

Rural Chesapeake Bay/Seaside of Virginia Working Waterfront Coalition Phase 2- Virginia Summit



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Executive Summary

The Phase 2 Working Waterfront Coalition project, stemming from issues raised in the 2008 *York River Use Conflict* (NOAA Contract Number NA07NOS4190178 TASK 44), supports projects in both the Working Waterfront 309 strategy and the new EDA/NOAA National Working Waterfront Network through projects that help develop the markets and tools needed to ensure sustainability of working waterfronts and related industries (Figure 1).

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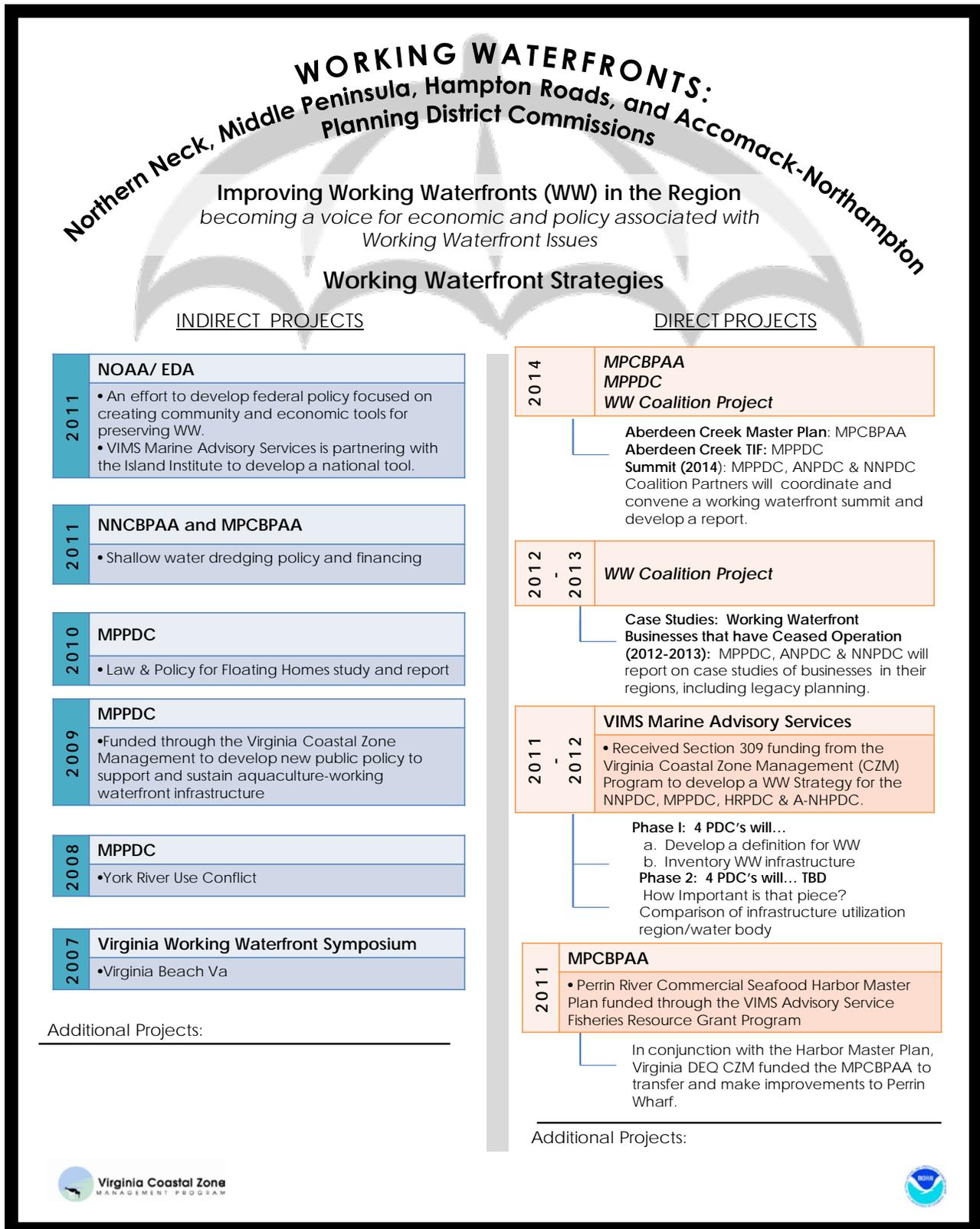
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A final report from the summit recommended holding another summit in 2 years and generated the following themes:

- Working waterfront business owners and local governments need to collaborate
- Comprehensive Plans are advisory tools
- Real estate taxation policy can stifle or enhance working waterfronts
- Planning and zoning may be extremely constructive tools
- Clear distinctions should be made between water-dependent enterprises
- Legal and policy tools must be in place that anticipate emerging business models
- Man-made infrastructure beyond the shoreline must be considered
- The working waterfront culture must be recognized as an important asset
- The working waterfront community must coalesce around a shared vision
- Succession planning is essential for individual or privately owned water-dependent enterprises
- All sectors of the working waterfront community should be represented

The report will be used to advance the current Section 309 Working Waterfront project which will ultimately necessitate the development of enforceable policies.

Figure 1 - Working Waterfront Strategies



Deliverable 1 – Convene a Virginia Working Waterfront Summit

The Phase 2 Working Waterfront Coalition project supports both the Working Waterfront 309 strategy and the new EDA/NOAA National Working Waterfront Network through projects that help develop the markets and tools needed to ensure sustainability of working waterfronts and related industries.

For many Virginia rural coastal communities, there is a strong need to maximize the potential of the waterfront as a driver for economic vitality. However, market forces, changing demographics, and increasing tax burdens on waterfront properties are increasingly driving a transition of waterfront properties toward residential or recreational uses. In addition, regulatory changes affecting marine fisheries management are impacting water dependent industries and working waterfronts. To help combat this national problem, a national coastal partnership was formed named the National Working Waterfront Network. Staffs at the Virginia Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program (VSGMAP) oversee the Working Waterfront web portal to support the effort of coastal communities in creating and maintaining sustainable working waterfronts. The sustainable working waterfront portal contains national historic and current trend analysis, regional and economic impact and economic forecasts, financing tools, comprehensive literature review, identification of law and policy best practices; case studies and guidance documents; and other useful information for waterfront business owners and policy makers.

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The initial planning for the Summit included: developing The Coastal Virginia Working Waterfront Coalition (CVWWC), coordinating with the National Sea Grant Law Center to provide speakers and support; reaching out to the watermen community and marine trade groups for representation on the planning committee; inviting Virginia Sea Grant Marine Advisory Services, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), and the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program to sit on the planning committee; and contracting with the Institute for Environmental Negotiation (UVA) for summit facilitation.

