

**The College of William & Mary**  
***Curriculum Vita***  
**Donna Marie Bilkovic (Stewart)**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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Position: Research Professor, Assistant Director, Center for Coastal Resources Management, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, William & Mary  
VIMS Section – Ecosystem Health

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Marine Science, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, William & Mary, 2000

M.S., Biology, University of Michigan, 1995

B.S., Biology, University of Michigan, 1993

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2020–	Research Professor, VIMS, William & Mary
2020–	Assistant Director, Center for Coastal Resources Management, VIMS, W&M
2014–2020	Research Associate Professor, VIMS, William & Mary
2008–2014	Research Assistant Professor, VIMS, William & Mary
2001–2007	Postdoctoral Research Associate, VIMS, William & Mary
1997	Adjunct Professor, Rappahannock Community College

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2023–	Appointed to serve on Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership’s Scientific and Technical Advisory Executive Board
2021–	Appointed to serve on Albemarle- Pamlico National Estuary Partnership’s Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)
2019–2023	W. Taylor Reveley, III Interdisciplinary Faculty Fellow (3 year appointment, Covid delay)
2016	Vice Provost Innovation Challenge Award, 2016 (with K. Havens, D. Stanhope, K. Angstadt)
2015–2017	Appointed to serve on the Executive Board of the Chesapeake Bay Program’s Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

2008–2018 Appointed to serve on Chesapeake Bay Program’s Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) – Alternate (2008–2009), Member (2010–2018)

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

### Courses taught (Undergraduate and Graduate)

Spring 2023 ENSP 440/MSCI 498. *Plastics in Society and the Environment: Problems and Solutions*. Co-instructor with R. Hale. 3 credits. W&M undergraduate, 15 students.

Spring 2022 ENSP 440/MSCI 498. *Plastics in Society and the Environment: Problems and Solutions*. Co-instructor with R. Hale. 3 credits. W&M undergraduate, 12 students.

Fall 2022 MSCI, 490, *Research in Marine Science*, Credit Hours: 1, Total Credit Hours: 1, Enrollment: 1

Fall 2020 Contributing lecturer. Guest lecture on living shorelines to William & Mary undergraduate students in the course *Wetlands Ecology*, instructor Dr Randy Chambers

Fall 2018 Contributing lecturer. Guest lecture on living shorelines to William & Mary undergraduate students in the course *Sustainability and the Chesapeake Bay* (BUAD492, PUBP491, or MSCI398, instructors Drs. Andrew Scheld and Tonya Boone)

Fall 2017 Contributing lecturer. Guest lecture on living shorelines to William & Mary undergraduate students in the course *Sustainability and the Chesapeake Bay* (BUAD492, PUBP491, or MSCI398, instructors Drs. Andrew Scheld and Tonya Boone)

Spring 2015 Co-instructor with Carl Hershner and Kirk Havens. MSCI 698 – Headwater wetlands ecology; (2 credits, VIMS graduate course)

Spring 2013 Contributing lecturer. Taught a one day field lab on shoreline conservation and management to William & Mary undergraduate students in the Conservation Biology course (BIO 318, instructor Dr. Matthias Leu)

### Students Mentored

#### Graduate Student Mentor

2024 – present **Gabriel Benson**, Ph.D., co-advisor with K. Nunez, VIMS

2024 – present **Jessica Fergel**, M.S., co-advisor with R. Isdell, VIMS

2024 – present **Danielle Recco**, M.S., co-advisor with A. Scheld, VIMS

2023 – present **Ashley Rose**, Ph.D., co-advisor with R. Isdell, VIMS

2023 – 2025 **Natalie Klesch**, MA, co-advisor with K. Havens, VIMS

2021–May 2023 **Kati (McCarter) Grigsby**, MA, advisor, VIMS, *Mattanock Town Restoration Plan*.  
*External mentor* - Nansemond Indian Nation Tribal Council member, Nikki Bass.

2020– 2022	<b>Julianna M. Ramirez</b> , MA, co-advisor with R. Hale, VIMS, <i>Environmental Justice in the Elizabeth River Watershed: Exploring the Utility of Environmental Justice Screening Tools</i>
2017–2022	<b>Amanda Guthrie</b> , PhD., advisor, VIMS, <i>Improving Coastal Management Through Integrating Social-Ecological Assessments</i>
2016– (Jan) 2020	<b>James DelBene</b> , M.S., co-advisor with A. Scheld), VIMS, <i>Investigating economic costs of derelict blue crab (<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>) traps and preferred mitigation solutions in the Chesapeake Bay</i>
2015–2018	<b>Molly Mitchell</b> , Ph.D. co-advisor with C. Hershner, VIMS, <i>Impacts of sea level rise on tidal wetland extent and distribution</i>
2014–2018	<b>Robert Isdell</b> , Ph.D., co-advisor with C. Hershner, VIMS, <i>Shifting patterns of ribbed mussel distribution and ecosystem services in response to sea level rise</i>

#### Graduate Student Committee Service

2025 – present	<b>Leila Avery</b> , MS bypass, VIMS
2024 – present	<b>Oluwakemi Dada</b> , Ph.D., VIMS,
2020–2023	<b>Derek Jackson</b> , M.S., VIMS, <i>Artificial Illumination of Trawl Gear Components to Reduce Pacific Halibut (<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>) Bycatch in the U.S. West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Fishery</i>
2021 – present	<b>Ella DiPetto</b> , Ph.D., Old Dominion University
2021 – present	<b>Sierra Hildebrandt</b> , Ph.D., Old Dominion University
2019 – 2025	<b>Rachel Dixon</b> , Ph.D., VIMS, <i>Recruitment Dynamics of Chesapeake Bay Fishes: Implications for Population Productivity</i>
2019 –2024	<b>Sean Kinard</b> , Ph.D., VIMS, <i>From Rain Drops to Rivers: Unraveling Aridification's Influence on Coastal Stream Ecosystem Dynamics</i>
M.S.	Emily Goetz – VIMS, 2019 – 2022, <i>Invertebrate communities in a migrating salt marsh</i>
M.S.	Taylor Walker – VIMS, 2019 – 2022, <i>Physiological Condition and Recruitment of <i>Mytilus edulis</i> and <i>Donax variabilis</i> on Virginia Barrier Islands</i>
M.S.	Kayla Martinez-Soto – VIMS, 2018–2023, <i>Impacts of <i>Minuca pugnax</i> on ecosystem functioning in its historical and expanded range</i>
Ph.D.	Maura Boswell – Old Dominion University, 2016–2022, <i>Impacts of <i>Minuca pugnax</i> on ecosystem functioning in its historical and expanded range</i>
Ph.D.	Xin Yu – VIMS, 2017-2021, <i>Data-driven approaches for water quality modeling in coastal systems</i>
M.S.	Sam Mason – William & Mary, 2017–2019, <i>Investigating Within-Season Population Dynamics of a Specialist Butterfly, <i>Panoquina panoquin</i></i>
M.S.	Robert Galvin –William & Mary, 2017–2020, <i>A comparison of shorebird habitat use between living shorelines and natural fringing marshes</i>
Ph.D.	David Perkey– VIMS, 2016–2022, <i>Importance of Muddy Bed Aggregate Processes in Cohesive Sediment Dynamics Associated with Sediment Management Projects</i>
Ph.D.	Pamela Braff – VIMS, 2015–2019, <i>Evaluating the impacts of land use and climate change on the hydrology of headwater wetlands in the coastal plain of Virginia</i>
Ph.D.	Karinna Nunez – VIMS, 2015–2019, <i>Cross-scale simulations: an innovative approach to evaluate the impacts of sea-level rise on tidal marsh habitats</i>
M.S.	Abbey Humphreys –William & Mary, 2015–2017, <i>Predicting the impact of sea level rise on <i>Phragmites</i> and <i>Spartina</i> in tidal freshwater marshes of James City County, VA</i>
M.S.	Emily Egginton – VIMS, 2012– 2015, <i>Assessing the impact of climate change on proposed restoration of the Lynnhaven River ecosystem</i>

- M.S. Robert Isdell –William & Mary, 2011–2013, *Anthropogenic modifications of connectivity at the aquatic-terrestrial ecotone in the Chesapeake Bay*
- Ph.D. Cielomar Rodriguez – VIMS, 2010–2014, *Predicting climate change and development impacts on future shoreline ecosystem service capacity*
- Ph.D. Mary Huang – VIMS, 2005–2010, *Spatial and temporal analysis of fecal coliform distribution in Virginia coastal waters.*

#### Undergraduate Student Mentor or Committee Service

- 2025 Arianna Rose, WM (co-mentor with J. Fergel and G. Benson)
- 2025 Madelyn Crist, NSF REU program (co-mentor with R. Isdell and J. Fergel)
- 2025 Jessie Ayotte, WM, internship advisor, co-mentor with A. Rose, paid intern summer
- 2023-2024 Madelyn Atkins, WM, internship advisor, paid intern from summer 2023 to 2024
- 2023-2024 Sophie Jackson, WM, internship advisor, paid intern from summer 2023 to 2024
- 2023 Caroline Parmentier, UVA- Environmental Research Intern program (summer 2023, paid intern Dec 2023), internship advisor
- 2022-2023 Jessica Fergel, WM, research credits Fall 2022, internship advisor, paid intern spring-summer 2023
- 2022-2023 Matthew Whalen, WM, internship advisor, paid intern
- 2022-2023 Kathleen Powers, UVA- Environmental Research Intern program (Jan 2022, Summer 2022; paid CCRM intern Spring 2023, co-mentor w. A. Sheld)
- Summer 2022 Nhu-Lan Pho, WM internship co-advisor with R. Isdell, paid intern
- 2019 Holly Funkhouser, Honor Thesis Committee member, W&M, *Impacts of projected sea level rise on diamondback terrapin nesting habitats in Virginia*
- Summer 2016 Kathrene Lo, NSF REU program (co-mentor with R. Isdell)
- Summer 2014 Matthew Schliep, NSF REU program (co-mentor with M. Mitchell)
- 2013-2014 Matthew Schliep, W&M undergraduate
- 2004 Inia Soto – participating in the NSF REU program (co-mentor with Marcia Berman)

#### High School Student Mentor

- 2023 Nathaniel Fox, Virginia Governor School Student; co-mentor with R Isdell
- 2012 Tom Moss –Virginia Governor School Student from Norfolk Academy

#### External Examiner of Thesis

- 2021 Kelsey Richardson, Doctor of Philosophy thesis entitled *Lost Fishing Gear at a Global Scale: Amounts, sources and solutions*. University of Tasmania

#### **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

**Total Funding: \$22,489,226** **decision pending: \$682,417**

*Undergraduate student\*, Graduate student\*\*, Postdocs\*\*\*, Staff members\*\*\*\*.*

- 2025 VACZM. Economic Benefits of Nature Based Solutions. PIs: **Bilkovic**, Scheld, Nunez. **VIMS/CCRM: \$80,000. Submitted: decision pending**
- 2025 VACZM. Quantifying the Effectiveness of Shoreline Policies and Incentive Programs across Maryland, Virginia, and Florida: A Causal Inference Approach. PIs: Scheld, **Bilkovic**, Mitchell. **VIMS/CCRM: \$74,992. Submitted: decision pending**

