



School of
Public Service
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HAMPTON ROADS ADAPTATION FORUM

Marine Debris

October 2, 2026 from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm

1st floor Conference Room, Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center, Old Dominion University, Suffolk, VA

AGENDA

8:30AM	Coffee, bagels, and pastries
9:00AM	Welcome Wie Yusuf, <i>School of Public Service, Old Dominion University (ODU)</i> Andrew Larkin, <i>Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience, ODU</i>
9:05 AM	Introductions to new Virginia Marine Research Leaders Mona Behl, <i>Virginia Sea Grant</i>
9:15 AM	Building Relationships and Improving Coordination
9:25 AM	Removal of Abandoned and Derelict Vessels Karen Forget, <i>Lynnhaven River NOW</i> Q&A
9:50 AM	Youth Education and Public Engagement Efforts Summer Mace, <i>Elizabeth River Project</i> Wie Yusuf, <i>School of Public Service, ODU</i> Dianna McDowell, <i>Lynnhaven River NOW</i> Q&A
10:20 AM	Break
10:30 AM	National Derelict Fishing Trap Removal, Assessment, and Prevention (TRAP) Program Noah Tait, <i>Virginia Institute of Marine Science</i> Q&A
10:50 AM	Clean Virginia Waterways Christina Trapani, <i>Clean Virginia Waterways</i>
11.10 AM	Marine Debris Policy Issues for Hampton Roads Dylan Mason, <i>Lynnhaven River NOW</i> Discussion
11.30 AM	Update on the Virginia Marine Debris Reduction Plan Jefferson Flood, <i>Coastal Zone Management Program, Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality</i> Christina Trapani, <i>Clean Virginia Waterways</i> Discussion and Feedback
12:10 PM	Lunch and Networking
12:40 PM	Research Projects on Microplastics Temitope Idowu, <i>Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering, ODU</i> Tej Ronur Praful, <i>Dept. of Ocean and Earth Sciences, ODU</i> Joshua Behr and Shirel Kahane-Rapport, <i>VMASC and Dept. of Biological Sciences, ODU</i> Q&A
1:45 PM	Discussion: Research Needs on Marine Debris for Hampton Roads
1:55 PM	Regional Update and Closing Remarks Ben McFarlane, <i>Hampton Roads Planning District Commission</i>