Planning meetings were held on the Eastern Shore at the Anheuser Busch Coastal Research Center in Northampton, VA, at the Smithfield Center in Smithfield, VA, and at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science with the planning committee. These meetings were held to plan the event and develop the agenda, choose and invite speakers, and develop and implement an event marketing strategy (Appendix A). A decision to hold the Summit in the early winter of 2014 was based on the advice of the watermen and of industry experts who agreed sufficient time was needed for planning and that industry participation at the Summit would be stronger during the winter when local watermen are not actively

catching seafood. Summit invitees were invited from the data base of working waterfront business developed under the Section 309 Working Waterfront project administered by the Virginia Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program and data bases provided by members of the planning committee.

At the Summit in February, 2014, over 150 watermen, business owners, local staff and elected officials, and others seeking information on the preservation and revitalization of the decaying working waterfronts in Virginia participated in the workshop. Guest speakers from private and public groups covered topics related to working waterfronts such as: tools and case studies, laws, economics, zoning, legacy planning, emerging markets. (Appendix B). Participants were asked to fill out a survey after the workshop (Appendix C). Results from the survey indicated that the workshop was long overdue, was educational and useful, and that a follow up workshop should happen in the next 1 to 2 years. Stakeholders represented were: watermen; businesses; planners; local elected officials; lawyers; non-profits; universities; private citizens; non-governmental organizations; reporters; and Federal, State and Local Government representatives. Reporters from newspapers covering the coasts of Virginia-from the Maryland line on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, west across the Chesapeake Bay to the Northern Neck, south through the Middle Peninsula and Hampton Roads, and, southeast to the North Carolina line in Virginia Beach- wrote positive articles on the working waterfronts summit and the issues presented by the speakers (Appendix D).

A final report on the Summit was prepared (deliverable 2). The report discusses the summit, recommends next steps, and provides guidance to assist the Coalition with future work. The report will also be used to advance the current Section 309 Working Waterfront project which will ultimately necessitate the development of enforceable policies.

Deliverable 2 – Final Summit Report

Virginia Working Waterfronts Workshop

Virginia Institute of Marine Science, February 26, 2014

A Sense of the Symposium

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Preface

In 2007, the Commonwealth of Virginia hosted the first-ever national Working Waterfronts and Waterways Symposium. This three-day forum brought land use planners, local, state and federal government officials, legal experts, extension educators, and a wide variety of small business stakeholders from across the country to the historic port city of Norfolk. There, participants confronted an emerging challenge: How to build public policy frameworks that would serve to retain, enhance, and promote working waterfronts and water-dependent small businesses.

Since then, in what has become an important and expanding field of inquiry and action for coastal communities, the challenges and opportunities vetted in Norfolk brought about two follow-up national symposia, in Maine in 2010 and in Washington State in 2012. As a key participant in the first symposium and an active participant in both successive events, the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program¹ and its partners decided the time had come to bring home the national-scale lessons learned by convening a Virginia Working Waterfronts Workshop in 2014.

The goals of this one-day forum were to: feature issues faced by rural working waterfront communities in Virginia; provide the opportunity for stakeholders to become directly involved in clarifying the issues and challenges facing Virginia's working waterfronts; and, capture ideas for strategic steps that could be applied where needed in the Commonwealth's Coastal Zone.

What follows is a brief synopsis of the issues raised, challenges debated, and solutions discussed. This *Sense of the Symposium* is intended to assist Virginia's varied coastal constituencies to collaborate while focusing locally on developing tools and tactics to achieve the shared goal of protecting Virginia's working waterfronts. These unique places, after all, are the gateway for access to the water for the benefit of all citizens of the Commonwealth.

¹ The Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program is a network of Virginia state agencies and local governments. See Appendix A for a full list of participating agencies and organizations as well as additional organizations that joined CZM in planning and producing the 2014 Working Waterfronts Workshop.

Introduction

A Topic Whose Time Is Now

Attendance at the Virginia Working Waterfronts Workshop exceeded all expectations. Registrations totaled 154 between the two venues, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) and Eastern Shore Community College. Although several registrants did not make it to the workshop, likely due to weather-related complications in Northern Virginia, final attendance reached 150 (124 at VIMS location and 26 at the Eastern Shore site) due to an influx of unregistered participants. Such turnout is a solid indication of the importance Virginians place on the topic, organizers note. Indeed, written evaluations taken at both sites upon the workshop's conclusion confirm this assessment.² In fact, all but one participant reported the workshop either "timely" or "long overdue." Moreover, roughly 60% of attendees identified themselves as affiliated with local, regional or state government (elected officials, planning board members, government employees) and academicians, while 30% of participants came from the waterfront business community, including watermen, seafood producers, aquaculturists, marina operators, for-hire fishing enterprises, and eco-tourism and recreational boating businesses.

Workshop Setting

Appropriately enough, this workshop emanated from Watermen's Hall at the VIMS in Gloucester Point and incorporated audio and video links to engage in real time a separate audience at the Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa, VA. Both locations attracted members of coastal Virginia's water-dependent commercial and recreational businesses. Lawyers, planners, zoning administrators, and public agency representatives, all shared concern about the decline in access to the water and the steady loss of infrastructure for water-dependent businesses that Virginia has experienced in recent years.

In general, the audience discussed factors as varied as obsolete local ordinances, confusing jurisdictional lines, taxation disincentives that strain seafood and recreational operations that depend on the water, and the increasing costs these factors impose on

² The workshop was facilitated by the University of Virginia's Institute for Environmental Negotiation (IEN). IEN also designed written evaluations completed by attendees which provide much of the support of this assessment.

business. This complicated web of challenges makes it difficult for traditional businesses and start-up entrepreneurs to identify where to begin in dealing with such constraints.

That status provided a common backdrop for this workshop.

At the time of this workshop, Virginia was about half-way through a five-year process to develop a plan that will help preserve working waterfronts, enhance their economic viability and ensure their continued contributions to fabric of life in the Commonwealth's coastal zone. While the first years focused on defining what working waterfronts are, developing consistent inventories and framing the issues and opportunities, the effort now is moving into the implementation stages, with this workshop providing the most current waypoint.

Workshop Goals

- Bring stakeholders together to present information and gather feedback on issues confronting water-dependent businesses and their communities.
- Collect ideas for addressing working waterfront issues.
- Identify Virginia localities as potential pioneers to pilot-test concepts or strategies generated as a result of the workshop or any other forum addressing working waterfront retention.

