Maryland Sea Grant College and the Agriculture Law Education Initiative at the University of Maryland

# Maryland Coastal Law and Policy Roundtable

Monday, December 2, 2019

Admiral Fell Inn, Baltimore, MD

## GOALS

- Discuss the rationale for developing a Maryland Sea Grant law and policy education model
- Determine mechanisms for a Maryland Sea Grant legal and policy education model to identify and address priority coastal and land use issues
- Gather suggestions for structure of Maryland Sea Grant legal and policy education model
- Receive guidance on directional focus on the Phase 2 pilot for Maryland Sea Grant legal and policy efforts

### **A**GENDA

#### 8:30 a.m. Registration

Breakfast and refreshments provided

#### 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

Dr. Fredrika Moser

Director, Maryland Sea Grant College

Ms. Sarah Everhart, Esq.

Managing Director for the Agriculture Law Education Initiative

at the UM Francis King Carey School of Law

#### **Facilitator Introductions**

Ms. Toby Guerin

Associate Director, Center for Dispute Resolution

at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law (C-DRUM)

Ms. Stacy Smith

Director of Special Projects, C-DRUM

#### 9:15 a.m. Project and Table Introductions

Ms. Jennifer Dindinger

Watershed Restoration Specialist, UMD Sea Grant Extension

Ms. Nicole Cook, Esq.

Environmental and Agricultural Faculty Legal Specialist with the

Agriculture Law Education Initiative at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Ms. Eva May

Science Management and Policy Intern, Maryland Sea Grant College

#### 9:45 a.m. Overview of Existing Sea Grant-affiliated Legal and Policy Models

Overview of the National Sea Grant Law Center, Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Legal Program, and the Sea Grant Legal Network

Ms. Stephanie Showalter Otts, Esq.

Director, The National Sea Grant Law Center

#### 10:15 a.m. Networking break

Refreshments and Snacks Available

# 10:25 a.m. Overview of Existing Sea Grant-affiliated Legal and Policy Models (continued)

#### Overview of Virginia Coastal Policy Center

Ms. Elizabeth Andrews, Esq.

Professor of the Practice of Law and Director, Virginia Coastal Policy Center,

William & Mary Law School

Director, Virginia Sea Grant

#### Overview of Georgia Sea Grant Legal Program

Ms. Shana Jones, Esq.

Dr. Troy Hartley

Planning and Environmental Services Unit Program Manager, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia

#### **Questions and Answers**

# 11:30 a.m. Exploration and Delivery of Coastal Resource Legal Policy Priorities

12:30 p.m. Networking Lunch

1:15 p.m. Priorities of Legal Resource Needs

and Identification of Funding Opportunities

2:15 p.m. Commitment and Next Steps

2:45 p.m. Concluding Remarks

# **GUEST SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

#### Stephanie Showalter Otts, J.D.

Stephanie Showalter Otts is the Director of the National Sea Grant Law Center and the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Legal Program at the University of Mississippi School of Law. Stephanie received a B.A. in History from Penn State University and a joint J.D./Masters of Studies in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School. She is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and Mississippi. As Director, Stephanie oversees a variety of legal education, research, and outreach activities, including providing legal research services to Sea Grant constituents on ocean and coastal law issues. Her duties also include the supervision of law student research and writing projects and providing assistance to organizations and governmental agencies with interpretation of statutes, regulations, and case law. Her research on natural resources, marine, and environmental law issues has been published in a variety of publications.

#### Elizabeth Andrews, J.D.

Elizabeth Andrews is the Director of William & Mary Law School's Virginia Coastal Policy Center. She formerly served as Senior Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Environmental Section of the Virginia Office of the Attorney General, where she oversaw a team of attorneys representing and providing counsel to the Secretary of Natural Resources and the natural resources agencies of the Commonwealth. She also served as the Water Policy Manager for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, where she worked closely with the legislature, the regulated community and environmental organizations to address the water quality and quantity challenges facing Virginia, particularly its coastal areas. Professor Andrews is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and received her Juris Doctor degree, *summa cum laude*, from the Washington College of Law at American University. She serves as the Virginia representative on the Chesapeake Bay Program's Climate Resiliency Workgroup, and as faculty for the Virginia State Bar's Professionalism Course for new attorneys.

#### Troy Hartley, Ph.D.

Troy Hartley is director of Virginia Sea Grant (VASG) and a research professor of Marine Science & Policy at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the William & Mary Public Policy Program. Troy lives in Williamsburg, Virginia, and has over 20 years of experience in coastal, marine, and natural resource policy and management. He is a public policy scholar and his research considers collaborative governance networks and processes, stakeholder attitudes, perceptions and opinions, and change management in communities, particularly in coastal, marine and fisheries contexts. His research has been funded by NSF, NOAA, Sea Grant, USEPA, Canadian Embassy, and the Water Environment Research Foundation. He has a PhD in environmental and natural resource policy from the University of Michigan, a MAIS in environmental policy from George Mason University, and a BS in zoology from the University of Vermont. At VASG, Troy has overall responsibilities for the strategic priorities and direction, partnership-building and relations, new initiatives, and program oversight. He has been heavily involved in professional development with VASG's fellows on the science-policy interface, transdisciplinary team science, and collaborative leadership.

#### Shana Jones, J.D.

Shana Jones is associate public service faculty at the University of Georgia and manages the Planning & Environmental Services Unit at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and also directs the Georgia Sea Grant Legal Program. Her primary research and outreach focus involves coastal flooding issues and adaptation planning. Ms. Jones' experience includes developing legal and policy guidance for local governments related to environmental, land use, infrastructure, and utility-related issues. Prior to joining the University of Georgia, Ms. Jones was the Director of the Virginia Coastal Policy Clinic at William & Mary Law School. She also clerked at the federal district and state appellate levels. She has authored several law review articles and co-authored *The Case for Grassroots Collaboration: Social Capital and Ecosystem Restoration at the Local Level.* She contributes annually to the law treatise, Waters and Water Rights. She serves on the Athens-Clark County Greenway Commission and on the board of the directors for the Georgia Heirs Property Law Center. She is a 2018 graduate of the Institute of Georgia Environmental Leadership. She received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Maryland School of Law, concentrating in environmental law, serving on the editorial board of the *Maryland Law Review*, and graduating *Order of the Coif.*