

Virginia Marine Resources Commission

380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA

Habitat Policy Oversight Committee

September 23, 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. Introduction of New Members
 - a. Potential for 2 new members, if no new members status of committee population.
2. Approval of Summary Minutes
3. Draft Committee Manual introduction
4. Update on potential Poplar Island, MD visit
5. Discussion of BUDM draft document to review contents and recommendations (Meghan Mayfield)
6. Oyster Shell Bags vs Loose in Shoreline Enhancement Projects (Randy Owen)
7. VMRC Guidance Documents needing update and review by committee (Randy Owen)
8. Public Comment
9. Future Meeting Planning