2024	EPA. Building Regional Tribal Capacity to Support Meaningful Tribal Engagement on the Visioning of a Future Chesapeake (Chesapeake Bay). Subaward to CRC. PIs: Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> , Mitchell. <b>VIMS/CCRM: \$286,130. Submitted: decision pending</b>
2024	NFWF. Mosaic Shorelines: Greater than the Sum of their Parts. Subaward to ERP. VIMS PIs: <b>Bilkovic</b> , Isdell****. <b>\$278,564. CCRM amount: \$88,478. Submitted: decision pending</b>
2024	NFWF-INSR. Advancing the Living Shoreline Collaborative for Coastal Resilience and Water Quality Improvements. PIs: <b>Bilkovic</b> , Duhring****, Gregory**** (subaward to JRA). <b>VIMS/CCRM: \$232,737. Submitted: decision pending</b>
2024-2025	RES. Oyster assessment of the Nansemond Shoals Living Shoreline. PIs: <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>VIMS/CCRM: \$30,899</b>
2024-2027	EPA. Enhancing Wetland Management in Virginia: Tools and Community Engagement. (subcontract to Virginia Department of Environmental Quality). PIs: Nunez****, Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> , Mason****, Mitchell. <b>\$525,147, CCRM amount: \$346,728</b>
2024-2027	EPA. Evaluating the Benefits of Living Shoreline Stabilization Projects (subcontract to Maryland Department of the Environment). PIs: Nunez****, Mason****, Isdell****, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>VIMS/CCRM: \$190,190</b>
2024-2027	EPA. Resilient Wetlands: Science to enhance understanding and support decision making. PIs: Mitchell, <b>Bilkovic</b> , Havens, Isdell****, Nunez****. <b>VIMS/CCRM: \$224,491</b>
2023-2026	NOAA. Estimating enhanced fish density and production derived from natural and restored salt marsh edge habitats in Chesapeake Bay. PIs: Isdell****, <b>Bilkovic</b> , Thompson (CNU). <b>\$401,541. CCRM amount: \$320,167.</b>
2023-2028	NOAA. Nationwide Fishing Trap Removal, Assessment, & Prevention (TRAP) Program. PIs: Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> , Scheld. <b>\$8M</b>
2022-2023	NCBO. Site suitability modeling for use of nearshore oyster structures in shoreline protection strategies, specific to Mobjack Bay, Virginia, and its tributaries. PIs: Nunez****, Mason****, <b>Bilkovic</b> , Isdell****. <b>\$89,905</b>
2021-2023	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Chesapeake Bay Fisheries Research Program. Valuation of ecological and social benefits provided by natural and restored nearshore habitat for communities and fisheries. <b>PIs: Bilkovic</b> , Scheld. <b>\$248,476.</b>
2021-2023	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Enhancing community resilience to sea level rise with an integrated geospatial/policy assessment of threats and opportunities. PIs: M. Mitchell, P. Mason****, <b>D. Bilkovic</b> , R. Isdell****, E. Andrews (W&M). <b>\$300,000.</b>

2021-2023	DEQ/EPA Tools for Improving Protection of Wetland Resources in Virginia. PIs: Havens, P. Mason****, K. Nunez****, D. Bilkovic <b>\$572,518</b>
2021- 2023	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Enhancing development of strategies for coastal wetland conservation prioritization in Virginia under climate change. PIs: M. Mitchell, K. Nunez****, <b>D. Bilkovic</b> , B. Watts (W&M). <b>\$292,342</b> .
2021-2024	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). Accelerating Water Quality Improvements in the James River through the Living Shoreline Collaborative. Subaward to James River Association, pending final award at VIMS. <b>PIs:</b> K. Duhring****, <b>D. Bilkovic</b> , M. Mitchell. <b>\$1M; ~\$150,000 direct funds to VIMS.</b>
2021-2023	NOAA-NERRs. State of the York: A holistic synthesis of place-based data for informed decision-making and outreach. PIs: C. Gonzalez, <b>D. Bilkovic</b> , K. Nunez****. <b>~\$100,000</b>
2021-2023	Honda Foundation. A Decision-Support Model for Computing Sediment and Nutrient Removals from Living Shoreline Restoration in the lower Chesapeake Bay. PIs: M. Brush, <b>D. Bilkovic</b> , M. Mitchell. <b>\$99,206</b> .
2021–2022	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). Dungeness Crab Biohinge: Phase II. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$130,579</b> .
2020–2021	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Strategy development to enhance the conservation and adaptation of Virginia coastal wetlands under climate change. <b>PIs:</b> M. Mitchell, <b>D. Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$135,719</b> .
2020–2021	Ecological Effects of Sea Level Rise (EESLR) Event Response Program. Evaluation of wave attenuation, shoreline stabilization and oyster resilience at US Atlantic and Gulf coast oyster reef living shorelines VIMS subaward <b>PI: Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$2,000</b> .
2019–2021	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Program. Accelerating removal of derelict crab traps plaguing coastal Louisiana, and collecting data to assess their economic impact, subcontract with Lake Pontchartrain Foundation. <b>PI: Bilkovic</b> , Co-PIs: K. Havens, A. Scheld. <b>\$74,959</b> .
2019–2024	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)/Office of the Secretary of Natural Resources. Memorandum of Understanding. Developing a proactive strategy for understanding and addressing sea level rise, land subsidence and recurrent flooding impacts on road infrastructure and potential road impacts on natural systems as the climate changes. <b>PIs:</b> K. Havens, C. Hershner, <b>D. Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$1,500,000</b> .
2019–2020	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). Engaging students and citizens in the removal of derelict blue crab traps. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> , Scheld. <b>\$60,000</b>
2019–2020	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). Targeting hotspot removal of derelict blue crab traps (VA/MD). <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> , Scheld. <b>\$115,687</b> .

2019–2020	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). Sustaining agriculture in Chesapeake Bay at-risk coastal and riparian landscapes <b>PIs:</b> Havens, Hershner, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$49,994</b>
2018–2020	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/ Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ). Refining program capacity to enhance and protect wetland resources in Virginia. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, M. Mitchell, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$313,848</b>
2018–2021	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Maryland Department of Environment (MDE). Improved siting of living shorelines and restoration guidance for stream/wetland complexes in support of Maryland’s Wetland Program Plan Development. <b>PIs:</b> Berman, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$199,999</b>
2018–2019	Virginia Sea Grant/NOAA. Determining effective derelict gear mitigation strategies by evaluating fisher preferences and behavioral response. <b>PIs:</b> J. DelBene*, <b>Bilkovic</b> , Scheld, * <i>Graduate Student James Delbene is lead PI</i> . <b>\$20,000</b>
2018–2019	Chesapeake Bay Trust. Quantifying the relative effects of shorescape development on forage fish production in Chesapeake Bay <b>PIs:</b> T. Tuckey, M. Fabrizio, <b>Bilkovic</b> , J. Herman****. <b>\$40,000</b>
2017–2019	Commonwealth of Virginia, Center for Innovative Technology (CIT). An Innovative Mechanism for Reducing Nitrogen and Phosphorus Inputs to Virginia Waters <b>PIs:</b> Havens, R. Chambers, Hershner, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$99,450</b>
2017–2018	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and ABT Associates. Evaluation of Hurricane Sandy coastal resiliency program. <b>PIs:</b> P. Mason****, Mitchell, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$126,478</b>
2017–2018	Environmental Protection Agency. Building capacity for wetland program protection of wetland resources in Virginia. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> , M. Berman. <b>\$646,207</b>
2017–2018	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Impacts of derelict crab pots <b>PIs:</b> Scheld, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$5000</b>
2016–2020	National Science Foundation (NSF). Coastal SEES Collaborative Research: Sustainability in Chesapeake Bay shorescapes: climate change, management decisions, and ecological functions. The project examines the interactions of human and natural shoreline systems and <b>Bilkovic is Lead PI of the Natural Systems Section and Lead PI of entire project in last 2 years of grant following PI retirement</b> . <b>PIs:</b> Hershner, <b>Bilkovic</b> , J. Shen, J. Zhang, R. Chambers, M. Leu, S. Stafford, M. Covi, S. Jones. <b>\$941,950</b>
2016–2019	Environmental Protection Agency. Enhancing the adaptive capacity of Virginia coastal wetlands to lessen vulnerability to climate change. <b>PI:</b> <b>Bilkovic</b> , Co-PIs: Mitchell, Havens. <b>\$356,180</b>
2016	US Army Corps of Engineers and ABT Associates. SAGE: Site-specific metrics to assess the performance of green and hybrid infrastructure on biogeochemical and human use parameters. <b>PI:</b> <b>Bilkovic</b> , Co-PI: Mitchell. <b>\$26,653</b>

2015–2016	Commonwealth of Virginia, Center for Innovative Technology (CIT). Eliminating plastic shotgun wads as a source of harmful aquatic debris. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$83,971</b>
2015–2018	College of William & Mary (CCEE). Plastics in the Environment: Problems, Opportunities and Solutions. <b>PIs:</b> R. Hale, D. Lluellen, BK Song, <b>Bilkovic</b> , Havens. <b>\$10,000</b>
2014–2017	Environmental Protection Agency. Development of strategies to improve conservation of Virginia headwater wetland ecosystems in the face of climate change <b>PI:</b> <b>Bilkovic</b> , Co-PIs: Havens, Hershner. <b>\$392,773</b>
2014–2016	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Global Science & Technology, Inc. Regional Impact Assessment of Derelict Fishing Gear in the Chesapeake Bay. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$486,438</b>
2014–2015	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation. Reducing Bycatch Mortality in Crab Pots. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> , Chambers. <b>\$87,168</b>
2014–2015	US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration, Virginia Innovation Partnership (VIP). Market Advantage of Ocean Safe Biodegradable Microbead Sequestration in Marine Sediments. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$35,000</b>
2013–2015	National Science Foundation, Coastal SEES Program. Chesapeake Bay sustainability: Implications of changing climate and shifting management objectives. <b>PIs:</b> Hershner, <b>Bilkovic</b> , J. Zhang, T. Hartley. <b>\$582,532</b>
2013–2014	Commonwealth of Virginia, Secretary of Natural Resources. Using created marshes to reduce watershed NPS pollution <b>PI:</b> <b>Bilkovic</b> , Co-PI: Havens, R. Chambers. <b>\$144,147</b>
2013–2014	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Johns Point living shoreline <b>PI:</b> <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$19,375</b>
2013–2014	North Carolina University. Lost and abandoned blue crab pot removal in North Carolina <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$6,575</b>
2013–2014	National Science Foundation, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), W&M. Travel Grant Recipient. 106 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of National Shellfisheries. <b>PI:</b> <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$1000</b>
2013–2014	National Science Foundation, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), W&M. Seed Research grant. Biofiltration capacity of ribbed mussel populations. <b>PI:</b> <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$2935</b>
2013–2014	National Science Foundation, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), W&M. Seed Research grant. Composition, distribution, and dynamics of intertidal epibiota on coastal defense structures. <b>PI:</b> <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$3406</b>
2013–2014	Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources. Removal of lost and abandoned blue crab pots from Virginia Chesapeake Bay hotspots – 2013. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$99,549</b>



