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# AQUACULTURE RECEPTION

Friday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm



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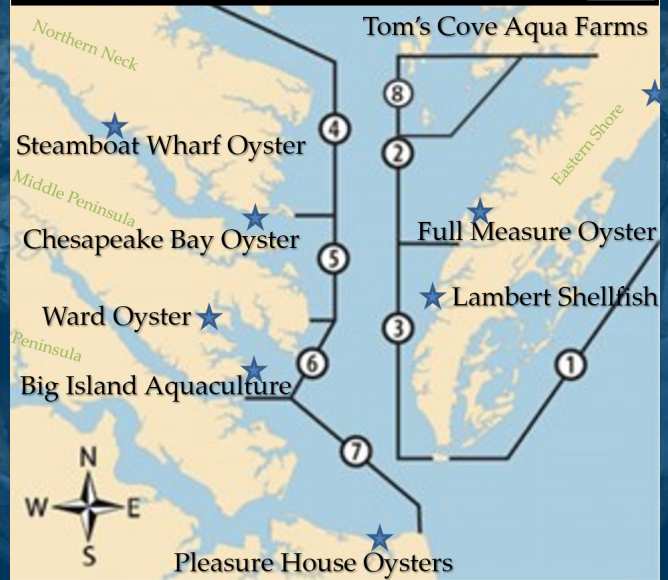
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## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Trade Show	Grand Ballroom
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	General Session	Pearl
	<b>Grant programs for producers and tips for preparing applications</b>	- Tony Banks, Virginia Farm Bureau
	<b>Navigating Ecommerce: Building direct-to-consumer solutions for business of all sizes</b>	- Kimberly Reuter, CSG Consulting
	<b>Workforce development:</b>	
	• <b>Bivalve Shellfish</b>	- Bill Walton, VIMS
	• <b>Controlled Environmental Agriculture (CEA)</b>	- Bryan David, UVA Cooper Center for Public Service/GO VA Region 3
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Trade Show & Networking Break	Grand Ballroom
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	<b>Virginia Oyster Trail State of the Union</b>	Bluepoint
	<i>(all welcome) - Bruce Vogt, VOT Board President</i>	
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>Shellfish Growers of Virginia Membership Meeting</b>	Bluepoint
	<i>(all welcome) - Ben Stagg, Executive Director</i>	
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	<b>Welcome Address</b>	Pearl
	<i>The Steering Committee is pleased to welcome the Honorable Travis Voyles, Virginia Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources and the Honorable Joseph Guthrie, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.</i>	
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Aquaculture Reception	Grand Ballroom





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## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

7:30 am - 8:30 am      **Breakfast**      **Grand Ballroom**

8:30 am - 10:00 am      **Breakout Sessions**

8:30 am - 10:00 am      **Bivalve Shellfish Breakout**      **Pearl Ballroom**

### Regulatory Roundup - updates from agency partners and open discussion

- **VDH Shellfish Safety** - Danielle Schools & Sarah Good
- **VMRC Shellfish Management** - Adam Kenyon & Andrew Button

### Water Quality Tools - applications to support growers and managers

- **Chesapeake Bay Environmental Forecast System (CBEFS)** - Marjy Friedrichs, VIMS
- **EcoOyster: a model for predicting oyster growth** - Mark Brush, VIMS
- **Coastal acidification and oyster aquaculture** - Catherine Czajka & \*Emily Rivest, VIMS
- **Shellfish Thresholds and Aquaculture Resilience (STAR) Map** - Brian Katz, Oregon State University

8:30 am - 10:00 am      **Virginia Aquaculture Breakout**      **Bluepoint**

### Program Updates:

- **Virginia Dept. Wildlife Resources (VDWR)** - Brendan Delbos
- **Virginia State University College of Agriculture (VSU-COA)** - Chris Mullins
- **VT-Virginia Seafood Agricultural Research and Extension Center (VSAREC)** - Michael Schwarz
- **Virginia Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)** - Carrie Umberger
- **Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR)** - Scott Lowman
- **Seafood Economic Analysis and Marketing Research (SEAMaR)** - Jonathan van Senten

10:00 am - 11:00 am      **Trade Show & Networking Break**      **Grand Ballroom**

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# 2023 VIRGINIA AQUACULTURE CONFERENCE

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

### 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Breakout Sessions

#### 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Bivalve Shellfish Breakout

Pearl Ballroom

##### Co-Culture and Alternative Species Panel - Moderator: Darien Mizuta, VIMS

- **Soft shell clam production, a hatchery perspective** - Mike Congrove, Oyster Seed Holdings
- **VIMS Eastern Shore Lab update** - Richard Snyder, VIMS
- **Multi-species aquaculture research in New Jersey** - Michael Acquafredda, Rutgers
- **Co-culture of grazers and oysters** - Darien Mizuta, VIMS

##### Seaside Hard Clam Aquaculture and Submerged Aquatic Vegetation - research to inform policy

- **Introduction / Background** - Mark Luckenbach, VIMS
- **SAV research overview** - \*Grace Breitenbeck, Christopher Patrick, Carey Johnston and David Wilcox, VIMS
- **Next Steps** - Mark Luckenbach, VIMS

#### 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Virginia Aquaculture Breakout

Bluepoint

##### Hydroponics/Aquaponics/Food Safety

- **Overview: Healthy Harvest Fresh aquaponics** - Tammy Cole, Healthy Harvest Fresh
- **Aquaponics programing for Virginia growers** - Josh Dusci, VSU-COA
- **HACCP in aquaponics/hydroponics** - Katheryn Parraga-Estrada, VSAREC
- **Biofloc applications in Virginia** - Nick Romano VSU-COA

### 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023**

**1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Breakout Sessions**

**1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Bivalve Shellfish Breakout**

**Pearl Ballroom**

**Lightning Talks: Collaborative Research** - Moderator: Hilary Parmentier, VASG

- **Update on OsHV1: *C. virginica* challenges and seed screening** - Kimberly Reece, VIMS
- **Water parameters in oyster bags affected by culture practices** - Julianne Grenn, VIMS
- **Using Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) to manage oyster farm production** - Matt LaGanke, VIMS
- **A farmer's perspective on using RFID to manage oyster farm production**  
- Marcia Berman Cappahosic Oyster Co.
- **Got the fuzz? A conversation about the effects of stalked ciliates on oyster nursery culture**  
- Samantha Glover, Oyster Seed Holdings
- **Gear comparison trials: a perspective on floating vs bottom grown oysters** - Bill Walton, VIMS
- **Economic impact of shellfish closures in Virginia** - Fernando Goncalves, VSAREC/SEAMaR

**1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Virginia Aquaculture Breakout**

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**Recent Advances**

- **Economic contributions of the Virginia seafood industry** - Fernando Goncalves, VSAREC/SEAMaR
- **New national partnership to advance aquaculture economics and marketing research and extension**  
- Noah Boldt, VSAREC/SEAMaR
- **Consumer preferences for marine finfish** - Domena Agyeman, VSAREC/SEAMaR
- **Environmentally friendly production of marine shrimp in super intensive systems in Virginia**  
- Octavio Augusta, VSAREC

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