

DRAFT AGENDA
OPA Environment & Natural Assets Advisory Committee
Wednesday, July 23, 2025, 11:00 a.m.
Conference Room, Administration Building

Roll Call

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes: June 25, 2025 meeting

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS:

- Meeting recording reminder
- Term Limits Approaching: Pat Garcia (9/24/25) & Anne O'Connell (10/26/25)

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Oyster Gardening Project

- Volunteer for 3rd quarter cage maintenance.
- Sign For ENA Cage:
Marine Activities' process for obtaining a sign for their cage:
"We started the process last August by going through our liaison, John Latham. He took the idea to the GM who approved it. It then went to operations, Linda Martin, who took the idea and the wording we wanted and created a prototype. It was approved by our committee and eventually was installed for us by Public Works.
Since we already did all of the research and ground work, my suggestion is just change the wording on the bottom of the sign from our committee to yours. Since we, as a committee, are not permitted to deal with administration or employees, I would ask your liaison to take it to Linda. I'm sure she would just have another sign made."
- The chair has contacted our liaison about this and is waiting to hear whether he will request a sign for the ENA cage on our behalf.

Visit to Horn Point Laboratory

The chair has emailed a request for a private tour for our committee in September 2025, and a specific request for one on our scheduled meeting date of Wednesday, September 24. Horn Point responded and said that there is already another special tour scheduled on September 24 but they can accommodate our group on another day in September. There is a general tour (which includes a visit to the oyster hatchery) and is about 90 minutes long, and a tour of the hatchery only which is about 60 minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Relationship with OPA Board

Discussion of points on the committee's function and relationship with the OPA Board of Directors raised by Patty Gamby in her resignation emails. Please see attached document.

Planning for Earth Day 2026

At our last meeting, we discussed sponsoring a community-wide cleanup in Ocean Pines on Earth Day, 2026, which falls on Wednesday, April 22. As it doesn't conflict with Beach Heroes OC's regular Tuesday events, we may be able to secure their assistance and equipment.

Additional Discussion

ADJOURNMENT