Themes That Emerged

The following section attempts to summarize major concepts that emerged during the workshop, largely from discussions between presenters and the audience. The quotations that follow each theme discussion are taken verbatim from evaluation forms submitted by participants at the workshop's conclusion. They are included here in the hope of conveying, in an informal way, a sense of the common interests that emerged during the workshop.

Working waterfront business owners and local governments need to collaborate and seek mutually beneficial land use policies and economic development strategies that will ensure that water-dependent businesses and the communities they support can remain economically viable.

“Focus on solutions, not [on] airing complaints”

Comprehensive Plans are critical guiding documents that set the tone for land use policy. As such, they should be utilized as necessary to promulgate effective zoning laws that reflect the importance of water-dependent businesses throughout the Commonwealth coastal zone. But comprehensive plans can include flexibility that allows counties to adapt policy to economic drivers at the local level. In that way, such plans become the basis by which zoning law can be adapted to the varied needs and changing market demands of a given working waterfront locale or community.

“How do we get working waterfronts (and preservation) into comprehensive plans?”

Planning and zoning may be extremely constructive tools that can be used to clarify ambiguities or misperceptions—often of long-standing cultural tradition—related to shoreline access for commercial endeavors. Thus, these become key policy pieces that can provide assurance to businesses, investors and lenders.

“[It's important] how Virginia law looks at or defines working waterfronts.”

Real estate taxation policy can stifle or enhance working waterfronts. The General Assembly and local governments should develop assessment formulas that provide

incentives for local jurisdictions to retain traditional water-dependent businesses as well as encourage emerging business models for water-dependent investments and job creation.

“We need better tools to enhance our working waterfronts.”

Clear distinctions should be made between water-dependent enterprises and their activities and needs ashore as contrasted with engaging in economic pursuits in public waters. Such distinctions should be made when discussing and promoting working waterfronts at any level—state, county, planning district, or municipality. Those businesses that rely on access to the water but also depend upon effective natural resources policy (e.g. fisheries management as distinct from land use management) should have the benefit of support from both public policy sectors to avoid counter-productive policies. Each policy sector is the extension of the other in coastal culture and while complementary business models may function in overlapping management regimes, each should be considered separately.

“I learned that there is a fragmented group of parties that needs to come together to effect change.”

Legal and policy tools must be in place that anticipate emerging business models, as exemplified by the recent growth of shellfish aquaculture, while allowing the flexibility that will retain traditional enterprises (e.g. wild finfish harvest) that tend to ebb and flow with economic and/or environmental changes over time.

“[We] need more informed engagement by local Boards of Supervisors and Planning Commissions when changes in zoning & comp plans are made.”

Man-made infrastructure beyond the shoreline must be considered in working waterfront planning and policy. Dredged channels, jetty-protected inlets, designated anchorage areas, aids-to-navigation and public landings all provide essential access for water-dependent enterprises. However, the management, funding, maintenance, and even jurisdiction over such infrastructure vary from local control to federal responsibility. To the extent that the working waterfront community, where appropriate, can incorporate the preservation of in-water infrastructure in its vision and advocacy plans, the broader

coastal culture will derive benefit. Conversely, when such infrastructure is allowed to deteriorate and become an impediment to water-dependent business, instead of an asset, the Commonwealth at large is the loser.

“Waterfront is only good if you can get to it (by boat) from the water.”

The Working Waterfront culture must be recognized as an important asset to the Commonwealth beyond the confines of the coastal counties, much as agriculture, forestry or tourism generally are acknowledged as desirable enterprises statewide.

“I love the idea of marketing the working Bay similar to the way we market other tourism.”

The working waterfront community must coalesce around a shared vision. While striving to accommodate varied interests and business models, this community must work toward shared goals in order to achieve that overriding goal of retaining access that will allow water-dependent businesses to continue traditions, expand opportunities and even flourish to the benefit of the Commonwealth at large.

“The discussion from the audience contained many of the most important things.”

Succession planning is essential for individual or privately owned water-dependent enterprises to ensure that such businesses continue or adapt in the future. However, such pre-emptive effort on the part of any business is the province of individual planning and decision-making just as in any small business. Considering the real estate, specialized equipment, operating permits and licenses, and essential infrastructure so unique to working waterfront businesses, such planning can help ensure that these enterprises may continue. While falling outside the working waterfronts planning process, *per se*, business succession planning can be of great benefit to coastal Virginia.

“A unique, economically valuable culture is disappearing and must be saved.”

All sectors of the working waterfront community should be represented in future forums as well as in focused work groups, advocacy actions (grassroots policy) and policy-setting at every level going forward. That includes water-dependent recreational boating

businesses (marinas, boatyards, yacht charters, on-water service providers), sport fishing enterprises (for-hire guides, charter fishing boats, head boats) and developing business sectors like paddle sport liveries, eco-tourism and heritage tourism providers and tour boat operators. That, of course, is in addition to the traditional seafood industry as well as emerging businesses like shellfish aquaculture.

“Include all sectors—commercial, charter, eco, support groups—bait, tackle, lodging, fuel, restaurants, etc.”

Other Important Themes

While not directly addressed in formal presentations, the workshop setting provided opportunity for discussion of several issues related to the future of working waterfronts in Virginia. At least two worth noting for the record:

Any future energy extraction from ocean waters could create a distinct category of working waterfront and new policy demands. The promise of clean ocean energy, i.e. electrical generation from offshore wind, wave and tidal resources, as well as the potential for offshore oil production from under mid-Atlantic ocean waters, are very much part of ocean policy discussions. Such new or emerging uses could be considered “industrial waterfront,” thus falling outside the accepted definition of working waterfronts. However, if and when these industries develop in coastal Virginia, they will need access to the water and to waterfront lands for staging areas during construction, permanent locations for equipment installations as well as moorings for service vessels. Thus, ocean energy presents potential demands on the Commonwealth’s traditional working waterfronts.

“Offshore wind energy [production] is coming; we should get ready for it on shore.”

The Commonwealth has abandoned or under-utilized waterfront areas now encumbered by environmental legacies, e.g. Brownfield properties. Depending on location, some of these industrial or light commercial parcels could be utilized for water-dependent purposes, particularly for emerging businesses like aquaculture or resurging industry such as oyster harvesting and processing. However site contamination remains a formidable obstacle to any kind of redevelopment. Remediation costs can be prohibitive for most

water-dependent businesses (ocean energy, which generally requires large capital investment, is a possible exception) and unless policy prescriptions and more importantly, financial incentives, can be developed, this otherwise desirable waterfront will remain encumbered and lie fallow.

