



Conserving Virginia's Fish and Wildlife for the Future: Preparing for a Changing Climate

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October 30, 2008
Wakefield, Virginia

8:00 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:10 Welcome
Director Bob Duncan, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

9:10 – 9:25 Introduction
Austin Kane, National Wildlife Federation

Overview of Fish and Wildlife and Impacts from Climate Change in Virginia

9:25 – 9:55 Climate Change and Wildlife Adaptation
Douglas Inkley, Ph.D., National Wildlife Federation

9:55 – 10:25 Virginia's Wildlife Action Plan and Climate Change
David Whitehurst, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

10:25 – 10:45 BREAK

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10:45 – 11:15 Virginia's Climate Commission
Secretary L. Preston Bryant, Jr., Office of the Secretary of Natural Resources

11:15 – 11:45 Federal Climate Change Legislation: An Unprecedented Opportunity to Conserve Fish and Wildlife Threatened by Climate Change
John Kostyack, National Wildlife Federation

11:45 – 12:15 Teaming with Wildlife Coalition
Mark Humpert, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

12:15 – 1:00 LUNCH

Discussion Sessions: Preparing for a Changing Climate

1:00 – 1:15 Instructions and Goals for Discussion Sessions

1:15 – 2:00 Session 1: Concerns Associated with Climate Change

Participants will have an open forum to discuss climate change-related issues that concern them and potential climate change-related outcomes they view as unacceptable.

2:00 – 3:00 Session 2: Impacts of Climate Change in Virginia

Participants will identify and discuss observed and predicted impacts from climate change in Virginia, including anticipated or unanticipated outcomes, direct or indirect consequences. Impacts can be positive or negative, tangible, emotional, and of different types (e.g., ecological, economic, social, legal, etc.).

3:00 – 3:30 BREAK

3:30 – 4:30 Session 3: Priorities and Needed Actions to Address Impacts

Based on the main impacts/ issues identified in Session 2, participants will consider what actions/ strategies need to be developed and implemented to avoid, minimize, or mitigate these impacts associated with climate change.

4:35 – 5:15 Summary of Discussion Sessions and Wrap Up