

You are invited  
to explore  
regional  
solutions  
to reduce litter  
and other  
sources of  
marine debris.



## 2021 Mid-Atlantic Marine Debris Summit

### July 20-22, 2021

## AGENDA

*Note: Additional speakers are being confirmed; please see the event webpage for updated information.*

### Summit Goal:

The 2021 Mid-Atlantic Marine Debris Summit seeks to bring together Mid-Atlantic regional entities working on marine debris (including litter that becomes marine debris) - including state and federal agencies, tribes, non-profit organizations, academia, and other groups - to identify opportunities for coordination, discuss current and emerging marine debris fields, and highlight solutions to marine debris prevention and reduction.

### Summit Objectives:

- Strengthen collaborative efforts to address marine debris issues in the Mid-Atlantic region by sharing successes and challenges from diverse stakeholder groups, including those representing state and federal agencies, tribes, fisheries, non-profit organizations, and academia
- Receive updates on current marine debris science and trends
- Learn about techniques and tools to change behavior and influence decisions that prevent or reduce marine debris

## July 20, 2021 (Day One)

12:30 - 1:40 PM

### *Welcome and Opening Remarks*

#### **Laura McKay**

Manager, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program  
Chair, Mid-Atlantic Marine Debris Work Group

#### **Alexandra Cousteau**

Senior Advisor to Oceana

#### **Matt Strickler**

Secretary of Natural Resources and Chief Resilience Officer for the  
Commonwealth of Virginia

#### **Tommy Wells**

Director, District of Columbia Department of Energy & Environment

#### **Dr. Kelsey Leonard**

Shinnecock Nation

1:40 - 1:50

### **Break**

1:50 - 2:30 PM

### *State-level new policies and initiatives*

#### **Donna Morrow**

Program Manager, Chesapeake and Coastal Service, Maryland Department of  
Natural Resources

#### **Adam Schlachter**

Environmental Program Manager, Delaware Department of Natural Resources  
and Environmental Control

#### **Amy Bloomfield**

Environmental Program Specialist, Bureau of Waste Reduction & Recycling,  
Division of Materials Management, NYS Department of Environmental  
Conservation

#### **Kayla Montanye**

Environmental Program Specialist, Bureau of Waste Reduction & Recycling,  
Division of Materials Management, NYS Department of Environmental  
Conservation

2:40 - 3:00PM

### **Break**

**3:00 - 4:30 PM**

***Federal and regional new initiatives***

**Christy Kehoe**

Mid-Atlantic Regional Coordinator, NOAA Marine Debris Program

**Avalon Bristow**

Program Director, Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO)

**Nancy Wallace**

Director, NOAA Marine Debris Program

**July 21, 2021 (Day Two)**

**12:30 -2:30 PM**

***Microplastics & Microfibers***

**Matt Robinson**

Environmental Protection Specialist, Partnering & Environmental, Conservation Branch, Watershed Protection Division, DC Department of Energy and Environment

**Dr. Sherri “Sam” Mason**

Professor of Chemistry and Sustainability Coordinator, Pennsylvania State University

**Bob Murphy**

Tetra Tech, Member Chesapeake Bay Program Plastic Pollution Action Team  
Chesapeake Bay Program Ecological Risks of Microplastics

**Chris Burbage**

Environmental Scientist, Hampton Roads Sanitation District

**Rachael Z Miller**

Founder/CEO, Rozalia Project for a Clean Ocean and Cora Ball

**2:30 - 3:00 PM**

**Break**

**3:00 - 5:00 PM**

***Tackling Derelict Fishing Gear***

**Christy Kehoe**

Mid-Atlantic Regional Coordinator, NOAA Marine Debris Program

**Jaclyn McGarry**

Program Manager, Global Ghost Gear Initiative, Ocean Conservancy

**Dr. Susan Barco**

Senior Scientist, Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center

**Kate Fleming**

Coastal Ecology Specialist, Delaware Sea Grant/University of Delaware

**Sara Aubrey**

Business and Project Development Coordinator, Net Your Problem

## **July 22, 2021 (Day Three)**

**12:45 - 2:30 PM**

***Taking on Single Use Plastics***

**Katie Register**

Executive Director, Clean Virginia Waterways of Longwood University

**Matt Gove**

Mid-Atlantic Policy Manager, Surfrider

**Dr. Cynthia 'Cindy' Smith**

Associate Professor, Environmental Science & Policy, K12 Education Director,  
Potomac Environmental Research & Education Center, George Mason University

**Ashley Munoz-Trujillo & Stephanie Ruiz Molina**

Freedom High School, Woodbridge, VA

**Britta Baechler**

Senior Manager for Ocean Plastics Research, Trash Free Seas, Ocean  
Conservancy

**2:30 - 3:00 PM**

**Break**

**3:00 - 5:00 PM**

***Success Stories and What Can You Do?***

**Curtis Bennett**

Director of Equity & Community Engagement, National Aquarium

**Hilary Burgess**

Marine Debris Monitoring Coordinator, NOAA Marine Debris Program

**Christina Trapani**

Owner, Eco Maniac Company

**Steve Raabe**

Owner, OpinionWorks