2013–2014	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Testing biodegradable panels and ferrous metal “O” rings for lobster pots in Maine & Massachusetts. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$78,872</b>
2013–2014	Virginia Innovation Partnership (VIP). Ocean-safe Biodegradable Microspheres for the Cosmetic and Toiletries Industry. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$60,000</b>
2012–2013	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Removal of lost and abandoned blue crab pots from Virginia Chesapeake Bay hotspots. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$50,000</b>
2012–2013	Commonwealth Research Commercialization Fund (CRCF). Biodegradable Panels for Crab and Lobster Pots. <b>PI:</b> <b>Bilkovic</b> , Co-PI: Havens. <b>\$12,000</b>
2012–2013	National Science Foundation, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), W&M. Seed Research grant. Ecological trade-offs of living shoreline erosion control approaches. <b>PI:</b> <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$2909</b>
2012–2015	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Development of strategies to improve protection of wetlands and headwater resources in Virginia. <b>PIs:</b> Hershner, Havens, Berman, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$1,014,640</b>
2011–2012	Chesapeake Bay Trust. Comprehensive monitoring of ecological & erosion protection functions of Chesapeake Bay living shorelines, Phase 2. <b>PI:</b> <b>Bilkovic</b> , co-PI: Mitchell. <b>\$53,394</b>
2011–2012	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Virginia Sea Grant. Foundation for future development of by-catch reduction strategies for commercial and recreational blue crab fisheries: diamondback terrapin habitat mapping. <b>PI:</b> <b>Bilkovic</b> , Co-PI: Havens, R. Chambers (W&M) and M. Leu (W&M). <b>\$38,907</b>
2011	Shirley Plantation. Marine Science Studies in the James River, Virginia in the Vicinity of Shirley Plantation. <b>PIs:</b> S. Kuehl, <b>Bilkovic</b> , C. Hobbs. <b>\$9,980</b>
2010–2011	Chesapeake Bay Trust. Comprehensive monitoring of ecological & erosion protection functions of Chesapeake Bay living shorelines, Phase 1. <b>PI:</b> <b>Bilkovic</b> , co-PI: Mitchell. <b>\$50,000</b>
2009–2011	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Shallow water derelict blue crab trap removal (supplement to the Watermen’s program). <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$304,630</b>
2008–2011	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Derelict blue crab trap removal – Virginia (Watermen’s marine debris removal program). <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$1,192,609</b>
2008–2010	Environmental Protection Agency. On-going development of nontidal wetland inventory and monitoring strategy for Virginia. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> , Hershner. <b>\$385,699</b>
2008–2009	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Versar Inc). Abandoned and derelict blue crab traps in Virginia. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> . <b>\$65,000</b>

2007–2009	NOAA Chesapeake Bay Program. Assessing the potential for changes in Virginia's shallow tidal water habitats. <b>PIs:</b> Hershner, <b>Bilkovic</b> , Berman, Havens. <b>\$120,000</b>
2007–2009	NOAA Chesapeake Bay Program. Atlantic sturgeon Spawning Habitat on the James River <b>PI: Bilkovic. \$20,000</b>
2007–2008	NOAA Chesapeake Bay Program. The influence of spatial arrangement of habitats on tidal marsh fish communities within Mobjack Bay, Virginia. <b>PI: Bilkovic</b> , Co-PIs: Havens, Hershner. <b>\$167,745</b>
2007–2008	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Development and testing of gear modification for blue crab pots to reduce crab and by-catch mortality by derelict crab pots. <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic</b> , R. Fisher. <b>\$28,642</b>
2006–2007	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Affects of ghost crab pots in the Chesapeake (VA) <b>PIs:</b> Havens, <b>Bilkovic. \$35,022</b>
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2006–2007	US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Atlantic Sturgeon Habitat Assessment Project. <b>PI: Bilkovic. \$3,000</b>
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Total # of publications: 65  
 Total lead author publications: 23  
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### **Intellectual Property - Patents from Research (4 issued, 2 currently licensed, 1 provisional)**

**Biodegradable plastic netting. U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/561,364** filed with College of William and Mary Technology Transfer Office Sept 21, 2018. Inventors: Havens, KJ, C. Hershner, R. Chambers, DM Bilkovic, DM Stanhope, KT Angstadt.

**Degradable shotgun wad. US Patent Application Number 14/303496** filed with College of William and Mary Technology Transfer Office on June 2014. Inventors: Kirk Havens, **Donna Marie Bilkovic**, David Stanhope, Kory Angstadt, and Wade Blackwood. **Patent No. 9,528,800 B2 Issued on Dec 27, 2016. Licensed to Winchester (2020); Licensed to EcoShot (2024).**

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**Bilkovic DM.** Halifax. Nova Scotia June 2024. The evolution and future of nature-based coastal protection. Nature Based Coastal Solutions and Ecological Restoration Symposium, June 24-26, 2024. Keynote. International.

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**Bilkovic, DM.** Living Shorelines: Managing estuarine shorescapes for sustainability. Oct 2021. University of Delaware SMSP Fall 2021 Colloquia Speaker Series.

**Bilkovic, DM.** 2021. Restoring and preserving the shoreline ecotone. Assessing the Water Quality, Habitat, and Social Benefits of Green Riprap Workshop. Chesapeake Bay Program Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) Workshop. Sep 15, 2021. virtual.

**Bilkovic, DM.** Reimagining Chesapeake Bay Shorescapes for coastal resilience. Nov 2020. IMET - University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Seminar Series.

**Bilkovic, DM.** <sup>§</sup>, K Havens, A Scheld, J DelBene<sup>\*†</sup>, R Chambers, D Zaveta, HW Slacum Jr., C Jeffrey, J Meyer, J Evans. Abandoned, Lost or otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear: Plastic Pollution in the Marine

Environment. French-American Workshop: Responding to Plastic Pollution through Science: from research to action, Le Mans, France, 12-13 December 2019. <sup>§</sup>*Invited and sponsored by the French Embassy.*

**Bilkovic, DM.** <sup>§</sup>, Molly Mitchell, Amanda Guthrie<sup>†\*</sup>, Pam Mason<sup>\*\*</sup>, Jess Hendricks<sup>\*\*</sup>, Robert Isdell<sup>\*\*</sup>, and Carl Hershner, Randy Chambers, Robert Galvin<sup>‡</sup>, Matthias Leu, Sarah Stafford, Michelle Covi. Living shorelines: Shore Protection with Benefits. Living Shoreline Workshop sponsored by Virginia Conservation Network, Lynnhaven River Now, and Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Virginia Beach, VA. 25 Sep 2019. <sup>§</sup>*Keynote speaker*

**Bilkovic, DM.** <sup>§</sup>, A. Scheld, K. Havens, Danielle Zaveta, H. Ward Slacum Jr., Christopher Jeffrey, Jill Meyer, John Evans. May 2019. Managing Derelict Fishing Gear in Estuarine and Coastal Ecosystems – Case Study. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum (ARF) Workshop on Marine Debris Management for Sustainable Fisheries and Food Security in Southeast Asia in Nha Trang, Viet Nam. 13-15 May 2019. <sup>§</sup>*Invited and sponsored by the US State Department.*

Havens, K.J., **DM. Bilkovic**, A. Scheld, D. Stanhope<sup>\*\*</sup>, K. Angstadt<sup>\*\*</sup>. February 28, 2019. Derelict Fishing Gear in the Marine Environment. United Nations World Wildlife Day “Life Below Water”. <sup>§</sup>*Invited and sponsored by the US Department of State, Oceans and Fisheries.*

**Bilkovic, DM.** <sup>§</sup>, R. Isdell<sup>\*\*</sup>, M. Mitchell. 2019. Living shorelines: Long term resilience and encouraging use. Marsh Resilience Summit: From Science to Management, Williamsburg, VA, 5-6 Feb 2019. <sup>§</sup>*Invited Presentation, Session Chair, and steering committee member.* <http://chesapeakebayssc.org/marsh-summit/>

**Bilkovic, DM.**, M. Mitchell, Pam Mason<sup>\*\*</sup>. May 2019. *Dynamic Living shoreline designs for sea level rise.* Tidal Wetlands Workshop. VIMS, Gloucester Point, Virginia.

Isdell, R. E. <sup>\*\*</sup>, **DM. Bilkovic**, A. Guthrie<sup>\*†</sup>. 7-11 March 2019. Using ecological connectivity to inform bivalve restoration target locations along Chesapeake Bay shorelines. Aquaculture 2019. New Orleans, LA. <sup>\*\*</sup>*Postdoctoral researcher*

**Bilkovic, DM.**, M. Mitchell, R. Isdell, A. Guthrie<sup>\*‡</sup>, A. Smyth, R. Chambers, S. Stafford, M. Covi, C. Hershner. Sustainable Shorescapes: reconnecting land and water. STAC Revisiting Land-Water Interactions Workshop. Frederick, MD, 23-24 May 2018.

Isdell, R.E. <sup>\*‡</sup>, **DM. Bilkovic**, C. Hershner. March 2018. Spatially explicit estimates of the impacts of sea level rise and erosion on ribbed mussel (*Geukensia demissa*) mediated ecosystem functions. National Shellfisheries Association 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.

**Bilkovic, DM.** M. Mitchell, R. Isdell<sup>\*‡</sup>, A. Smyth, P. Mason<sup>\*\*</sup>, K. Duhring<sup>\*\*</sup>, M. Berman, R. Chambers, S. Stafford, M. Covi, M. Hauer, C. Hershner. Sep 21, 2017. Sustainable shorescapes: using natural and created marshes to preserve coastal resilience. SAGE (Systems Approach to Geomorphic Engineering) Webinar Series.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, M. Mitchell, R. Isdell<sup>\*‡</sup>, M. Schliep<sup>\*†</sup>, and A. Smyth. Mar 2017. Mutualism between *Geukensia demissa* and *Spartina alterniflora* enhances salt marsh nitrogen removal: implications for living shorelines. 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Shellfisheries Association. Knoxville, TN.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, M. Mitchell. Nov 2016. *Current Initiatives to Better Understand, Monitor and Predict Climate-Related Changes*. Plenary Session: Climate Change and Coastal Ecosystem Resilience: Research, Monitoring and Information Management Priorities. Virginia Coastal Partners Workshop - 30 Years of Connecting People with Our Coast. Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Richmond, VA.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, M. Mitchell, A. Smyth, and R. Isdell\*‡. Ribbed mussels as mediators of salt marsh nitrogen removal. Annual Spring Meeting of the Virginia Association of Wetland Professionals. May 2016. Richmond, Virginia.