“Many historically used areas are in decay and are used as dump sites and hang-outs”

Next Steps

As a further indication of the importance placed on the working waterfronts issue in Virginia, fully two-thirds of attendees reported on their evaluation forms that they would like to see a follow-up workshop in about two years time. In addition, 83% also said they would be willing to participate in “smaller working groups formed at the local level” to support their own working waterfront interests.

“I am ready to roll up my sleeves.”

Appendix A

Virginia 2014 Working Waterfronts Workshop Planning Team and Sponsors

- Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)
- Eastern Shore Community College
- Virginia Tourism Corporation
- Virginia Institute of Marine Science (College of William and Mary)
- Virginia Sea Grant
- Shellfish Growers of Virginia
- Virginia Waterman's Association
- Virginia Marine Trades Association
- Virginia Seafood Council
- Accomack Northampton Planning District Commission
- Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
- Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority
- Northern Neck Planning District Commission
- Northern Neck Public Access Authority
- Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

Virginia CZM Program participating agencies and organizations

- Virginia Department of Environmental Quality - Lead Agency
- Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Virginia Department of Forestry
- Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
- Virginia Department of Health
- Virginia Department of Historic Resources
- Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy
- Virginia Department of Transportation
- Virginia Marine Resources Commission
- Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission

- Crater Planning District Commission
- George Washington Regional Commission
- Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
- Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
- Northern Neck Planning District Commission
- Northern Virginia Regional Commission
- Richmond Regional Planning District Commission

Appendix B

Workshop Agenda

Working Waterfronts Workshop
Virginia Institute of Marine Science and Eastern Shore Community College
 February 26, 2014

A Lifetime Working on and Managing Virginia's Working Waterfronts

Bill Pruitt, Commissioner (retired), Virginia Marine Resources Commission

National Working Waterfront Network/Website Video Tour of Tools and Case Studies

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(Including Bavuso, Garrett and Jennings Ruling, and Virginia Supreme Court rulings)

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Economic Importance of Working Waterfront

Coastal and Ocean Snap Shots of Your County (Incomes, Jobs, Taxes)

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Virginia Planning: Understanding How Zoning, Comprehensive Planning, and Ordinances Influence Your Business

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Note: The entire workshop was video recorded and is posted at the web site of the National Working Waterfront Network: wateraccessus.com.

Appendix C

Waypoints to Preserving Commonwealth's Working Waterfronts — a Virginia

Coastal Program Timeline

- May 2007 — The Commonwealth hosts the first national Working Waterfronts Symposium, in Norfolk, Virginia.
- 2009 National Working Waterfront Network formally established.
- 2009 — Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission develops public policy to support and sustain aquaculture/working waterfront infrastructure.
- 2010 — Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission reports findings of its Floating Homes policy study.
- September 2010 — Second National Working Waterfronts Symposium convenes in Portland, Maine with planning assistance and sponsorship support from Virginia CZM Program, VIMS Marine Advisory Services and other Virginia partners.
- 2011 — Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authorities review shallow water dredging policy and financing options.
- 2011 — NOAA and U.S. Economic Development Administration begin initiative to develop federal policy focused on creating community and economic tools for preserving working waterfronts.
- 2011 — VIMS Marine Advisory Services partners with Maine's Island Institute to develop national tool to assist.
- 2011 — VIMS Marine Advisory Services funds Perrin River Commercial Seafood Harbor Master Plan.
- 2011 — The Commonwealth's four coastal planning district commissions receive Virginia CZM Program funding to develop a working waterfronts preservation strategies.
- 2011 — VIMS Marine Advisory Services begins statewide inventory of working waterfront infrastructure with funding from Virginia CZM Program.
- March 2013 — Third National Working Waterfronts Symposium convenes in Tacoma, Washington, again with planning assistance and sponsorship support from Virginia CZM Program, VIMS Marine Advisory Services and other Virginia partners.



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APPENDIX

Appendix A: Summit Flyer



Virginia Working Waterfronts Workshop

Exploring Issues that Impact Water Dependent Uses

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

You are invited to participate in an engaging discussion among watermen, water dependent businesses and water related organizations.

We will exchange ideas and suggestions about issues impacting Virginia's water access and working waterfronts. Together we will discuss potential strategies to keep Virginia's waterfronts working!

Attend and help identify:

- Who and what could be at risk
- Why we should care
- Best next steps

Two Locations!

Virginia Institute of Marine Science
 Waterman's Hall
 Rte. 1208 Greate Road
 Gloucester Point, VA 23062
Directions to VIMS

Eastern Shore Community College (Satellite)
 29300 Lankford Hwy
 Melfa, VA 23410
Directions to ESCC

Virginia's working waterfronts are of great historic, economic and cultural value. Unfortunately, they are disappearing. It's time to find solutions.

The following organizations have come together to harvest solutions at the Virginia Working Waterfronts Workshop:



Workshop Hosts:



Registration is FREE! Register Today! Space Limited!

Light breakfast and lunch provided.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 19, 2014

[Register On-Line](#)

OR Call—Beth Polak, (804) 698-4260

Appendix B: Summit Agenda



Working Waterfronts Workshop

Virginia Institute of Marine Science and Eastern Shore Community College

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Agenda

9:00 - 9:25 am -- **Sign-in, Continental breakfast, Networking time**

9:25 - 9:30 am -- **Welcome at Eastern Shore Community College**

Curt Smith, Planning Director, Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission

9:30 - 9:45 am -- **Welcome at Virginia Institute of Marine Science (satellite connection to ESCC begins)**

Tom Murray, Associate Director, Department of Advisory Services, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Laura McKay, Program Manager, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program

9:45 - 10:15 am -- **A Lifetime Working on and Managing Virginia's Working Waterfronts**

Bill Pruitt, Retired, Virginia Marine Resources Commissioner

10:15 - 10:25 am -- **National Working Waterfront Network and Website Video Tour of Tools and Case Studies**

Lisa Lawrence, Marine Education Specialist, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

10:25 - 11:20 am -- **Law and Working Waterfronts**

10:25 - 10:45 am

US Legal Rulings Impacting Working Waterfronts

Terra Bowling, Research Counsel, National Sea Grant Law Center

10:45 - 11:05 am

Virginia Legal Rulings Impacting Working Waterfronts

Including Bavuso, Garrett and Jennings Ruling and VA Supreme Court rulings

Mary-Carson Saunders Stiff, Coastal Policy Clinic, William and Mary Law Center

11:05 - 11:25 am

Panel Questions

11:25 - 11:50 am -- **Economic Importance of Working Waterfront**

11:25 - 11:45 am

Coastal and Ocean Snap Shots of Your County (Incomes, Jobs, Taxes)

