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Fisheries Scientists, Managers, and Constituents to Discuss Chesapeake Bay Fishery Resource Management

The Chesapeake Bay Program's Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team will meet Monday, December 14 to discuss topics of critical importance to important fishery species in the Bay. Sessions will feature presentations by top scientists from the region.

The Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team includes the state fisheries managers from around the Bay, fisheries scientists, other experts, and stakeholders, and is chaired by the director of the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office. The team uses the latest science to inform fishery management decisions and meets in person twice a year to address issues and promote sustainable fish populations that support commercial and recreational fisheries in the Chesapeake Bay, and to share and discuss the latest science on these species.

WHAT: Semiannual in-person meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Program's Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team. [Working agenda](#) topics:

- Oyster restoration efforts in Maryland and Virginia
- Developing forage indicators and nutritional profiles for five predatory species in the Bay
- Updates on two-year workplans to achieve blue crab, forage, fish habitat, and oyster outcomes under the [Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement](#)
- Latest scientific data on cownose rays, including findings from a recent workshop
- Blue crab survey and research on blue crab reproductive capacity
- Analyses of blue catfish diet in Bay tributaries

WHEN: Monday, December 14 (10 a.m.-4:15 p.m.); see [meeting page](#) for webinar/call-in information

WHERE: Bernie Fowler Lab on the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science's (UMCES) [Chesapeake Biological Laboratory](#) campus, 142 Williams St., Solomons, Maryland, 20688

WHO: Presentations by experts from:

- NOAA (Peyton Robertson, Stephanie Westby, Emilie Franke)
- Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (Matt Ogburn)
- UMCES Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (Tom Miller, Andre Buchheister, Mike Wilberg)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Susan Connor)
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Don Orth, Joseph Schmitt)

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The Chesapeake Bay Program is a regional partnership that has coordinated and conducted the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay since 1983. Partners include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, representing the federal government; the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the states of Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia; the District of Columbia; the Chesapeake Bay Commission, a tri-state legislative body; and advisory groups of citizens, scientists and local government officials.

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