

Agenda
Maryland Coastal Bays Program
Citizens Advisory Committee

The Globe Restaurant
12 Broad Street
Berlin, MD 21811

February 16, 2016
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

- 5:30 p.m. **Introductions & Announcements, CAC members concerns and accomplishments**
Introduction to benthic habitats
Steve Parker, CAC Chair
- 5:40 p.m. **Introduction to the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan**
Jen Rafter, Technical Coordinator, MCBP
- 5:50 p.m. **Offshore Benthic Habitats and Fisheries**
Captain Monty Hawkins
- 6:30 p.m. **Suggestions for next meeting**

2016 Meetings:

May 17
Aug .16

Tonight's presentation relates to the Maryland Coastal Bay Program's 10 year Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan as follows:

- Work with the Dept. of Natural resources to educate anglers about fishery regulations and explain responsible fishing practices (Plan action FW1.3.4)
- Enhance public awareness of resource protection issues and needs, targeting sensitive areas and species (Plan action RN 2.1.3)
- Working with academic, local government and other partners, analyze and promote the economic values of commercial and recreational fishing and other natural resource dependent sectors. (Plan action CD 1.1.1)
- Support Ocean City's sponsorship of permits for the Ocean City Reef Foundation and sustained improvements in reef enhancements. (Plan action FW 4.1.7)

Volunteer opportunities:

Terrapin Survey May 31 to June 4 with trainings May 19 and 22. Contact jrafter@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297 x 109 for more information. Everyone can participate!

10 Days for the Bays every second Saturday from March through December, 2016. Dates are as follows: 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10. Activities will include tree planting, invasive plant removal, trail construction, clean-ups, and more! Check out our calendar at www.mdcoastalbays.org/calendar for information on location and activity for the month. Please RSVP to Amanda at amandap@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297 ext. 103.

Links:

Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan

<http://www.mdcoastalbays.org/pdf/ccmp.pdf>

List of resources on Maryland Coastal Bays Program's website

<http://www.mdcoastalbays.org/publications>

Morning Star Fishing- Capt. Monty Hawkins

<http://morningstarfishing.com/index.htm>

Baseline Wildlife Studies Offshore of Maryland

Biodiversity Research Institute

<http://www.briloon.org/mabs/maryland>

Assateague Island National Seashore General Management Plan (GMP) Draft

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=26140>

The closing date for comments will be May 1, 2016.

NPS will hold public open houses to solicit comments on the Draft GMP/EIS during the public review period. The public open houses are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at the WorWic Tech Center in Salisbury, MD from 4:30 to 7:00 PM;
- Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at the Ocean Pines Library, Berlin, MD, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM;
- Thursday, March 31, at the Town Center in Chincoteague, VA from 4:00 to 7:00 PM