Danielle Molnar, Coastal Service Center, NOAA

11:45 - 12:05 pm

Virginia Planning: Understanding How Zoning, Comprehensive Planning, and Ordinances Influence Your Business

Anne Ducey Ortiz, Director of Planning and Zoning, Gloucester County

12:05 - 12:25 pm

Panel Questions

12:25 - 1:15 pm -- **Lunch**

1:15 - 2:00 pm -- **Legacy Planning**

1:15 - 1:30 pm

Building a Business for the Next Generation

Ken Smith, President, Virginia Waterman's Association

1:30 - 1:50 pm

Preparing for Business Transition

Alison Lennarz, Attorney with Kaufman & Canoles

Will Holt, Attorney with Kaufman & Canoles

1:50 - 2:10 pm

Panel Questions

2:10 - 2:45 pm -- **Emerging Markets and Access to New Markets**

2:10 - 2:25 pm

Training Waterman to Lead Ecotours (Video and Discussion)

Paula Jasinski, President, Chesapeake Environmental Communications

2:25 - 2:40 pm

Economic Development (CEDS), Local Planning and Workforce Readiness

Donald McCann, Representative, Virginia Marine Trade Association

2:40 - 3:00 pm

Panel Questions

3:00 - 3:20 pm -- **Virginia's Plan for Working Waterfronts**

Beth Polak, Coastal Planner, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program

Tom Murray, Associate Director, Department of Advisory Services, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

3:20 - 4:00 pm -- **Next Steps and Wrap Up**

Tanya Denckla Cobb, Associate Director, Institute for Environmental Negotiation, University of Virginia

Workshop Planning Committee:



Workshop Hosts:



Appendix C:

Summit Surveys

Working Waterfronts Workshop

Virginia Institute of Marine Science & Eastern Shore Community College

Wednesday, February 26, 2014
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Evaluation

Please Circle Your Response

1. Today's effort to inform and engage the community in protecting Virginia's working waterfronts was:

1 2 3 4 5
 Completely unnecessary Premature Neutral Timely Long Overdue

2. Overall, how do you view today's workshop?

1 2 3 4 5
 Not useful/educational Neutral Very Useful/ Educational

3. Overall, the presentations today were:

1 2 3 4 5
 Not Informative About the Issues Neutral Very Informative About the Issues

4. Please rate the workshop/classroom environment:

1 2 3 4 5
 Not conducive to the workshop Neutral Very conducive to the workshop

5. How do you feel about the future of our working waterfronts?

1 2 3 4 5
 Our working waterfronts are here to stay Neutral 4 5 (Mostly envl. risk & mismanagement)
 Our working waterfronts are at great risk

1 2 3 4 5
 We have good tools to protect working waterfronts Neutral 4 5
 We need to find or develop better tools

6. What were the most important things you learned during this workshop?

*CZM: Gems of W.W. Dev. Plan as resource (a lot of potential collaborations)
 VA legal issues w/ Aquaculture.*

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

Legal advice for succession assurance.

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

Lunch SK; Great, varied attendees/materials!

9. I was given opportunities to contribute:

1 Strongly Disagree 2 3 Neutral 4 5 Strongly Agree

10. I felt my ideas were heard and treated respectfully:

1 Strongly Disagree 2 3 Neutral 4 5 Strongly Agree

11. Would you be interested in attending a follow-up workshop?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, in what time frame?

1 year 1.5 years 2 years

12. What specific topics or information regarding working waterfronts would you like to learn more about at the next workshop?

*Incentives for Ecotourism.
WW in collaboration w/ conservation in terms of ecotourism
access availability, allowance to visit sites.*

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

*Improved facilities - clean-up waterfront areas;
Many historically used areas lie in decay & are used as
local dump sites and/or hangouts. Some kind of clean-up incentives.*

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? *Colchester/Northampton, Accomack
(County line)*

NAME: *Shannon Alexander* (OPTIONAL) EMAIL (or phone): *shannon@baycountrykayaking.com*

THANK YOU VERY MUCH
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*Contact local water-dependent businesses/watermen for localized/specialized groups.
Each has a representative present summary of their goings on
opinions to "higher", broader group.*

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6. What were the most important things you learned during this workshop?

All good

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

All good

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

ONE extra break!

9. I was given opportunities to contribute:

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10. I felt my ideas were heard and treated respectfully:

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11. Would you be interested in attending a follow-up workshop?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

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1 year 1.5 years 2 years

12. What specific topics or information regarding working waterfronts would you like to learn more about at the next workshop? New Rules

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

N/A

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? _____

NAME: _____ EMAIL (or phone): _____
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6. What were the most important things you learned during this workshop?

review of fundamental issues + feedback from waterfront industries

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

break-out sessions to refine issues + recommendations

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balancing land use concerns, sea level rise + preserving/promoting working waterfronts - risk analysis + options

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

already am

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? Henrico, but have statewide practice

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(OPTIONAL)

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6. What were the most important things you learned during this workshop?

wide recognition of problem within the waterfront community - probably not a Commonwealth wide matter of concern

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

Presentations on national legislation in context

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

Have some more specific topics

*66 interested
- accommodations
complexity (w) web
etc*

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, in what time frame?

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12. What specific topics or information regarding working waterfronts would you like to learn more about at the next workshop?

See #8

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

~~Reason~~

Posters or white papers

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in?

Ponce de Leon

may be necessary to release more community water next year.

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(OPTIONAL)

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DR. Emell

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6. What were the most important things you learned during this workshop?

It was useful to learn the myriad perspectives that exist relative to this topic. It's only by coming together that

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

we can work for the collective good. Some of the presenters didn't seem to make connections to the various issues. For example, the attorney who spoke about business succession really didn't connect well with some of us. Overall, however, it was a beneficial workshop.

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

We need a speaker from the Eastern Shore of Virginia. I ~~had~~ heard Paul Ewell's very good!

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11. Would you be interested in attending a follow-up workshop?

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The sooner the better. Time is of the essence.

12. What specific topics or information regarding working waterfronts would you like to learn more about at the next workshop?

This needs to grow. We need more opportunities to be participative and make things happen.

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

I am already very active with this work (but not as a part of your group)

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? Accomack (but I work in Norfolk, so either works)

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It is essential that this working waterfront initiative continue!!

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6. What were the most important things you learned during this workshop?

