



# PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION

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**John Hartline**, *Chairman*  
**Christopher Perry**, *Vice Chairman*

*We, the Patuxent River Commission, envision a Patuxent River ecosystem as vital and productive in 2050 as it was in the 1950s. We therefore commit to be stewards and advocates for the Patuxent River and to lead and inspire actions to protect, enhance, and restore living resources and the natural, cultural, economic, and recreational values of the Patuxent River and its watershed.*

☀ Please call Daniel Rosen at MDP 410-767-4577 if you have any questions or comments.

## MEETING SUMMARY

July 13, 2022

### VIRTUAL MEETING

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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- Members:** John Hartline, Chair; Chris Perry, Vice-Chair; Frank Allen, Alison Armocida Santoro, Stacey Clements, Rachel Dean, John Denniston, Luis Dieguez, Mary Dolan, Jason Dubow, Margaret Everson, Solange Filoso, Kim Finch, Jennifer Greiner, Morgan Hall, Jr., William Hubbard, Scott Knoche, Steve Shofar, Joanna Smith, Mark Symborski, Fred Tutman, Tiffany Wright
- Attendees:** Bill Dennison, Ann Foo, La Verne Gray, Chris Judy, Lynn Knaggs, Barbara Sollner-Webb, Vanessa Vargas-Nguyen
- Staff:** Debbie Herr Cornwell, Jason Dubow, Daniel Rosen, Adam Snyder

### Approval of May 2022 Minutes, Updates, Announcements

The May 11, 2022 meeting minutes were approved. Staff noted that the Commission now has 36 members and no vacancies. Staff welcomed Fred Tutman (Patuxent Riverkeeper) and Tiffany Wright (City of Bowie), resulting from the passage of HB0716. Commission members who attended the June Patuxent River wade-in discussed the event. The PRC geodatabase workgroup and PRC federal assistance workgroup provided short updates on their work.

### PRC annual action plan implementation: Long-Term Actions Workgroup

Staff provided an overview of the overall idea and approach for the long-term actions workgroup, as indicated in the PRC's 2022 annual action plan, which was approved by the PRC at its May 2022 meeting. The Chair requested volunteers for the workgroup. PRC member volunteers included Fred Tutman, Frank Allen, Solange Filoso, Jennifer Greiner, Chris Perry, Scott Knoche, Alison Santoro, John Denniston and Joanna Smith. Non-PRC member volunteers included Barbara Sollner-Webb.

### Patuxent River Report Card presentation

Bill Dennison, Vanessa Vargas-Nguyen, and Ann Foo of the University of Maryland Center for

Environmental Science, Integration and Application Network (UMCES IAN) presented an overview of the process and vision for completing the first phase of the Patuxent River Report Card project and facilitated a discussion with PRC members. Margaret Everson inquired regarding the specific ask of the PRC. UMCES IAN indicated that this would be to help UMCES IAN make decisions each step of the way, such as which stakeholders to involve, what should be measured, how to track progress over time, etc.

**Oyster Update – statewide and Patuxent River**

Chris Judy, DNR, provided a comprehensive presentation of the statewide management approach for oysters and Patuxent River-specific data regarding the status of oysters.

**Open Floor**

John Hartline asked the PRC if they would consider sending a letter of support for a funding application to the Rural Maryland Council Prosperity Investment Fund for rentable lockers for kayaks and paddleboards along the Patuxent River in St. Mary’s County. The Chair and the PRC agreed to hold a special vote by email, as allowed for under Article V, Section 7 of the PRC bylaws. The special vote was held on July 15, 2022, and passed. The letter of support was sent by staff to the Rural Maryland Council on July 15, 2022.