

Workshop on Environmental Research Needs in Support of Potential Virginia Offshore Oil and Gas Activities

December 3-4, 2008
Williamsburg Woodlands Conference Center
Woodlands Hotel and Suites
105 Visitors Center Drive
Williamsburg, Virginia

Wednesday, December 3

Dogwood Room

- 7:45-8:25 a.m. Breakfast and Registration
- 8:25-8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks, Robert Diaz, VIMS
- Historical Perspective**
- 8:30-9:00 a.m. History of MMS activities along the Atlantic Coast, Chris Oynes, Associate Director MMS
- 9:00-9:20 a.m. Activities associated with oil and gas development, Kent Satterlee, Shell Exploration and Production Company
- Environmental Resources**
- 9:20-9:40 a.m. Physical oceanography of the Virginian Sea, Larry Atkinson, Old Dominion University
- 9:40-10:00 a.m. Pelagic fishes, Rich Brill, NOAA
- 10:00-10:20 a.m. Demersal fishes, Ken Able, Rutgers University
- 10:20-10:50 a.m. **Break**
- 10:50-11:10 a.m. Benthos, Linda Schaffner, VIMS
- 11:10-11:30 a.m. Protected and endangered species, Scott Kraus, New England Aquarium
- 11:30-11:50 a.m. Economic issues, Doug Lipton, University of Maryland
- 11:50-12:00 Social issues, Diane Austin, University of Arizona
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. **Lunch (Maple Room)**

Workshop Breakout Sessions

- 1:00-3:00 p.m. Room A, Social/Economic Issues, Lipton/Austin
Room B, Fish/Fisheries Issues, Able/Brill
Room C, Benthic Issues, Schaffner
Room D, Geological/Physical Oceanographic Issues, Atkinson
Room E, Endangered Species Issues, Kraus
- 3:00-3:20 p.m. **Break**
- 3:20-4:20 p.m. Continuation of breakout groups.
- 4:20-4:30 p.m. Breakout group facilitators meet.
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. **Social with cash bar**

Thursday, December 4

Continuation of Working Groups

- 7:45-8:30 a.m. Breakfast and Registration
- 8:30-10:00 a.m. Room A, Social/Economic Issues, Lipton/Austin
Room B, Fish/Fisheries Issues, Able/Brill
Room C, Benthic Issues, Schaffner
Room D, Geological/Physical Oceanographic Issues, Atkinson
Room E, Endangered Species Issues, Kraus
- 10:00-10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30-12:00 p.m. Continuation of breakout groups.
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- Breakout Group Summaries**
- 1:00-2:00 a.m. Social/Economic Issues, Lipton/Austin
Fish/Fisheries/Endangered Species Issues, Able/Brill
Benthic Issues, Schaffner
Geological/Physical Oceanographic Issues, Atkinson
Endangered Species Issues, Kraus
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. **Stakeholder Concerns**
- 3:00-3:30 p.m. **Final Discussion and Closing Comments**