executive Council members and EPA representative will be invited to make remarks.

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Climate directive will be ceremonially signed.

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Time for media availability.



# Proposed Climate Mini Sessions

- To be held while Executive Council members are on the water.
- Will be webcast.
- Open to local community members and any interested public (per social distancing protocols).
- Topics should apply to all jurisdictions.
- Each jurisdiction will be invited to participate in a lightning round talk to highlight one program/practice that has been implemented to combat climate change, while contributing to Bay restoration goals.

# Suggested Topics for Climate Mini Sessions

- **Ask of the PSC: Which topics should be pursued?**
- **Potential topics:**
  - Climate impacts on the watershed.
    - How climate is changing conditions across the watershed from Cooperstown, NY to Virginia Beach, VA.
    - What makes the watershed climate resilient, what outcomes do we currently have that are helping to drive that, and what is their current status. Should we step back and rethink how we approach certain outcomes due to climate?
    - Special focus on flooding.
  - Public health
    - Excessive heat, harmful algae blooms, air pollution, etc.
  - How climate change is impacting the disadvantaged communities of the watershed.
  - Climate impacts on agriculture and how agriculture can support climate mitigation (e.g., regenerative agriculture).
  - Overview of jurisdictional climate policies and how they assist with Bay restoration goals.
  - Session aimed at the public specifically and how they can help combat climate impacts.





# Questions?

## Thank you!

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