



March 22 and 23, 2017

**N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences Nature Research Center
William G. Ross Jr. Environmental Conference Center
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Summit Agenda

Wednesday, March 22:

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. Summit Convenes: **Tom Looney**, Board of Directors, Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina

10:05 a.m. Welcome: **Michael S. Regan**, Secretary, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

10:15 a.m. Setting the Stage for Economic Opportunities Along Our Coast: Importance of Regional Economic Development Strategies
Chris Chung, Chief Executive Officer, Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina

10:30 a.m. Status and Trends with the Coastal Economy and Environment: Current Economic Conditions, Trends and Economic Development Challenges
Jason Gray, Senior Fellow Research and Policy, The Rural Center

10:50 a.m. A Strategic Economic and Environmental Vision for the North Carolina Coast: A Plan to Leverage North Carolina Coastal Assets While Improving the Environment
Tom Looney, Board of Directors, Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina

11:15 a.m. Virginia Success Story: A Case Study for Restoring Oyster Habitats and Expanding the Oyster Industry
Moderated by **Tom Looney**, Board of Directors, Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina
Panelists:

Transition from Land to Sea Farming - **Tommy Leggett**, Owner, Chessie Seafood and Aquafarms

The Oyster Science Blueprint - **Mark W. Luckenbach**, Professor of Marine Science; Associate Dean of Research and Advisory Services, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Getting Regulations Right - **Jim Wesson**, Chief Shellfish Replenishment Officer, Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Noon Lunch

1:30 p.m. Eliminating the Barriers to Entry and Building a Shellfish Aquaculture Industry Outlined by **Tom Looney**, Board of Directors, Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina

Panelists:

Will Best, JLUS Project Manager, N.C. Department of Commerce

Dave Cerino, Aquaculture Coordinator, Carteret Community College

Jay Styron, President, N.C. Shellfish Growers Association

Chuck Weirich, Marine Aquaculture Specialist, North Carolina Sea Grant

Niels Lindquist, Joint Professor, UNC Institute of Marine Sciences

Steve Murphey, Habitat and Enhancement Section Chief, N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries

Ami Wilbur, Director, Shellfish Research Hatchery & Associate Professor, University of North Carolina Wilmington

3:15 p.m. The Economic Value of Building and Enhancing Oyster Habitat Moderated by **Erin Fleckenstein**, Coastal Scientist, North Carolina Coastal Federation

Panelists:

Garry Wright, Biologist Supervisor, Habitat and Enhancement Section, N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries

Simon Rich III, Partner and General Manager, Stevens Towing Company

Dave Eggleston, Director, N.C. State University Center for Marine Science and Technology

4:00 p.m. A Comprehensive Environmentally Based Strategic Blueprint for North Carolina's Coastal Economy

Outlined by **Todd Miller**, Executive Director, North Carolina Coastal Federation

Panelists:

Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager and Director of Planning & Economic Development, Hyde County

Todd BenDor, Associate Professor, Director of Ph.D. Program, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of City and Regional Planning

***Jane Harrison**, Coastal Economics Specialist, North Carolina Sea Grant
Pete Peterson, Alumni Distinguished Professor of Marine Sciences,
Biology and Ecology, UNC Institute of Marine Sciences*

5:00 p.m. Adjourn for the Day

6:00 p.m. Legislative Oyster Reception at Market Hall (215 Wolfe St, Raleigh, NC 27601)

Thursday, March 23

8:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Day Two Overview: **Lauren Kolodij**, Deputy Director, North Carolina Coastal Federation

8:35 a.m. Economic Development Depends on Clean and Productive Coastal Water Quality
Moderated by **Ted Wilgis**, Coastal Education Coordinator, North Carolina Coastal Federation

Panelists:

***Shannon Jenkins**, Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water
Quality Section Chief, Shellfish Sanitation, N.C. Division of Marine
Fisheries*

***Feletia Lee**, Environmental Coordinator, Blockade Runner Beach Resort*

***Joey Daniels**, Oyster Farm Manager, Wanchese Fish Company*

***Pete Peterson**, Alumni Distinguished Professor of Marine Sciences,
Biology and Ecology, UNC Institute of Marine Sciences*

9:30 a.m. Maryland Success Story - A Case Study Examining the Maryland P3 Partnership and
the Business of Stormwater Retrofits

Moderated by **Mike Randall**, Acting Supervisor, Stormwater Permitting Unit, N.C.
Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources

***David Washington**, Director of Program Operations, Clean Water Partnership*

Respondent Panel:

***Annette Lucas**, Stormwater Program, N.C. Division of Energy, Mineral and
Land Resources*

***Hunter Freeman**, Senior Project Engineer, PE, LEED AP, WithersRavenel*

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Developing Economical Solutions that Safeguard Water Quality

Moderated by **Lauren Kolodij**, Deputy Director, North Carolina Coastal Federation

Panelists:

Burrows Smith, *Managing Partner and Developer, River Bluffs Development Group*
Larry Sneed, *Senior Civil Engineer, AECOM*
Hunter Freeman, *Senior Project Engineer, PE, LEED AP, WithersRavenel*

11:15 a.m. Protecting and Expanding Coastal North Carolina's Largest Industry - Tourism
Moderated by **Bill Crowell**, Director, Albemarle Pamlico National Estuary Partnership

Panelists:

Wit Tuttell, *Executive Director, Visit North Carolina*
Brian Roth, *Mayor, Plymouth*
Lee Nettles, *Executive Director, Outer Banks Visitors Bureau*
Carol Lohr, *Executive Director, Crystal Coast Tourism Authority*

Noon Lunch

12:45 p.m. Wrap Up and Concluding Discussion – Investing in Coastal Habitat Preservation, Restoration and Shellfish Aquaculture for Long-term Economic Prosperity of North Carolina's Coastal Communities
Moderated by **Tom Looney**, Board of Directors, Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina

Panelists:

Burrows Smith, *Managing Partner and Developer, River Bluffs Development Group*
Will Best, *JLUS Project Manager, N.C. Department of Commerce*
Susan White, *Executive Director, North Carolina Sea Grant*
Todd Miller, *Executive Director, North Carolina Coastal Federation*

1:30 p.m. Adjourn