

# Potomac Watershed Roundtable

Westmoreland State Park

1650 State Park Rd

Montross, VA 22520

(for directions see <https://goo.gl/maps/mx85DQga21U2>)

Friday, July 13, 2018

**9:30 Registration and Morning Refreshments Served Prior to the Meeting**

*(The Potomac Council will meet from 9:00 to 9:50)*

**10:00 Call to Order and Introductions**

**Approval of the Minutes** of the April 13, 2018 meeting at Alexandria Renew Enterprises in Alexandria

**10:15 Updates** from the Chair

**10:30 Members Time and Announcements**

**10:45 Chesapeake Bay TMDL Update**

Ann Jennings, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources

The Commonwealth has begun an endeavor to develop the Phase III Watershed Improvement Plan to meet the water quality standards of the Chesapeake Bay. Ms. Jennings will share an overview of the effort and strategy to develop the plan and how Roundtable members can play an important role in informing the plan.

**11:15 Aquaculture in Virginia**

Karen Hudson, Shellfish Aquaculture Specialist, Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences (VIMS)

The Marine Advisory Program at VIMS is unique in that it is home to scientists whose sole responsibility is for advisory programs on behalf of Commonwealth citizenry, marine industries, and government. The program provides education, outreach, and technical assistance in the areas of aquaculture, commercial and sport fishing, marine education, marine business, and seafood technology and safety. Ms. Hudson will provide an update and outlook specific to the shellfish aquaculture industry.

**12:00 Lunch and Networking** – \$15 in cash or check (made out to the *Northern Virginia SWCD*); receipts will be provided.

**1:00 Shoreline Erosion Advisory Service (SEAS) Program Updates**

Aaron Wendt, Shoreline Engineer, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

Shorelines are in constant states of change. The main causes of shoreline erosion are storm waves and rising sea levels. Human activity, such as agriculture and development, can drastically accelerate the natural rate of shoreline erosion. Soil type and composition also can affect shoreline erosion rates. Some Virginia shorelines have historic erosion rates of up to 30 feet per year. The Shoreline Erosion Advisory Service, or SEAS, was established in 1980 to assist private landowners and localities in Virginia with erosion problems. The work of SEAS staff had previously been focused on the tidal areas of Virginia, specifically localities from Fairfax County to the North Carolina line and from the fall line eastward. However today, SEAS services are also available in non-tidal areas of the state.

**2:00 Adjourn**