**Bilkovic, DM.** February 9-10, 2016. *Local lessons on co-benefits and trade-offs of living shorelines*. Workshop on Engineering, Design and Implementation of Natural Coastal Infrastructure Solutions to Enhance Hampton Roads' Resiliency hosted by the Environmental Defense Fund and partners in Norfolk, VA.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, K. Havens, D. Stanhope\*\*, K. Angstadt\*\*, R. Chambers. June 2015. Invited Speaker to the NOAA Marine Debris Reduction Planning Workshop. Derelict fishing gear in Chesapeake Bay: implications for marine fauna.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, Climate change and Chesapeake Bay habitats. Nov 2014. Invited speaker to the STAC workshop entitled *Assessing the Chesapeake Bay Forage Base: Existing Data and Research Priorities*. Solomons, MD.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, K. Havens, D. Stanhope\*\*, K. Angstadt\*\*. Nov 2014. Derelict fishing gear in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia: Spatial patterns and implications for marine fauna. Session: Derelict Fishing Gear: Impacts and Solutions, Restore America's Estuaries 7<sup>th</sup> National Summit on Coastal and Estuarine Restoration and 24<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Coastal Society, National Harbor, MD.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, M. Mitchell. March 30-April 2, 2014. Potential for living shorelines to augment biogenic habitat in soft-bottom estuaries. Invited speaker to the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Shellfisheries Association. Jacksonville, Florida

**Bilkovic, DM.** Jan 15, 2014. Chesapeake Bay living shorelines: Ecological attributes and trade-offs. Invited speaker to Science of Living Shorelines webinar, hosted by the National Estuarine Research Reserve System and NOAA's Estuarine Reserves Division.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, M. Mitchell. December 10-11, 2013. Ecological attributes and trade-offs of living shorelines. Invited speaker to Mid-Atlantic Living Shoreline Summit. Cambridge, Maryland.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, C. Hershner, M. Berman, K. Havens. April 16-17, 2013. Coastal wetland status and trends in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Invited speaker to STAC sponsored workshop – Designing Sustainable Coastal Habitats. Easton, Maryland.

**Bilkovic, DM.** April 11, 2013. Habitat provision of marsh-sills in relation to natural & hardened shorelines – Helping to Inform Public Policy. Invited speaker to the *Living Shoreline Site Visit and Discussion* organized by Interagency Coastal Wetlands Workgroup (EPA, USACOE, NOAA, USFWS, NRCS, USGS) in cooperation with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Restore America's Estuaries,

Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability, Albemarle-Pamlico Estuary Partnership, & N.C. Coastal Federation. Edgewater, Maryland.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, K. Havens, D. Stanhope\*\*, K. Angstadt\*\*. February 27-28, 2013. Marine Debris: Commercial Fishing Gear in Virginia Waters. Invited speaker to the Virginia Marine Debris Summit held at Virginia Beach, Virginia.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, C. Hershner, M. Berman. September 19-20, 2012. Vulnerability of coastal habitats in Virginia to climate change. Invited speaker to the Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF), NOAA, EPA, Water RF, CTC workshop – Adaptation Strategies and Information Needs in Response to Extreme Events: Virginia Tidewater Case Study. Williamsburg, Virginia.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, M. Mitchell, C. Hershner. November 6-10, 2011. Ecological threshold responses by estuarine fauna to shoreline development with potential management solutions. 21st Biennial Conference of the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation, Daytona Beach, Florida. Session SCI-061 - Multidisciplinary Evaluations of Ecosystem Services at the Regional Scale. Session Co-Chair with M. Russell.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, R. Chambers, M. Leu, K. Havens. 2011. Foundation for future development of by-catch reduction strategies for commercial and recreational blue crab fisheries: *Diamondback terrapin habitat mapping*. Virginia Sea Grant's 2nd Annual Project Participants' Symposium. Richmond, Virginia.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, M. Roggero. November 2010. *Living shoreline monitoring*. Tidal Wetlands Workshop. VIMS, Gloucester Point, Virginia.

Berman, M., **DM. Bilkovic** (joint presenters), C. Hershner, K. Havens, P. Mason. December 2009. Comprehensive Coastal Resources Management Plan for Local Governments. Interagency Coastal Wetlands Workgroup, EPA Headquarters in Washington D.C.

**Bilkovic, DM.** K. Havens, D. Stanhope\*\*, K. Angstadt\*\*. April 2009. Derelict Blue Crab Traps in the Virginia Portion of the Chesapeake Bay. NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office (NCBO) Annual Fisheries Symposium. Laurel, MD.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, other ASC researchers. Coastal development impacts on biological communities in the Chesapeake Bay- Examples from the Atlantic Slope Consortium. December 2006. Living Shorelines Summit. Bringing together diverse perspectives to address shoreline protection alternatives, Williamsburg, Virginia. *Keynote speaker*.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, C.H. Hershner, D.M. Stanhope, K.T. Angstadt. Ecosystem approaches to aquatic condition assessment: linking subtidal habitat, shoreline condition and estuarine fish communities. Session: SPS-19 Innovative Techniques for Assessing Fish and Invertebrate Habitat Linkages in Estuaries and Coastal Systems. The 18th Biennial Conference of the Estuarine Research Federation. October 16–20, 2005. Norfolk, Virginia.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, M.R. Berman, C.H. Hershner, K.J. Havens, D.M. Stanhope, L. Varnell. Evaluating Estuarine Indicators of Ecosystem Condition in the Nearshore of Chesapeake Bay. December 3-5, 2003. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Estuarine and Great Lakes Indicator Development (EaGLE) meeting in Bodega Bay, CA.

M.R. Berman, **DM. Bilkovic**, T. Rudnický, C. Hershner. May 13–15, 2003. Evaluating shoreline conditions at different spatial scales: implications as an ecological indicator. Using science to assess environmental vulnerabilities. A ReVA-MAIA Conference in Valley Forge Hilton –King of Prussia, PA.

**Bilkovic, DM.** October 2002. Linkages between research and fisheries management in the Mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain system. Croatia-USA Workshop. Biocomplexity and Sustainable Ecosystem Management: Integrating natural, social and economic sciences in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

**Contributed scholarly papers and talks (with published abstracts unless indicated)**

**D.M. Bilkovic.** Jan 2025. Valuing the benefits provided by marshes and living shorelines to coastal communities - Introducing SHORE-BET. Living Shorelines Mid-Atlantic Workshop: Connecting scientists, managers, and practitioners. Oral Presentation. Regional. (without published abstract)

**DM. Bilkovic.** Aug 2024. Valuing the benefits provided by marshes and living shorelines to coastal communities - Introducing SHORE-BET. CCRM Annual Tidal Wetlands Workshop. Oral Presentation. Regional. (without published abstract)

Rose, A.\*\* , **DM. Bilkovic**, R.E. Isdell. March 2024. Comparing ribbed mussel settlement in natural fringing marshes versus living shorelines in the Chesapeake Bay. 116<sup>th</sup> Annual *Meeting* of the National Shellfisheries Association. Charlotte, North Carolina. Oral Presentation. National.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, A. Scheld, S. Stafford, K. Powers\*<sup>†</sup>, S. Musick, A. Guthrie\*<sup>‡</sup>, R. Chambers, M. Leu, R. Isdell\*\*, M. Mitchell, C. Gonzalez, P. Mason\*\*. Nov 2023. Valuing living shoreline ecosystem service benefits. 27th Biennial Conference Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF). Presentation. Portland, Oregon. ***Session Co-chair w. T. Sloey, S. Hildebrandt, and R. Morris. Nature-based solutions for coastal ecosystems: successes, failures, and lessons learned.***

Isdell, R.\*\* , **DM Bilkovic**, C. Tomblinson\*\*, K. Angstadt\*\*. Nov 2023. AlosApp: real-time anadromous fish migration prediction using R Shiny. 27th Biennial Conference Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF). Presentation. Portland, Oregon. Poster.

Guthrie. A.G.\*<sup>‡</sup>, **DM. Bilkovic**, M. Mitchell, R. Chambers, J. Thompson, R. Isdell\*\*. 2021. Ecological equivalency of living shorelines and natural marshes for fish and crustacean shoreline communities. *2021 Shoreline Management Webinar Series, Center for Coastal Resources Management*. Virtual presentation. (without published abstract)

Guthrie. A.G.\*<sup>‡</sup>, S. Stafford, **DM. Bilkovic**, C. Hershner. 2021. Property owner perception and interests may influence shoreline modification decision-making. *York River and Small Basins Committee*. (without published abstract)

Guthrie, A.\*<sup>‡</sup>, **DM. Bilkovic**, S. Stafford, S. Jones, R. Isdell\*\*, W. Yusuf, R. Chambers, M Mitchell, M. Leu, K. Nunez\*\*, C. Tombleson\*\*, M. Covi, A. Gorsky, J. Shen, J. Zhang, J. Herman\*\*, C. Hershner. Social-ecological interactions reveal shoreline restoration and policy recommendations. 26th Biennial Conference Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF). Presentation. Nov 2021. ***Session Co-chair w. Guthrie and J. Hoffman (EPA). Habitat restoration as a catalyst to sustain coastal communities.***

Isdell, R. E.\*\*, **Bilkovic, DM.**, Guthrie, A.\*†, Mitchell, M. M., Chambers, R., Leu, M., & Hershner, C. 2021. Living Shorelines Achieve Functional Equivalence to Natural Fringe Marshes across Multiple Ecological Metrics. Coastal Estuarine Research Federation 2021 Biennial Meeting. November 2021.

**Bilkovic, DM.** 2021. Restoring and preserving the shoreline ecotone. *Assessing the Water Quality, Habitat, and Social Benefits of Green Riprap. Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) Workshop* (without published abstract)

Guthrie, A.G.\*†, S. Stafford, **DM. Bilkovic**, C. Hershner. 2021 Shoreline Property Owner Motivations, Perceptions, and Drivers. *Joint Climate Resiliency Workgroup and Wetland Workgroup Meeting* (without published abstract).

Guthrie, A.G.\*†, S. Stafford, **DM. Bilkovic**, C. Hershner. 2021 Shoreline Property Owner Decision Making: Motivations and Drivers. *Assessing the Water Quality, Habitat, and Social Benefits of Green Riprap. Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) Workshop* (without published abstract).

Guthrie, A.G. \*†, S. Stafford, **D.M. Bilkovic**, C. Hershner. Shoreline Property Owner Decision Making: Motivations and Drivers *York River and Small Coastal Basins Symposium*. Oral Presentation. May 2021

Isdell, R.E.\*\*, **Bilkovic, DM.**, Guthrie, A.\*†, Mitchell, M.M., Chambers, R., Leu, M., & Hershner, C. May 2021. Living Shorelines Achieve Functional Equivalence to Natural Fringe Marshes across Multiple Ecological Metrics. York River and Small Coastal Basins Roundtable: Habitat Restoration Steering Committee. (without published abstract)

Isdell, R.E.\*\*, **Bilkovic, DM.**, Guthrie, A.\*†, Mitchell, M.M., Chambers, R., Leu, M., & Hershner, C. 2021. Living Shorelines Achieve Functional Equivalence to Natural Fringe Marshes across Multiple Ecological Metrics. Virginia Association of Wetlands Professionals. October 2021. (without published abstract)

Isdell, R.E.\*\*, **Bilkovic, DM.**, Guthrie, A.\*†, Mitchell, M.M., Chambers, R., Leu, M., & Hershner, C. Dec 2021. Living Shorelines Achieve Functional Equivalence to Natural Fringe Marshes across Multiple Ecological Metrics. Hampton Roads Adaptation Forum Fall 2021 Meeting. (without published abstract)

Guthrie, A.G.\*†, S. Stafford, C. Hershner, **DM. Bilkovic**. February 2020. Network analysis of a southern Chesapeake Bay social-ecological system. Social Coast Forum 2020. Charleston, NC.

Guthrie, A.G.\*†, C. Hershner, **DM. Bilkovic**, S. Stafford. Shoreline Property Owner Decision-making: Feedbacks and Future Trajectory. *National Coastal & Estuarine Virtual Summit*. Presentation. October 2020.