Resources for information great!
 My need to be more involved in planning area

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

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8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it? Ø

Maybe a speaker from waterfront businesses

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe
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*How others have met the hard challenges
e.g. - risk mgmt, insurance, employee/employer issues*

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

This workshop helped.

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? VA Beach

NAME: Beverly Ludford EMAIL (or phone): BLudford@cox.net
(OPTIONAL)

Pleasure House Oysters

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH
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Ludford Bros Oyster Co.

Jacqui Ingram

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

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14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? MATHEWS, VA.

NAME: Jackie Ingram (OPTIONAL) EMAIL (or phone): JACKIE.INGRAM@MPWiFi.com

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6. What were the most important things you learned during this workshop?

Broad range of settings and activities considered a WW or component of a working waterfront.

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? MATEWS Co
I AM A PLANNING COMMISSIONER

NAME: Tom Ingram, Jr. EMAIL (or phone): ingramscove1640@mpwif.com
(OPTIONAL)

I only got

BACK SHEET PACKAGE

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1	2	3	4	⑤
Not useful/educational		Neutral		Very Useful/ Educational

3. Overall, the presentations today were:

1	2	3	④	5
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might look at webinars to increase audience

5. How do you feel about the future of our working waterfronts?

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6. What were the most important things you learned during this workshop?

*new partnerships initiative + coalitions
EMERGING MARKETS (POLIT)*

*AT LOCAL, STATE
Federal
academic &
private
sector*

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

*provide website info
(if money's permit, briefs provided on attendees
notebooks
CDs/DVD's to*

9. I was given opportunities to contribute:

1 Strongly Disagree 2 3 Neutral ④ 5 Strongly Agree

10. I felt my ideas were heard and treated respectfully:

1 Strongly Disagree 2 ③ Neutral 4 5 Strongly Agree

11. Would you be interested in attending a follow-up workshop?

① Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, in what time frame?

with ① year 1.5 years 2 years

12. What specific topics or information regarding working waterfronts would you like to learn more about at the next workshop?

*emerging markets
building coalitions/partnership
educational opportunities - using waterman and
academic community*

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

*Learn more about environment (waterfront). see
how technology can assist or new partnerships - Understanding
about what is needed - challenges that need to be solved?*

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe N/A

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? _____

NAME: _____ EMAIL (or phone): bbrown@mitre.org
(OPTIONAL)

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6. What were the most important things you learned during this workshop?

The risk of the working waterfront industries' decline

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

N/A

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

Offer more information about next steps and who should lead the charge. Such as steps that need to be taken to achieve the outlined goals.

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1. Insurance coverage 3. Cooperation with other industries that complement etc fish/seafood industries
2. Marketing

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

Serving on a committee or team that would be working on a solution for an identified problem/issue.

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? *I work with grantees as a state employee but am very interested in growing the economies for the towns, cities and counties with whom I work.*

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(OPTIONAL)

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

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6. What were the most important things you learned during this workshop?

Restricted fishing seasons (31 days for scallops)

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

Succession planning

Robert Moses
Port Messtech Marina

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

Grant opportunities for filling the gap between current inventory and infrastructure needed to be successful working waterfront.

9. I was given opportunities to contribute:

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11. Would you be interested in attending a follow-up workshop?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

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What changes are necessary in fishing limits, etc so that working waterfronts will be profitable.

12. What specific topics or information regarding working waterfronts would you like to learn more about at the next workshop?

I am ready to roll up my sleeves to work with others to obtain financing for ideas specific to my waterfront at Messick Pt at Back River.

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

Funds to reduce the burden on Pogooson to construct infrastructure.

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? Pogooson City

Port Messick Marina

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rwmoses@cox.net
757-218-7144

(OPTIONAL)

I am a licensed Class A builder.

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6. What were the most important things you learned during this workshop?

- stories from the watermen and local examples presented from law students about working waterfront issues in York + Gloucester County

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

- setting up legacy talk

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

→ directions for speaker w/ ppt. not so many words, more enthusiastic, have a component about identifying current uses, education, boating, fishing, restaurants, building, etc.

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- Industries on the water (specific info on economic gain)
- mitigation ideas and working waterfront restoration / addition
- environmental impact

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

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- How are environmental impacts being considered when thinking about working waterfronts?

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- How do you plan on letting people know what you are currently doing other than just the ones attending the workshop

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- How is CZM planning for climate change when developing policy + suggestions in their sy. working waterfront plan?

- Ecotourism is wonderful, a ton already exists, utilize what exists & rather than recreating the wheel

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*Economic impact of maritime industries.
Issues from Watermen who attend.*

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

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Speakers as given guidance on content of their speech.

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Cooperation from both sides regarding resolution on issues

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- ① The need to provide greater support for smaller waterfront businesses by reducing regulation on local level
- ② Potential opps to provide capacity building + outreach to each waterfront community to help them define what a thriving waterfront means for them

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

N/A ... very nicely facilitated ... thank you!

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?
provide issues that are primarily impacted from national level + those impacted by state level regulation

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*Strategies to connect with other food movements
Would like to hear from more Watermen.*

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

Will need to start reading up on relevant publications + attend future meetings

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? VA DHCD

Would really like to help facilitate smaller working groups

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*Broad range of issues & go. = pressures difficult to address in time available.
More focused and shorter.*

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How VA, law looks at or defines working waterfronts.

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it? *NEED more involvement from local Board of Supervisors + Planning Commissions where changes in zoning + Comp. plans are made.*

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13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront? *As a waterman for over 40 yrs., seeing the resources watermen depend on and the waterfronts available to watermen disappear, a unique, economically valuable culture is disappearing + must be saved.*

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? NORTHUMBERLAND

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broad spectrum of interests

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attorneys -

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the size subjects local issues not so broad based

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USE NOAA JOB SECTORS (6)

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? York

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Many tools for saving working waterfronts

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

Issues should focus on solutions, not airing complaints

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Break during the afternoon session

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Successful + failed efforts

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

Community support on behalf of my county
(I'm a planner)

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

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THAT WE NEED TO DEVELOP BETTER TOOLS TO ENHANCE WORKING WATERFRONTS,

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? MATHEWS

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6. What were the most important things you learned during this workshop?

that I still have a lot to learn about watermen needs, issues (taxes) + different based

*↓
in all aspects*

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

Succession planning did not apply to me, but still interesting

- USBC*
- VDH*
- tax system*
- rural vs. urban*

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

Healthier food 😊
Questions ahead of time to focus on reply

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- different types of working fronts and their needs

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I love the idea of marketing the Bay similar to the way we market other tourism - would love to be involved in that!

