Tidal Wetlands News & Events

VIMS Discovery Workshops. Sponsored by CBNERRS. Details at: http://www.vims.edu/cbnerr/education/public_programs/index.php

March 19, 2013 - Sharks.
September 17, 2013 – Seafood.
October 22, 2013 – Mad Lab


VIMS Marine Science Day, May 18, 2013. Gloucester Point Campus.


Regulatory Fidelity Study

In 2010, CCRM received a two-year Wetlands Development Grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency to study regulatory fidelity to guidance in Virginia’s tidal wetlands management program. That study has been completed and will be presented at the workshop.

Recurrent Flooding Study Completed

The Recurrent Flooding Study for Tidewater Virginia that was introduced at the Spring 2012 VIMS-CCRM workshop has been completed. A brief summary of the results will be provided at the upcoming workshop.

Building Local Government Capacity in Coastal Resource Management

As previously reported, Virginia Senate Bill 964 from the 2011 General Assembly Session required three products:

1. Living Shoreline General Permit,
2. Integrated Guidance for Tidal Shoreline Management, and

Primary responsibility lies with the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) for the first two products. Representatives from the Habitat Management Division of VMRC will provide an update on progress toward the Living Shoreline General Permit, as well as a review of pertinent activity from the 2013 General Assembly Session, at the upcoming workshop at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)(see announcement on p.3).

Responsibility for the third component of Senate Bill 964 lies with the Virginia Marine Science Commission (VMRC) for the first two products. Representatives from the Habitat Management Division of VMRC will provide an update on progress toward the Living Shoreline General Permit, as well as a review of pertinent activity from the 2013 General Assembly Session, at the upcoming workshop at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)(see announcement on p.3).

Online CCRMP Components
CCRMP Educational Opportunities

Local Workshops
As each locality’s CCRMP is completed, a workshop will be scheduled at the locality to assist planners and other decision-makers in understanding the CCRMP information that is available for incorporation into comprehensive plans and other decision-making processes. Hands-on introduction to and use of the online CCRMP resources will be provided to the greatest extent possible. A more generalized presentation may be scheduled for localities without CCRMPs.

Online course topics:
- Integrated shoreline management
- Tidal shoreline ecosystem services
- Impacts of shoreline management approaches
- Assessment of shoreline conditions
- Use of decision tree tools to determine preferred shoreline approaches
- Shoreline best management practices
- Implementation guidance

Online Course in Shoreline Best Management Practices
An online course is being developed that will cover the scientific rationale behind the shoreline best management practice recommendations in the CCRMPs. The course is directed primarily at local decision makers, but may be taken by anyone interested in tidal shoreline ecosystem science and management. The course is expected to be available in April 2013. Participants will register on the CCRM website, where the course will be available 24/7. The course will include 11 modules, each with a video and follow-up quiz. Participants will work through the modules individually and at their convenience. A certificate will be awarded for successful completion of the course.

Workshop Announcement
Building Local Government Capacity in Coastal Resource Management
Thursday, April 25, 2013
Watermen’s Hall Lobby & Auditorium
Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, VA
8:00 am - 9:00 am Check in and Coffee
9:00 am - 3:30 pm Workshop

Workshop Web Site: ccrm.vims.edu/Spring2013.html
A workshop will be held at VIMS for local government staff, advisory board members, marine contractors, permitting agents, environmental consultants, and anyone else interested in coastal resources management in the Commonwealth. Speakers include VIMS CCRM scientists, VMRC engineers.

Planned Workshop Topics
- Comprehensive Coastal Resource Management Plans
- Roll-out of completed plans and website portal
- Overview of educational opportunities
- Living Shorelines General Permit Update
- General Assembly Update
- Regulatory Fidelity Study
- Recurrent Flooding Study Update

Please register online at http://ccrm.vims.edu/Spring 2013.html

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