**Bilkovic, DM**, C. Hershner, M. Mitchell, A. Guthrie\*†, R. Isdell\*\*, J. Zhang, J. Shen, D. Stanhope\*\*, K. Angstadt\*\*, K. Nunez\*\*, C. Tombleson\*\*, S. Stafford, R. Chambers, M. Leu, R. Galvin, A. Gorsky, S. Jones, M. Hauer M. Covi, Wie Yusef. 3-7 Nov 2019. Sustainability in Chesapeake Bay shorescapes: climate change, management decisions, and ecological functions. 25<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF). Mobile, Alabama.

Guthrie, A.G.\*†, **Bilkovic, DM**, Hershner, C., Stafford, S. 3-7 Nov 2019. Integrating People and Ecosystems to Enhance Coastal Resiliency through Living Shorelines. 25<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF). Mobile, Alabama.

Mitchell, M., **DM. Bilkovic**. 8-9 October 2019. Considerations for designing resilient living shorelines. RAE, Living shorelines Technology Transfer, Living Shoreline Tech Transfer Workshop, Beaufort, NC.

Guthrie, A.\*<sup>‡</sup>, S. Stafford, **DM. Bilkovic**, C. Hershner. 8-9 October 2019. Property owner perception and interests may influence shoreline modification decision-making. Poster Presentation. Living Shoreline Tech Transfer Workshop, Beaufort, NC.

Gorsky, A.L., **DM. Bilkovic** and R.M. Chambers. 4-6 April 2019. Accrual of Nutrients in Living Shorelines in Relation to Natural Fringing Tidal Marshes. Poster presentation, Atlantic Estuarine Research Society Spring Meeting, Woodridge, VA.

Galvin, R.M., M. Leu, **DM. Bilkovic** and R.M. Chambers. 2019. Bird Use of Natural Fringing Marshes & Living Shorelines. Virginia Association of Wetland Professionals Annual Spring Meeting. Richmond, VA.

Gorsky, A.L., **DM. Bilkovic** and R.M. Chambers. 5-6 February 2019. Accrual of Nutrients in Living Shorelines in Relation to Natural Fringing Tidal Marshes. (Poster presentation), Marsh Resilience Summit. Williamsburg, VA. (without published abstract)

Guthrie, A.G.\*<sup>‡</sup>, Bilkovic, **DM**, Hershner, C., Stafford, S., Isdell, R.E. 5-6 February 2019. The Social and Ecological Contexts of Living Shorelines. Poster presentation, Marsh Resilience Summit. Williamsburg, VA, (without published abstract).

Guthrie, A.G.\*<sup>‡</sup>, **Bilkovic, DM**, Hershner, C., Stafford, S., 27-30 November 2018. Sustainability in Chesapeake Bay: Factors influencing shoreline development decisions. 2nd North American Social Networks Conference. Oral Presentation. Washington, DC.

Chambers, R., **DM. Bilkovic**, A. Gorsky, M. Mitchell and T. Russell. Nov 2017. Accrual of Nutrients in Created Fringing Tidal Marshes (Poster). 24<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF). Providence, Rhode Island.

Isdell, R.\*<sup>‡</sup>, **DM. Bilkovic**, and C. Hershner. Mar 2017. Beyond the clump: identifying optimal shorelines for ribbed mussel (*Geukensia demissa*) Recruitment. 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Shellfisheries Association. Knoxville, TN.

**Bilkovic, DM.**<sup>§</sup>, M. Mitchell. Aug-Sep 2016. Designing living shoreline salt marsh ecosystems to promote coastal resilience. Session: The Role of Living Shorelines as Habitat Conservation Strategies. 5<sup>th</sup> International EcoSummit Congress, *EcoSummit 2016*. Montpellier, France. <sup>§</sup>*Presenter and session chair*.

Isdell, R.E.\*<sup>‡</sup>, D. Bilkovic, C. Hershner. May 2016. Ecological drivers of ribbed mussel populations. Annual Spring Meeting of the Virginia Association of Wetland Professionals. Richmond, VA.

Scheld, A.M., **Bilkovic, DM.** and Havens, K.J., 2015. The Effects of Derelict Gear on Blue Crab Production in the Chesapeake Bay. North American Association of Fisheries Economists, 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Forum "Economic Sustainability, Fishing Communities, and Working Waterfronts", Ketchikan, Alaska.



Chambers, R.M., T.M. Russell, A.D. Corso, D. Stanhope, K. Angstadt, K.J. Havens and **DM. Bilkovic**. Nov 8-12, 2015. Marsh Madness: Keeping diamondback terrapins out of the blue crab fishery (Poster). 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF). Portland, Oregon.

Isdell, R.\*<sup>‡</sup>, **DM. Bilkovic**, C.H. Hershner. Nov 8-12, 2015. Barriers to Inland Migration: Salt Marshes and Sea Level Rise (Poster). 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF). Portland, Oregon.

Shen, J., J. Du, C. Hershner, **DM. Bilkovic**, M. Sisson. Nov 8-12, 2015. The influences of a storm-surge barrier on hydrodynamics and transport processes in Chesapeake Bay (Poster). 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF). Portland, Oregon.

Isdell, R. E.\*<sup>‡</sup>, R. Chambers, **DM. Bilkovic**, M. Leu. November 2014. Assessment of landscape-seascape connectivity in a developed estuary based on diamondback terrapin distribution models. 7th National Summit on Coastal and Estuarine Restoration and 24th Biennial Meeting of The Coastal Society. National Harbor, MD.

Isdell, R. E.\*<sup>‡</sup>, R. Chambers, **DM. Bilkovic**, M. Leu. September 2013. Using Spatial Models to Assess the Impacts of Landscape and Seascape Factors on the Distribution of Diamondback Terrapins. 6th Symposium on the Ecology, Status, and Conservation of Diamondback Terrapins. Johns Island, SC.

M. Mitchell, **DM. Bilkovic**, T. Moss\*. April 24, 2013. The potential role of mussels for living shoreline enhancement. CCRM Wetlands Workshop. (without published abstract).

**Bilkovic, DM.**, M. Mitchell, C. Hershner. March 21–24, 2012. Ecological trade-offs of living shoreline erosion control approaches. 41<sup>st</sup> Benthic Ecology Meeting. Norfolk, Virginia. **Presenter and Session Chair.**

Kornis, M.S., D.L. Breitburg, R.D. Seitz, J. Upoff, **DM. Bilkovic**, et al. Aug 2012. Relating community composition, abundance, growth, and condition of aquatic macrofauna to watershed landuse and shoreline alteration in Chesapeake Bay. 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual American Fisheries Society Meeting, St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, R. Chambers, M. Leu, K. Havens, T. Russell. February 1, 2012. Diamondback terrapin bycatch reduction strategies for commercial and recreational blue crab fisheries. (without published abstract). Virginia Sea Grant's 3rd Annual Project Participants' Symposium. Richmond, Virginia.

Havens K.J., **DM. Bilkovic**, D. Stanhope\*\*, K. Angstadt\*\*. February 28–29, 2012. Engaging fishermen in the removal of derelict traps. New England Derelict Fishing Gear Workshop (without published abstract). Portland Maine

Havens K.J., **DM. Bilkovic**, D. Stanhope\*\*, K. Angstadt\*\*. March 20–25, 2011. Derelict crab pots in the Chesapeake Bay. *Presentation and published short technical paper*. Pages 320–323 in Carswell, B., K. McElwee, and S. Morison (eds.). Technical Proceedings of the Fifth International Marine Debris Conference. NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS-OR&R-38.

Havens K.J., **DM. Bilkovic**, D. Stanhope\*\*, K. Angstadt\*\*. March 20–25, 2011. Engaging unemployed commercial fishers to retrieve lost blue crab pots in the Chesapeake Bay, USA. *Presentation and*

*published short technical paper*. Pages 412–414 in Carswell, B., K. McElwee, and S. Morison (eds.). Technical Proceedings of the Fifth International Marine Debris Conference. NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS-OR&R-38.

Stanhope, D.\*\* , Havens K.J., **DM. Bilkovic**, K. Angstadt\*\*, J. McDevitt. March 20–25, 2011. Biodegradable cull panels decrease lethality of lost and abandoned blue crab traps. *Presentation and published short technical paper*. Pages 650–653 in Carswell, B., K. McElwee, and S. Morison (eds.). Technical Proceedings of the Fifth International Marine Debris Conference. NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS-OR&R-38.

Havens K.J., **DM. Bilkovic**, D. Stanhope\*\*, K. Angstadt\*\*. October 7, 2011. Derelict blue crab traps in the Chesapeake Bay. (without published abstract). Coastal EE Leaders Summit. Williamsburg, Virginia

**Bilkovic, DM.**, K. Havens, D. Stanhope\*\*, K. Angstadt\*\*. April 2009. Derelict blue crab traps in the Virginia portion of the Chesapeake Bay. NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office (NCBO) Annual Fisheries Symposium. Laurel, Maryland

**Bilkovic, DM.**, K. Angstadt\*\*, D. Stanhope\*\*. February 23–25, 2009. Identification of suitable spawning substrate for Atlantic sturgeon with acoustic technologies. Seaboard Fisheries Institute 1st Symposium on Atlantic Sturgeon—A Regional Approach to Atlantic Sturgeon Recovery. Newark, Delaware.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, M. Berman, C. Hershner, D. Schatt. October 20–24, 2008. Climate change induced shifts in shallow tidal water habitats in the Chesapeake Bay. 5th World Fisheries Congress. Yokohama, Japan.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, K. Angstadt\*\*, D. Stanhope\*\*. February 26, 2008. Sturgeon spawning habitat in the James River. James River Atlantic sturgeon planning meeting of the Virginia Sturgeon Restoration Partnership. Held at Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Office, Charles City, VA.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, M.M. Roggero. September 2–6, 2007. Coastal development impacts on nearshore estuarine nekton communities. 137<sup>th</sup> Annual American Fisheries Society Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

**Bilkovic, DM.** and M.R. Berman. Shallow water use studies and shoreline inventory. June 2007. Without published abstract. Presented to The Lynnhaven Ecosystem Restoration Project, led by U.S Army Corps of Engineers.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, C.H. Hershner, D.M. Stanhope, K.T. Angstadt. October 16–20, 2005. Ecosystem approaches to aquatic condition assessment: linking subtidal habitat, shoreline condition and estuarine fish communities. Session: SPS-19 Innovative Techniques for Assessing Fish and Invertebrate Habitat Linkages in Estuaries and Coastal Systems. 18th Biennial Conference of the Estuarine Research Federation, Norfolk, Virginia.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, C.H. Hershner, M.R. Berman, K.J. Havens, D.M. Stanhope, L. Varnell. September 30–October 1, 2004. Evaluating estuarine indicators of ecosystem condition in the nearshore of Chesapeake Bay. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Estuarine and Great Lakes Indicator Development (EaGLE) meeting, Duluth, MN.