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? at Matthews (live)
Gloucester (work)

I can't speak for our BOS but I would like Gloucester to be a pilot policy.

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Give local gov't data on working waterfronts inventory so they can keep it up to date

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Power of zoning ordinances to protect working waterfronts.

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?
Biological issues facing watermen who ultimately make up + use working waterfronts.

Business succession. This was not very helpful for policymakers and would be better targeted towards watermen.

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

Break out into small discussion groups w/ representation from a diverse background of interests.

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- Coordination with fishery managers

- Taxes for working waterfront parcels
- Specific actions that policy makers can / should make

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

specific guidance / recommendations from the state level (VACZM / General Assembly)
- Contact list / opportunity for dialogue with other groups

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? Mathews

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Issues faced by watermen

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

LAWYERS? Really?? It felt like I WAS watching AN infomercial ON LATE NIGHT TV! Business succession is AN issue; however, having those who have AN economic interest in pushing their views is not good.

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

HAVE A followup session quickly. Rearrange the agenda to focus on the waterfront users -- the crabbers, the fishermen, the oystermen, the marina operators, etc -- then afternoon session should work thru possible solutions and

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4-6 months
too important to delay longer
Local zoning and local wetlands board decisions can change the working waterfront landscape in two years

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see #8 above

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As a member of local wetlands board, I'm actively involved

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? Gloucester

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AUDIENCE MISSING RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN (1 charter cpt.)

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

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Strongly Disagree Neutral Strongly Agree

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

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12. What specific topics or information regarding working waterfronts would you like to learn more about at the next workshop?

- REC. FISHERMEN
- ECOTOURISM (more)

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

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14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? MATTHEWS, VA

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(OPTIONAL)

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*THAT MANY PEOPLE/RESOURCES ARE ENGAGED
IN PROTECTING WORKING WATERFRONTS.*

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

Business Transition

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ACTIONABLE PROJECTS/INITIATIVES ARE AVAILABLE

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GRANT/FINANCE/PROJECT ASPECTS OF WORKING WATERFRONTS

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

I'M ALREADY FULLY INVESTED!

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? _____

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IMPORTANCE OF PLANS

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

POOR MICROPHONE

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

LOCAL CHANGES IN LAWS TO GET THINGS DONE.

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IMPACT LAWS; CLARITY OF LAWS AND DEFINITION OF TERMS

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

BETTER LAWS AND DEFINITION

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? GLOUCESTER

NAME: William C. Walker EMAIL (or phone): WC WALKER@INNWA. (OPTIONAL)

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→ Need capital funds

6. What were the most important things you learned during this workshop?

EXISTING GROUPS working on topics of interest. Website, Aquaculture current issues

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

Love to hear the old stories, but coming from small water-bon very familiar w/ them. date (ENOW) ECOTOURISM Recreation Trades/Workforce

- Desire to add Poquoson to groups/studies/opportunities

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

small groups of related needs to get together + share

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TOURISM

13. What would help you become active in protecting the working waterfront?

LOOKING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS .

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? City of POGUOSON

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Zoning info. would have been more useful to talk @ how to change zoning - the process someone needs to go through

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe
If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? York

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The importance of tourism as part of working waterfronts

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The session on transition for business owners and will didn't seem like a good fit for this workshop.

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Develop a plan for working waterfront that includes more than who was here today. Breakfast groups to draft elements of a plan would be a useful exercise.

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Comparison of other states outside of region to hear their success stories.

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Local, STATE + Federal Government Needs TO GET ON THE SAME PAGE

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Winchester

NAME:

Derwin Book

EMAIL (or phone):

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The extent of job decline and the ridiculous special use Permit requirements

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

IT was mostly good

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

Make sure the speakers are good presenters. One especially could not speak clearly (1st lawyer)

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What if some action plans have been submitted to the General Assembly & status thereof

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? Middlesex

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I learned that there is a fragmented group of parties in interest that need to come together to effect change.

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

"Preparing for Business Transition"

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

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a working group of people representing all interests should develop priorities and action plans.

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6. What were the most important things you learned during this workshop?

~~Learning~~ Learning + discussion on economic drivers and why the watermen industry is important to the region.

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in? Northernumberland County
(parttime)

→ on a limited basis, definitely, but I have limited time to do this for free. I care

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there is an effort underway

7. What did you find least helpful in this workshop?

what about Oysters are "organic" food?

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SWOT analysis

9. I was given opportunities to contribute:

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Target Projects

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Local Projects

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Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in?

Northumberland

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→ Lessons learned from
1) West Coast other areas

8. If we hold this workshop again, how can we improve it?

2) Gulf of Mexico
Maybe stronger focus on status of
fishery management plans.

Need to be updated?
Any political problems
to avoid good
science?

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specialty
→ develop Seafood markets

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1) Lessons learned from other areas for example:

- Seafood certification (MSC or RFM)
- Local Seafood markets, co-ops, etc. (Lessons from other region)
- Importance of micro-canneries (es. West Coast)

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More business interest, eg. aquaculture + ecotourism

14. Would you be interested in participating in a smaller working group formed at the local level, to help to protect your working waterfront?

Yes No Unsure/ Maybe

If yes or maybe, what County do you live in?

Albemarle County
but other professional experience in:
Maryland Ches Bay (Calvert Co.) Russian Far East
Oregon Coast Marine extension
Gulf of Mexico, especially Louisiana

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

Appendix D:
Newspaper Articles

Working commercial fishing waterfronts, such as the one above at Guinea in Gloucester County, are endangered as county and town zoning ordinances along with the high cost of waterfront real estate has encouraged residential growth and discouraged commercial growth.
(Photo by Larry Chowning)



Program hopes to encourage more commercial seafood waterfront sites
by Larry Chowning

Concerns over loss of Virginia’s working (seafood) waterfronts recently prompted the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program to hold a workshop on ways to preserve the state’s working waterfronts. The workshop was held February 26 at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) in Gloucester Point.

During the waterfront home-building rage throughout the Chesapeake Bay region, which occurred from the 1980s through about 2006, waterfront seafood and commercial properties were disappearing as fast as the building contractors could put up homes and condos.

During this time counties and towns enacted zoning ordinances that favored the development of homes along the waterfront. Most of the land along the water was zoned residential, which limited and often eliminated waterfront commercial usage. This, in part, discouraged expansion of already existing commercial locations where seafood was traditionally off-loaded and trucked to market.

