



DELAWARE CENTER FOR THE
INLAND BAYS
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Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Citizen's Cafe Agenda

DATE & TIME: *THU: August 4, 2022 from 6:00 – 8:00pm*

LOCATION:

Option 1: In-person

Delaware Center for the Inland Bays office
39375 Inlet Road
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Option 2: Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82116595292>

Meeting called to order by: Claire Simmers

Attendees:

CAC (5): Dennis Bartow, Rick Chamberlin, Pete Keenan, Frank Piorko, Claire Simmers

CAC not present (6): Gary Cannon, John Grandy, Jalyn Powell, Amanda Pappas,
Cheryl Rehrig, Richard Watson.

CIB (3): Caitlin Chaney, Zachary Garmoe, Jackie Knoll

Public (11: 5 in person; 6 online)

Theme: Studying Shorezone Fish & Blue Crabs of the Inland Bays

AGENDA

6:00-6:05 Gathering – Welcome

6:05-6:35 Citizen Storytelling

Marta Nammack, CIB Fish Survey Leader, Team Seven

Described the process with the seines and teams; also tag horseshrimps; please report if you see a tag and report it.

Question about exchange of water quality and fish survey information with Maryland. Currently no contact, but Zach will reach out.

6:35-7:05 CIB Storytelling

Zach Garmoe – Environmental Science Coordinator, Delaware Center for the Inland Bays

Project Coordinator of the survey; lots of volunteers. April to October and 16 sites. Bimonthly 3 per site. Andrew McGowan does the research. 12 years ago looking at near shore areas rather than DNREC trawling. Near-shore fish – forage fish and juvenile managed species. These are fish for larger fish. Also good for osprey. Important to follow protocols. 32,967 counted in 2021. Natural variation year-to-year. Some species slow growers. 4270 blue crabs – much younger crabs surveyed. 47 species caught in 2021.

Included some DNREC data. Catch per tow increased in the past five years of blue crabs. Seining in the bays is usually young and takes time to show in larger fish. Atlantic Marine Fishery Council needs 10 years of data and CIB now has 10 years of data.

7:05-7:15 Citizen's Input

Question about status of dredging – probably in the fall; Assawoman and White's Creek.

Oyster hatchery update (from Rick Chamberlin)

7:15-8:00 CAC Storytelling – Administrative discussions

- a. Approval of minutes: April 28, 2022; approved as distributed
- b. Center Updates: Caitlin Chaney – Communications Coordinator
 - a. Hiring very active
 - b. Annual Decked Out –September 14, 2022 6:00 – 9:00 pm; Venue: Big Chill Beach Club
 - c. State of the Bays Report nearing completion; release in the fall
 - d. Buffer Ordinance update; passed May 17, 2022.
- c. Vote on new CAC member:
 - a. Gail Dubowe – approved by all attending CAC members
 - b. Lee Bunting – approved by all attending CAC members
- d. Discussion
 - a. General question: is there an update on the oysters and agriculture.
 - i. Center is in transition and completing ongoing tasks during searches and new hires.
 - ii. Comment from public attendee – not to oversell the ability of oysters to clean water as many sources of pollution.

CAC 2022 Meeting Schedule:

CAC
6PM - 8:00PM
Thursday, February 17, 2022
Thursday, April 28, 2022
Thursday, August 4, 2022
Thursday, October 27, 2022