

Virginia Marine Resources Commission

380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA

Habitat Policy Oversight Committee

October 28, 2026, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Agenda

Committee Members Invited:

William Bransom, Assoc. Commissioner and
Chairperson
David Rudders (VIMS)
Prof. Carol Considine (ICAR)
Richard Calvert (City of Portsmouth Wetlands
Board)
Neville Reynolds (VHB)
Mary-Carson Stiff (Wetlands Watch)
Lexy McCarty (Cherrystone Aquaculture)

Justin Shafer (City of Norfolk)
Ryan Green (CZM)
Kelsey Gray (VERA)
Ben McFarlane (HRPDC)
Christy Everett (CBF)
Joseph Grist, Commissioner (ex-officio)
Meghan Mayfield, Deputy Commissioner (ex-
officio)
Randy Owen (ex-officio)

1. Approval of Summary Minutes
2. Presentation – Joe Reiger
3. Oyster Shell Bags vs Loose shells in Shoreline Enhancement Projects (Randy Owen)
4. VMRC Royalty Calculations & Royalty Fees (Randy Owen & Meghan Mayfield)
5. VMRC Guidance Documents needing update and review by committee (Randy Owen)
6. Discussion of BUDM draft document to review contents and recommendations (Meghan Mayfield & Tiffany Birge)
7. **§ 28.2-1308** Standards for use and development of wetlands; utilization of guidelines (Meghan Mayfield)
 - a. *“Convene a stakeholder work group to address mitigation requirements for tidal nonvegetated wetlands...The stakeholder work group shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources no later than July 1, 2027.”*
8. State Bottomland Conveyance Language (Norfolk)
9. Public Comment
10. Future Meeting Planning