“While threats to the viability of our working waterfronts remain, there is a growing recognition of the problem and an expanding list of possible solutions,” said the CZM report that was presented to the 140-plus people who attended the workshop.

“Nationally, coastal states and localities are using planning, zoning, land conservation and acquisition, tax incentives, public improvements, and state and local regulations to help preserve their working waterfronts,” the report stated.

“Increasing demand for waterfront properties along Virginia’s coast has resulted in an increase in property values and higher costs for traditional waterfront business. Because of these and other factors, Virginia is slowly losing its working waterfronts—an issue that may have long-term consequences for local economics, the environment, coastal culture and quality of life,” stated the report.

“Today, working waterfronts continue to provide critical access to coastal waters for people engaged in commercial and recreational fishing, seafood processing, boatbuilding, aquaculture and other water-dependent businesses,” the report stated.

Since 2011, grants from Virginia’s CZM have allowed VIMS and their partners to define working waterfronts; create an inventory of existing working waterfront infrastructure throughout the coastal zone; and conduct an economic analysis of four different types of working-waterfronts infrastructure to demonstrate their economic importance to the community. Thomas Murray of VIMS served as the project lead for taking inventory of existing working-waterfront sites for the CZM program. The inventories captured precise location, specialized support services, unique site features and, in some cases, planning efforts toward future transfer of site ownership, he said.

As for the future, CZM, VIMS, and their partners plan to identify and develop policy tools for retention of working waterfronts that are appropriate for adoption by local governments. The partners also identify a locality to participate in a demonstration project that will test the feasibility of implementing the identified tools, states the report.

Middlesex County Planning Director Wally Horton, Middlesex Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator Chris Ingram, and Middlesex supervisor Jack Miller attended the February 26 meeting. There were no representatives from the Town of Urbanna in attendance.

The Virginia CZM Program is funding development of the working waterfronts strategy through a grant from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The five-year grant strategy for working waterfronts is for \$250,000. The five-year period began in October 2011 and will continue through September 2016.

Virginia CZM manager Laura McKay, whose organization led in planning the February 26 workshop, said the partners in the plan are half-way through a five-year process to develop a plan to help preserve working waterfronts. While the first couple of years focused on defining what working waterfronts are, and raising awareness, McKay said, “We’re now looking for localities interested in being a pioneer.”

Tommy Leggett, an oyster grower and owner of Chessie Seafood and Aquafarms in Gloucester said the “loss of working waterfronts is one of the most important issues facing fishermen in terms of our future. We can catch all of the crabs, oysters, and fish that resource managers allow us, but if there is no working waterfront on which to land our products, the harvesting is pointless.”

Murray said the main purpose of the workshop was to “provide the opportunity for stakeholders to become directly involved in clarifying the issues and challenges facing Virginia’s working waterfronts, and to develop strategic steps moving forward.”

The Town of Urbanna and Middlesex County are directly impacted by these issues because the Rappahannock River is a prime source of growing and harvesting market-size oysters.

As late as the 1980s, oystermen came from around the Middle Peninsula to Urbanna and moored their boats overnight in the creek to work the fertile oysters rocks off Urbanna. The Town of Urbanna owns a public dock and marina facility at the foot of Virginia Street, but there are limitations on its commercial use.

Middlesex County’s public landings were at one-time primary locations for off-loading oysters and the overnight mooring of oyster boats. Presently, all public landings in Middlesex are under a state “sunset regulation” that prohibits overnight mooring unless pump-out facilities are available at the landing.

Part of the purpose of the VIMS workshop was to find a balance between waterfront landowners,

who often do not want their lifestyle disturbed by seafood-oriented businesses, and the revival of the oyster—an economic stimulus and a major factor in improvements of water quality throughout the Chesapeake Bay region.

Working for waterfronts

A daylong workshop at VIMS attracts 140 participants interested in revitalizing state icons

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GLOUCESTER — A recent workshop focused on bringing together watermen, business owners, local officials and others seeking the revitalization of decaying working waterfronts drew more than 140 participants to the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

The daylong workshop featured 17 speakers from a variety of backgrounds who covered topics ranging from why working waterfronts are important to the economy, to training watermen to lead ecotours, to developing the state's plan for working waterfronts.

Ken Smith, president of the Virginia Watermen's Association and a Heathsville resident, gave a presentation on "Building a Business for the Next Generation" and said he came away from it feeling positive and said it appears it was a group of people who want to do something to help.

"I'm hopeful," Smith said.

Clearly the presenters did a lot of work in preparation for the conference and it's something that's going to have to continue, Smith said. One of the key issues moving forward is awareness.

"All these people that move into our area, they all want a print of a workboat on their wall but they really don't want one up their creek working," Smith said.

Awareness includes the intersection of working watermen, their culture and residents who live on the water or in waterfront communities and how to preserve the local seafood industry by getting people to interact with watermen, Smith said. Eventually people may have a place to buy fresh seafood, Smith said.

From an industry perspective, a local seafood business owner said it's pretty clear how to preserve working waterfronts.

"The best way to protect working waterfronts is to have a resource to use that working waterfront," said John Vigliotta, owner of Mobjack Bay Seafood in Ware Neck who attended the workshop.

The rise of oyster aquaculture and seeing wild oysters making "a little bit of a comeback" are positive things that could be nurtured, Vigliotta said. But you have to make waterfronts user-friendly for the watermen.

"That's it in a nutshell," Vigliotta said. "As long as there's plenty of product to unload, they should theoretically be fine. Then those places that are dilapidated will be useful or have a need."

Workshops such as the one at VIMS are certainly helpful to the policy makers, not all of whom have worked on a crab boat or oyster boat, Vigliotta said.

"There's got to be a happy medium and that's what our policy makers are trying to do," he said. "As you look at everything and you see diminishing numbers and that's frightening everybody. And then it's, 'Oh, how do we fix that.'"

Lewie Lawrence, executive director of the Middle Peninsula Planning District commission, said rural Chesapeake Bay communities are somewhat limited when it comes to recruiting for traditional economic development opportunities. The strength of these communities lies in the natural resources and quality of life, with working waterfronts being both cultural and economic assets, he said.

Lawrence sees protecting working waterfronts as a "sustainable dilapidation" movement.

"Visitors coming to the rural Chesapeake Bay shoreline want to see vibrant crab houses, bustling oyster houses, gill nets being repaired and crab pots being built and lots of Chesapeake Bay deadrises working the bay and being repaired along our shores," Lawrence said. "These assets have to remain viable, productive and protected. It's the view-shed that makes people want to return to the Middle Peninsula, Northern Neck and Eastern Shore to see it, smell it and taste it."

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