



Joint Hampton Roads and Western Shore VA Oyster Team

Meeting Info & Agenda

Dec 14, 2022 1:00 - 3:00pm

Monthly on the second Wednesday

Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/msh-coxy-xnq

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Notes:

-Welcome, and note that this is a public meeting under the Bay Program Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation team

-2023 meeting schedule- meetings will be every other month, starting in January.

-Construction and permit updates on VA's five tribes: public meeting recently held for Corps Lynnhaven reefs; town hall type event to review design changes, etc. Approx 50 people attended. Permit may be on VMRC meeting agenda in January- TBD. In Piankatank- Corps will construct 53 acres, size A1 granite construction will start in late January by contractor.

-Winter Fish GIT meeting- likely end of February

-Review text, etc, for 2022 Bay-Wide 10 tribes annual update

-Restore America's Estuaries conference panel last week- any report outs from this, or from the conference in general? Many workgroup members were involved in a presentation on VA oyster restoration panel; was well received. Several interesting presentations on carbon trading; ideas and mechanics may be informative for the nutrient trading concept with oysters. Concept of 'carbon defense', ex: protecting a marsh with a reef toe in order to save the marsh so it can continue to absorb carbon.. In Louisiana, where the conference was, there is a big focus on land loss; they are doing a lot of oyster restoration in association with that.

-Other updates/ discussion: Maybe have Rom report out on the Lafayette monitoring results at a future meeting, re: results may be interesting in terms of different construction methods. Also maybe Ryan Carnegie's student's info on reduced oyster disease mortality could also be a good presentation for this group. Likely a lot of oyster legislation in both states regarding oysters.