M.R. Berman, **DM. Bilkovic**, C.H. Hershner. Sept 30–Oct 1, 2004. Assessing Shoreline Condition as an Indicator of Aquatic Ecosystem Health. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Estuarine and Great Lakes Indicator Development (EaGLE) meeting, Duluth, MN.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, C.H. Hershner, K.J. Havens, M.R. Berman, D.M. Stanhope, L. Varnell. June 20–25, 2004. ERF-Australia. Assessment of linkages between nearshore habitat and estuarine fish communities in the Chesapeake Bay. ECSA37-ERF2004. Ballina, New South Wales, Australia.

J.E. Olney, **DM. Bilkovic**, C.H. Hershner, L.M. Varnell, H. Wang, R.L. Mann. May 2004. Six Fish and 600,000 Thirsty Folks - A Fishing Moratorium on American Shad Thwarts a Controversial Municipal Reservoir Project in Virginia, USA. 4<sup>th</sup> World Fish Congress.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, C.H. Hershner, M.R. Berman, K.J. Havens, D.M. Stanhope. Oct 29–31, 2003. Evaluating nearshore communities as indicators of ecosystem health. Estuarine Indicator Workshop, Sanibel Island, Florida.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, M.R. Berman, C.H. Hershner, D.M. Stanhope, K.J. Havens, L. Varnell. September 14–18, 2003. Evaluating shoreline conditions as indicators of ecosystem health in estuarine nearshore. 17th Biennial Conference of the Estuarine Research Federation, Seattle, WA.

**Bilkovic, DM.** November 2002. Shallows, Shorelines, Seines, Sciaenids, and other stuff. Annual Atlantic Slope Consortium (ASC)-EPA Estuarine and Great Lakes Indicator Development (EaGLE) meeting, Williamsburg, VA.

**Bilkovic, DM.**, C.H. Hershner. June 2002. The applicability of ecological indicators for assessment of fish habitat in the Mid-Atlantic slope across spatial scales. American Society of Limnology and Oceanography Meeting, Victoria, British Columbia.

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**Bilkovic, DM.** May 2001. Assessment of spawning and nursery habitat suitability for American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*) in the Mattaponi and Pamunkey rivers. Shad 2001: A Conference on the Status and Conservation of Shads Worldwide. National Aquarium, Baltimore, Maryland.

**Bilkovic, DM.** March 2001. Watershed selections for the Atlantic Slope Consortium Project. Atlantic Slope Consortium – 4<sup>th</sup> All Hands Meeting, Berkeley Springs, WV.

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**Bilkovic, DM.**, J.E. Olney, C.H. Hershner. March 1999. (Award-winning poster) Egg and larval distribution of American shad in the Pamunkey and Mattaponi rivers. American Fisheries Society, Tidewater Chapter meeting, Gloucester Point, Virginia.

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**Contributed to the development of a *Bridge* DATA Series** entitled *Ghostbusting in the Chesapeake Rounding Up Derelict Fishing Gear*, written by: Christopher J. Petrone, Virginia Sea Grant for the **Bridge** Ocean Education Teacher Resource Center.

[http://www2.vims.edu/bridge/DATA.cfm?Bridge\\_Location=archive1010.html](http://www2.vims.edu/bridge/DATA.cfm?Bridge_Location=archive1010.html)

**Contributing author** to *Shallow water dredging*. Rivers and Coasts. Winter 2010, Vol. 5, No. 1. <http://www.ccrm.vims.edu/publications/pubs/rivers&coast/Winter2010.pdf>

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**Bilkovic, DM.**, R. Chambers, M. Leu, T. Russell. 2012. Diamondback terrapin bycatch reduction strategies for commercial and recreational blue crab fisheries. Final Report to Virginia Sea Grant, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Agency Award Number: NA10OAR4170085. Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William & Mary, Gloucester Point, Virginia. 21p. *This research was featured in Virginia Marine Resource Bulletin Vol 44 No.2, Summer 2012.*

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**Bilkovic, D.M.**, & Mitchell, M. 2011. Ecological and erosion protection functions of Chesapeake Bay living shorelines: Comprehensive Monitoring of Ecological and Erosion Protection Functions of Chesapeake Bay Living Shorelines (CMLS), Phase I. Virginia Institute of Marine Science, William & Mary.  
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Olney, J.E., **DM. Bilkovic.** Nov 1998. Literature survey of reproductive finfish and ichthyoplankton present in proposed sand mining locations within the Middle Atlantic Bight. *Final Report Environmental Survey of Potential Sand Resource Sites Offshore Delaware and Maryland* for U.S. Department of the Interior (Mineral Management Service). Contract 1435-01-97-CT-30853.

### **Work in progress or submitted**

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Rose, A. \*\*, Isdell, R. \*\*\*\*, Bilkovic, D. Differential settlement of post-larval ribbed mussels in natural fringe marshes and living shorelines in Chesapeake Bay. *Ecosphere. Submitted.*

DiPetto, G. \*\*, Bilkovic, DM., Sloey, T.M., Yando, E.S., Walters, E.L.. 2025 Futuristic Coastal Protection: The Utility of Living Shorelines Under Changing Climatic Conditions. *Nature-Based Solutions. Submitted.*

Mason, P.A. \*\*\*\*, **DM. Bilkovic,** A. Guthrie \*\*, K. Nunez \*\*\*\*, S. Jones, C. Boyd. Encouraging living shorelines in the United States- a review of state definitions and policies. *Marine Policy. Submitted, In revision*

Fergel, J. \*\*, R. Isdell \*\*\*\*, S. Gregory \*\*\*\*, E. DiPetto, K. Nunez \*\*\*\*, E. Hill \*\*, K. Angstadt \*\*\*\*, **DM Bilkovic.** The shoreline protection potential of oyster reefs, a systematic review and meta-analysis. In prep

Guthrie, A.G. \*\*, R. Isdell \*\*\*\*, **DM. Bilkovic,** S. Stafford, S. Jones, M Mitchell, C. Tombleson \*\*\*\*, K Nunez \*\*\*\*, C. Hershner *in prep* Linking shoreline decision pathways to shoreline change implications for management decisions

Guthrie, A.G.\*\* , **DM. Bilkovic**, S. Stafford, S. Jones, R. Isdell\*\*\*\*, W. Yusuf, R. Chambers, M Mitchell, M. Leu, K. Nunez\*\*\*\*, C. Tombleson\*\*\*\*, M. Covi, A. Gorsky, J. Shen, J. Zhang, J. Herman\*\*\*\*, C. Hershner. *In prep* Linking social influences and ecological functions through ecosystem services

### **Other Scholarly Activity**

#### *Professional Development: Workshop and Course Participant/Lead*

Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation 2021 Annual Meeting Workshop. Participant in the Coastal and Estuarine Restoration: Identifying and Assessing Habitat Service Benefits to Fish and Invertebrates Workshop. Part I: 3 November 2021, Part II: 8 November 2021.

Permanova+ Multivariate Analysis in Ecology Workshop, Williamsburg, VA. March 6-10, 2017.

National Science Foundation Coastal SEES all-PI Meeting, Arlington, VA. Jan 29-30, 2015.

Geostatistics. Course taught by Dr. Patrick Sullivan, Cornell University, VIMS Jan 8–10, 2014.

Multivariate Statistics in R (MS698). Course taught by John Hoenig, VIMS. Jan–Feb 2012.

Model Selection and Multimodel Inference. Three-day workshop taught by David Anderson at the College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA. January 12–14, 2011.

Structural Equations Modeling. Two-day workshop taught by Jim Grace, USGS at the College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA. December 8–9, 2010.

Statistical and Graphical Analysis in R (MS698). Course taught by John Hoenig, VIMS. Sept–Oct 2010.

Environmental Statistics. Online course taught by Bryan Manly. Oct–Nov 2010.

Course participant in *Analysis of Multivariate Data from Ecology and Environmental Science, Using Primer v6*, lecturer: Bob Clarke, St. Petersburg, FL October 16–21, 2006

Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee-Spatial Analyses workshop. CBP. Annapolis, MD, March 21–22, 2006.

Estuarine Indicator Workshop. October 29–31, 2003. Sanibel Island, Florida.

Croatia-USA Workshop. Biocomplexity and Sustainable Ecosystem Management: Integrating natural, social and economic sciences in Dubrovnik, Croatia. NSF, October 2002.

EPA-STAR Estuarine and Great Lakes (EaGLE) Program, Atlantic Slope Consortium—Ecological Scaling Workshop, 12–13 December 2001, Cacapon, WV.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**



### **University (W&M) Service**

W&M Reveley Interdisciplinary Faculty Fellows Program- Review Committee. *Member*. 2025

W&M Seed Funding Research Grant Program – Proposal Reviewer. 2024.

W&M Institute for Integrative Conservation (IIC) Curriculum Committee. Member. 2020–2022

Appointed to Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). 2018–present

VIMS representative on the Environmental Science and Policy Program (ENSP) Executive Board at William & Mary. 2016–2023 (term ended)

### **SMS/VIMS Service**

Faculty Status and Tenure Review Committee. NTE representative. 2023 – present

Fisheries Stock Assessment TTE faculty position Search Committee. *Member*. 2024 – present

Nominating committee for the VIMS faculty cluster hire in the science and human dimensions of coastal and marine systems. Appointed member. 2022–2023

Estuarine and Coastal Numerical Modeler TTE faculty position Search Committee. *Member*. 2022

VIMS Dean & Director Search Committee. Member. 2021

Co-Chair of the VIMS Resilience, Conservation and Restoration Strategic Planning Team. 2021

VIMS Education Strategic Planning Team. Member. 2021

Appointed Assistant Director to the Center for Coastal Resources Management. 2020 – present

VIMS Best Student Paper Award Committee. Member 2018–2021, chair 2022 & 2023

Panelist for a Grant Writing Workshop for graduate students, VIMS. Oct 2018

Member of the Society for Women in Marine Science (SWMS) Chapter at VIMS. 2017–present

Women's Network Executive Committee at College of William & Mary/VIMS. Member. 2013–2017

- Co-organized a women's networking lunch, Feb 24, 2016

- On subcommittee, planned and organized the session - How To Get Ahead At Work (Even With No Promotion In Sight): Panel and Discussion, April 22, 2015

- Co-organized the charity event - Wine & Design To Support The Haven, April 14, 2015

- Chaired session for the Women's Network Fall Reception, Sept 23, 2014.

Serve as Officer on the Executive Committee of the Non Tenure Eligible Faculty Association (NTEFA) of the College of William and Mary (VIMS representative). 2013–2017

### **Professional Affiliations**

Ecological Society of American, 1999–present  
American Fisheries Society, 1999–present  
Early Life History Section of AFS, 2002–2013; Fish Habitat Section of AFS, 2013–present  
Estuaries Section of AFS, 2008–present  
Atlantic Estuarine Research Society, 2007–present  
Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation, 2015-present  
American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, 1999–2000

### **Editorial Board Services, review panels, program reviews, national or international research programs**

#### ***Editorial Board Services***

Guest editor with R. Morris (U. Melbourne), E. Strain (U. Tasmania), B. Walles (Wageningen University and Research, the Netherlands) for special issue of Ecological Engineering: Nature-based coastal defence: developing the knowledge needed for wider implementation. 2020 - 2022

Review Editor on the Editorial Board of Marine Conservation and Sustainability, a specialty section of *Frontiers in Marine Science* (2020–)

*Associate Editor*: Tropical Ecology (2011–2016), the journal of the International Society of Tropical Ecology which serves as an outlet for scientists from developing nations to publish peer-reviewed research

#### ***Review Panel***

*Led a STAC review panel and lead author on final report (2016, published May 2017)*

“Review of boat wake wave impacts on shoreline erosion and potential solutions for the Chesapeake Bay”. As requested by the Chesapeake Bay Commission (CBC), this report reviews the relevant information on the potential impacts of boat generated waves on shoreline stability and attendant ecosystem properties, and provide advice on available policy actions to minimize any adverse effects.

