THE CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION'S BI-STATE BLUE CRAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS BLUE CRAB PUBLIC FORUMS 7 TO 9 P.M.

WHAT ARE OUR BEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANAGING THE BLUE CRAB? COME SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS.

Thurs., 10/26/00	Chesapeake College, Humanities Bldg, Rm H117, Wye Mills, MD
Mon., 10/30/00	Nandua High School, Onley, VA
Wed., 11/01/00	Mechanicsville Fire Hall, Mechanicsville, MD
Mon., 11/06/00	Washington High School Auditorium, Princess Anne, MD
Tues., 11/07/00*	Glenns Campus, Rappahannock Comm. Coll, Rm 131, Glenns, VA
Thurs., 11/16/00	Harford County Council Chambers, Bel Air, MD
Thurs., 11/16/00	Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Newport News, VA
Tues., 11/21/00	Tangier Combined School, Tangier, VA
	* 7:30 p.m.

Purpose: To present draft recommendations developed during a two-year study of blue crab management in the Chesapeake Bay by the Chesapeake Bay Commission's Bi-State Blue Crab Advisory Committee, and to obtain public comment on a series of potential management options and their harvest implications for the blue crab fishery. <u>Note</u>: All participants wishing to make oral comments must register on the signup sheet by 7 p.m. Oral comments will be limited to five minutes per registered speaker.

Sponsors: These forums are sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Commission's Bi-State Blue Crab Advisory Committee in cooperation with the MD Department of Natural Resources and the VA Marine Resources Commission. For more information, call Kevin Miller in MD at 410-263-3420 or Russ Baxter in VA at 804-786-4849.

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The Chesapeake Bay Commission is a tri-state legislative body, comprised of elected representatives from Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, citizens and representatives of the governors of each state. The Bi-State Blue Crab Advisory Committee was created by the Bay Commission in 1996 to provide advice and coordination for managing the blue crab fishery Baywide.