*Led a STAC review panel and lead author on final report (published 2014)*

“Review of the Final Report of the Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team Invasive Catfish Task Force.” As requested by the CBP Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team, this report reviews the technical feasibility, reasonableness, likelihood of success, and potential unintended effects that may result for recommendations from the Invasive Catfish Task Force for the management of invasive catfish in Chesapeake Bay.

*Served on Review Panel for the North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (NALCC)* and was charged with reviewing one of three habitat vulnerability assessments commissioned by the Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (NEAFWA) and the NALCC – “The Vulnerabilities of Northeastern Fish and Wildlife Habitats to Sea Level Rise” by Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences; the National Wildlife Federation. September 2013.

*STAC review panel member and co-author on final STAC report (published August 2013)*  
“Evaluation of the use of shellfish as a method of nutrient reduction in Chesapeake Bay”. As requested by the CBP Management Board, this report reviews the potential for oysters to remove nutrients and identifies guiding principles for potential incorporation into the Bay TMDL.

### ***Proposal Reviews***

Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium (3) – 2025  
The Indonesian Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology (KemendikbudRistek) and NWO, the Dutch Research Council. Blue Economy program – 2025  
Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (2) – 2024  
Technical Peer Reviewer for the Marine Climate Change Science Programme in Singapore (3) proposals (2022)  
Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium proposal (2021)  
Garden Club of America Coastal Wetland Studies scholarship (10 proposals, 2021; 7 proposals, 2022; 5 proposals 2023; 4 proposals 2024)  
Bain Graduate Fellowship – 2020  
NOAA Davidson Fellowship (2 proposals) – 2020  
Gulf of Mexico University Research Collaborative, RESTORE Council – 2019  
Maine Sea Grant – 2019  
Research Council of Norway – 2018, 2019  
National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS) Science Collaborative Funding Opportunity – 2016, 2018  
Hudson River Foundation – 2016, 2019  
Sultan Qaboos University, Oman – 2018  
North Carolina Seagrant – 2017  
Connecticut Seagrant – 2017  
Chesapeake Bay Program Climate Resiliency (4 proposals) – 2016  
Gulf Restoration Program - Exploratory Grants (5 proposals) – 2015  
National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS) Science Collaborative Funding Opportunity (2 proposals) – 2015  
Hudson River Foundation – 2015  
North Carolina Sea Grant – 2014  
NSF – 2013  
New Jersey Sea Grant – 2011  
NOAA/NMFS – 2008

### ***Program reviews***

Served as an External Peer Reviewer for Department of Defense 2025 Secretary of the Navy Environmental Awards, large installations. Reviewed 5 applications. Jan 2025

Served as an External Peer Reviewer for EPA’s Global Change Research Program (GCRP) – reviewed EPA’s Draft Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment for the Massachusetts Bays National Estuaries Program in the Climate Ready Estuaries Program. Sept 2011.

### ***Document Reviews***

Pew Charitable Trust Study Review: Initiating a Living Shoreline to Protect Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point: Planning, Funding, Design, Regulatory, and Permitting Considerations. May 2022

Merit Review of the Phase II ecological risk assessment conceptual model from the Plastic Pollution Action Team (PPAT) for Chesapeake Bay Program STAC. Nov 2020.

NSF Coasts and People (COPE) scoping workshop. Selected participant to a planning workshop to identify the research needs and the optimal structure for research initiatives on Coastlines and People. 26-28 September 2018.

Scientific review of the UN World Ocean Assessment - *Salt Marshes* (Ch. 50). Feb 2015

Review of the Chesapeake Bay Program Draft Bay Agreement, VIMS. August 2013.

Scientific review of the Chesapeake Bay Program's *Chesapeake Bay 2008 Health and Restoration Assessment*, February 2009

Scientific review of *A Framework for Assessing the Nation's Fish Habitat* a document developed by the National Fish Habitat Science and Data Committee to provide a framework plan for assessing current habitat conditions, prioritizing waters, and evaluating the success of National Fish Habitat Action Plan projects. January 2007.

Scientific review of the American Shad Section of the Diadromous Fish Species Habitat Source Document for ASMFC, 2003–2005

### ***Manuscript Reviews***

- 2024 Pacific Conservation Biology (2), Estuaries & Coasts (2), Oikos (1)
- 2023 Gulf and Caribbean Research (1), Sea Grant Law & Policy Journal (1), Restoration Ecology (1), Ecological Restoration (1), Estuaries & Coasts (1)
- 2022 ICES (1), Ocean and Coastal Management (1), Estuaries & Coasts (1)
- 2021 IEAM (1), Frontiers in Marine Science (2), Frontiers in Climate (1), One Earth (1+re-review), Ecological Applications (1+re-review), Ocean and Coastal Management (1), pre-submittal review for TNC (1)
- 2020 Estuaries & Coasts (1), Frontiers in Marine Science (2), Virginia Journal of Science (1), Southeastern Naturalist (1), Environmental Management (1)
- 2019 Ocean and Coastal Management (2), Bioscience (1), Restoration Ecology (1), Estuarine Coastal and Shelf Science (1), Wetlands (3)
- 2018 Regional Studies in Marine Science (1), Marine Pollution Bulletin (3), Science of the total Environment (1), Restoration Ecology (1), Estuaries and Coasts (1)
- 2017 Marine Ecology (1), Ecological Engineering (1)

- 2016 Ecological Engineering (1), Marine Pollution Bulletin (2), Ocean and Coastal Management (1), Marine Ecology Progress Series (1), PLoS One (1), Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems (1), Estuaries and Coasts (1), Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences (1), Bioscience (1)
- 2015 Ecological Engineering (1), Northeastern Naturalist (1), USGS (1), J. Applied Ecology (1), Tropical Ecology (5)
- 2014 Estuaries and Coasts (1), Fisheries Management and Ecology (1), Ecological Engineering (1), Tropical Ecology (7)
- 2013 Bulletin of Marine Science (1), Estuaries & Coasts (1), Tropical Ecology (7), Ecological Indicators (1), Marine Ecology Progress Series (1), JEMBE (1), Book chapter review for the book *The Ecology and Conservation of Diamondback Terrapin* (1)
- 2012 Marine Ecology Progress Series (1), PLoS ONE (1), Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science (2), Estuaries and Coasts (1), Tropical Ecology (5), Transactions of the American Fisheries Society (1), Northeastern Naturalist (1), Bulletin of Marine Science (1)
- 2011 Marine Ecology Progress Series (1), Marine and Coastal Fisheries (1), Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science (1), Transactions of the American Fisheries Society (1), Tropical Ecology (3)
- 2010 Marine Ecology Progress Series (1), North American Journal of Fisheries Management (1), Marine Pollution Bulletin (1), Fishery Bulletin (1), Tropical Ecology (4)
- 2009 North American Journal of Fisheries Management (1), Marine Pollution Bulletin (1), Fishery Bulletin (1), Tropical Ecology (1)
- 2008 North American Journal of Fisheries Management (1), Transactions of the American Fisheries Society (1), Tropical Ecology (2), USEPA Gulf Ecology Division (1)
- 2007 North American Journal of Fisheries Management (1), Transactions of the American Fisheries Society (1), Journal of Great Lakes Research (1), Ecological Engineering (1)

## Professional Service

CERF Davidson Award for Individual Stewardship Achievement - Review Committee. 2025

Volunteer judge for the Secretary of the Navy Environmental Awards (Natural Resources Conservation - Large Installation; 5 applications reviewed). Jan 2025.

Faculty Promotion Review, external reviewer, Baruch College. Dec 2024.

Invited Participant. *Understanding biodiversity in management of US marine ecosystems: a Chesapeake Bay case study*. Workshop to convene coastal and marine resource users, rights holders, managers, and technical experts to develop our understanding of how marine biodiversity affects

the resilience of ecosystems and human communities for practical decision-making along the coast of the Chesapeake Bay. SERC April 3-4, 2024.

Moving engineering design towards nature-based solutions for coastal protection. The University of Queensland and CSIRO. Provided expert information on The challenges in NbS implementation. Oct 2023.

MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) on marine conservation and nature-based solutions (NbS), <https://trasmare.ihcantabria.com/cursos/>. Invited contributor by colleagues in Europe (IH Cantabria, Spain; Coimbra University, Portugal; University of Bologna, Italy, lead Laura Airoidi) to represent the US perspective on Living shorelines. 2022-2023. Course open and free as of Oct 2023. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00XJUsvn-u4>

*Oyster Ecosystem Services Expert Panel. Invited to participate on an expert panel* to inform research (leads: J. Cebrian, B. Walton, A. Harri, and D. Petrolia, U of South Alabama, Auburn University, Mississippi State University) that seeks to compare the ecosystem services provided by different oyster resource uses (i.e. traditional-planting harvested reefs; off-bottom aquaculture cages; and restored, non-harvested reefs) by applying modern portfolio theory to the management of multiple oyster resource uses for multiple ecosystem services. Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Dauphin Island, Alabama. August 30 – September 1 2018.

Restore America's Estuaries 7<sup>th</sup> National Summit on Coastal and Estuarine Restoration and 24<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Coastal Society. Session Chair, *Monitoring and Assessment of Living Shorelines: Key components in informing design and evaluating restoration success towards adaptive management.*, National Harbor, MD, Nov 2014.

Invited participant in a workshop to modify habitat suitability models for American shad funded by NOAA/NMFS and hosted by North Carolina State University (Dr. Joe Hightower). January 2009. Workshop results published in 2012. Hightower et al. A Bayesian Spawning Habitat Suitability Model for American Shad in Southeastern United States Rivers. *Journal of Fish and Wildlife Management* 3:184-198.

## ADVISORY SERVICE

### **Advisory service to state, local and federal agencies and tribal governments relevant to the Commonwealth**

**Involved in numerous ongoing internally funded activities at Center for Coastal Resources Management**, including the development of science-based integrated management guidance and decision-support tools for coastal communities, translation of science to guidance for multiple end users (state, local, general public, federal), the integration and application of CCRM monitoring survey databases for applied research (e.g., tidal marshes and shoreline condition inventories), and the assessment of coastal habitat vulnerability to climate change. 2005–present

**Living Shoreline Design Workgroup (Virginia).** Products include a Living Shoreline Design Technical Document, and Outreach Campaign Plan and resources for the Document. The primary deliverable, *Designing Living Shorelines for Sea Level Rise in Virginia: a resource for Practitioners*, will provide support for the Commonwealth’s new resilient regulatory standards outlined in the Tidal Wetlands Act. Workgroup members include state agencies, NGOs, contractors. Committee Member. 2023 – 2024. <https://www.wetlandswatch.org/designing-living-shorelines-for-sea-level-rise>

**Shoreline Nutrient Crediting methodology review for shoreline management project.** Virginia DEQ requested support from VIMS in the review and development of a standardized method for crediting nonpoint source nutrient banks implemented using a living shoreline technique. Led coordination and compilation of VIMS review comments which were delivered to DEQ on 10 Sep 2024. In December 2024, Appointed by VIMS/DEQ to serve on the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) tasked with the development of guidance for crediting of shoreline management projects in the Nonpoint Source Nutrient Trading Program. 2024 –present

**Chesapeake Bay Large-scale marsh restoration.** Actively engaged in efforts to pursue large-scale marsh restoration with multiple agencies in Chesapeake Bay with a focus area in the Middle Peninsula, Virginia (e.g., MD Sea Grant workshop Oct 2022, Tidal Marsh Adaptation Project - social vulnerability input Aug 2023, Advancing Tidal Marsh Adaptation in the Chesapeake Workshop Jan 2024). Invited contributor. 2022– present.

**National Park Service** – provided guidance on stream restoration monitoring techniques for project in Colonial National Historical Park– Feb 2023

**Virginia Shallow Water Habitat Technical Working Group.** Contributed to draft white paper “Considerations for Defining and Offsetting Impacts to Shallow Water Habitat”. Group members included state agencies, NGOs and academics. Committee Member. 2022-2023.

**Virginia Tribal Government advisory activity.** Presented at Intertribal Earth Day at Werowocomoco on living shorelines, marsh ecology, and marine debris, providing guidance on future conservation actions at Werowocomoco. April 2022.

**York River and Small Coastal Basin Roundtable (State-Federal-Local partnership) – Science Advisory Steering Committee and Habitat Restoration Workgroups.** Committee Member. June 2019–present. Example activities:

- Presented (virtual) NOAA Chesapeake Bay Fisheries Research Program funded project briefing to the York River Roundtable - Habitat Restoration Steering Committee on 30 Nov 2021
- Contributing author to “Coastal Wetlands Plan for the York River, Piankatank River, and Mobjack Bay” (June 2023). [https://yorkriverroundtable.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Wetlands-Plan\\_ReviewedReduced.pdf](https://yorkriverroundtable.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Wetlands-Plan_ReviewedReduced.pdf)
- Reported on monitoring progress for Mattaponi Indian Reservation shoreline restoration project (2024)

**Virginia Living Shoreline Collaborative – Monitoring Team Member.** A group of regional and state partners working together to scale up implementation of resilient practices along shorelines in the tidal James River watershed. The LSC is convened by the James River Association. Oct 2020–present,

- Invited (virtual) panelist - Monitoring Living Shorelines in the Lower James, Living Shoreline Collaborative workshop. 15Dec2021
- Development of community-based living shoreline monitoring protocols
- Living shoreline monitoring demonstration. Sep 2023. Norfolk Zoo.
- Invited speaker and panelist. Living Shoreline Summit. Oct 2023.
- Contributed to proposal development to evaluate and extend LSC program (2024)
- Update on ShoreWatch Living Shoreline Monitoring App and guidance, April 2024

**Virginia Alosa Task Force.** A group made up of representatives from state and federal agencies, academia, NGOs and tribal governments. Involvement resulted from CCRM collaboration (R. Isdell, Bilkovic) with DWR to develop a tool (AlosApp) that integrates information on temperature and flow with alosine data to predict spawning run status. Meetings Feb 2023, Jan 2024, Jan 2025.

**Shallow Water Habitats Team (SWHT)** of the Chesapeake Bay Program Beyond 2025 effort – Invited expert to review and discuss how to move forward with recommendations. Jan 2024.

**Elizabeth River Watershed Action Team - Habitat Quality Committee.** Member. Contributed to *The Updated Strategy For Community-Wide Action To Restore The Elizabeth River. Elizabeth Watershed Action Plan V*. Team members include state agencies, NGOs, academia. Jan 2021–2022.

**Virginia Marine Debris Reduction Plan (VMDRP) Leadership Team.** Member. 2014-2022 (team inactive currently). The Leadership Team was directed by Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program to create a VMDRP, as required under VCZMP's Section 309 Ocean Resources Management Strategy, with an analysis of key marine debris issues, prioritization of these issues, and development of a plan to address the high priority issues. The first of its kind, this Plan (published October 2014) was expected to provide a model for the U.S. Atlantic coast.

- The Team planned and hosted the 2nd Virginia Marine Debris Summit, held March 7-9, 2016 at Virginia Institute of Marine Science. The Summit provided updates on current marine debris science and trends and explored techniques and tools effective in enhancing knowledge, changing behavior and influencing policies that reduce marine debris. The intent was to increase the capacity to help accomplish the goals of the Virginia Marine Debris Reduction Plan as well as explore regional efforts to reduce the sources and impacts of marine debris.
- The Team planned and hosted the 2022 Virginia Marine Debris Summit VA Beach. 27-28 Sept 2022. Moderator and assisted with summit organization. Virginia CZM Program and Clean Virginia Waterways hosted.



**EPA Region 3 Regional Monitoring Network (RMN) Workshop.** Invited participant. Indicators of Long-Term Wetland Change, Cacapon State Park, WV, April 26-27, 2017. Organized and hosted by EPA's Office of Research and Development and EPA Region 3. The goal of the workshop was to develop a proposed framework to establish a Regional Monitoring Network (RMN) to detect changing baselines in non-tidal and tidal wetlands in the mid-Atlantic region.

**NOAA Marine Debris Program planning workshop.** Invited participant to develop the first Virginia Marine Debris Emergency Response Guide. The workshop goal was to strengthen coordination between federal, state, and local stakeholders to improve preparedness for an incident that generates marine debris in coastal waters. The Mariner's Museum and Park, Newport News, VA. Aug 2-3, 2017.

**Virginia Coastal Partners Workshop:** Assessing Past Progress, Planning the Future. Participant. Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Richmond, VA. Dec 2014

**EPA Coastal Wetlands Initiative - York, Pamunkey and Mattaponi Watersheds.** Invited participant. Gloucester Point, VA. September 29, 2009

**Facilitated technical workshop entitled *Habitat Restoration Scaling*** on the use of habitat restoration under 316b regulations for state agencies, including VMRC, VGIF, and DEQ. Richmond, VA. Sep 27, 2006.

***Requested advisory reviews for state and federal agencies***

Regularly provide expert advice on the potential ecological impacts of a myriad of proposed activities including dredging, shoreline alteration, and water withdrawal to requesting agencies (e.g., Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)) – *select examples listed below.*

Advisory review of potential habitat conversion impacts from a culvert replacement/widening on Rappahannock River (Mud Creek) for VDOT. Feb 2023

Advisory review of a proposal to construct a tidal freshwater wetland within the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Nov-Dec 2017.

Advisory review and data summary for New Kent County's proposed surface water withdrawal project. Pre-proposal stage, Dec 2014-Jan 2015, proposal stage June 2016, Feb 2017.

Advisory review of a water intake proposal for an estuarine surface water intake and desalination brine discharge by the James City Service Authority (Joint Permit Application #16-1533). Dec 2016.

Advisory review of pre-application information regarding the proposal for an intake and outfall to support a natural gas-fired electric generating facility in Charles City County. Aug-Sep 2016.

Advisory review of James River Dominion power crossing line (Surry – Skiffes Creek – Whealton 500kV/230kV Line (VMRC #13-0408)) for time of year restrictions for anadromous fish. Dec 2014-Jan 2015.

Advisory review of VDOT's bridge project over Sandy Creek, Mattaponi River in King William County for time of year restrictions for anadromous fish. Jan 2014.

Advisory review of the USACE's Lynnhaven Basin Ecosystem Restoration Plan. May 2013.

Advisory review of a multi-jurisdictional tunnel project involving the Midtown Tunnel, Downtown Tunnel and Martin Luther King extension and crossing the Elizabeth River. Joint Permit Application 11-1116. Feb-Mar 2012.

Advisory review of Loudoun water withdrawal proposal. Joint Permit Application for the Potomac Water Supply Program. January 2011.

Advisory review on 'Weir effects on fish spawning in Lake Tecumseh, Virginia Beach'. May 2010.

Advisory review of time of year restrictions variance request by USACE for dredging activities on College Creek, James River. Provided to NOAA & VMRC. January 2010.

Advisory review of time of year restrictions variance request by Norfolk District Corps of Engineers for dredging activities at Tribell Shoal Channel, James River. January 2010.

Advisory review of environmental assessment for the Lesner Bridge replacement effects on anadromous fish within the Lynnhaven River. October 2009.

Advisory review of time of year restrictions variance request by Norfolk District Corps of Engineers for dredging activities on the James River. January 2009.

Advisory review of time of year restrictions variance request by VDOT for activities in the Potomac River. January 2009.

Advisory review of potential fish impacts from a dredging permit application in the James River near Hopewell for VMRC. July 2008.

Serving on an advisory committee at VIMS, which produced comments at the request of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) on the potential environmental impact from the proposed King William Reservoir. Contributed extensive data, analyses, written summaries, and participated in meetings with the applicant and VMRC from Nov 2002-2004. Products of these activities include two reports (dated March 12, 2003 and June 25, 2004) and two manuscripts (both published in 2008).

Advisory review of products from the Caroline County, Virginia water supply intake proposed fish monitoring survey. January 2007.

Advisory review of proposed water supply intake project on Powell's Creek off of the Potomac River in Prince William County for impacts to ichthyoplankton. January-February 2007.

Advisory review of potential impacts of temperature increases on striped bass in Lake Anna and the Pamunkey River with representatives from Dominion Power. July 2005.

**Regional, national or international management commissions or programs**

**Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership's (APNEP) Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)**, Member. Oct 2021 – Jun 2024; invited to serve a second three-year term in Jun 2024 (1 July 2024-30 Jun 2027).

**Executive Board for the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership's (APNEP) Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)**, Appointed Member. July 2023 – July 2024; re-elected in July 2024

**FAO Virtual Workshop on Fishing Gear Recycling**. Invited participant. Oct 11-12, 2022

**Chesapeake Bay Program Living Shoreline Outreach Steering Committee**, member Jan 2021–2022. The scope of work for the ad-hoc committee was to develop *Communications and Guidance on Shoreline Protection Options for Coastal Landowners in Chesapeake Bay*. Final products were completed in early 2022, disseminated widely and are being adopted in Virginia for a pilot project (CZM/DEQ 2023-2024).

**Chesapeake Bay Program STAC Green Riprap Steering Committee**, Member. Mar 2020–2022

**Mid-Atlantic Marine Debris Action Plan community**, Member. 2020–present

**Executive Board for the Chesapeake Bay Program's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)**, Appointed Member. Dec 2015–Dec 2017

**Chesapeake Bay Program's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)**, Member. 2010–2018

**Chesapeake Bay Program Climate Resiliency Workgroup**, Member. 2014–present

**Chesapeake Bay Program Fish Habitat Workgroup**, Member. 2015–present

**Chesapeake Bay STAC workshop steering committee**. Factors Influencing Fish Habitat Function in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed: Application to Restoration and Management Decisions. Richmond, VA, 25-26 April 2018.

**Chesapeake Modeling Symposium (CheMS16)**. Session organizer and Chair. Session: *The Missing Link: Connecting Water Quality and Living Resources Models to Support Ecosystem-Based Decisions*. Williamsburg, VA, 1-2 June 2016.

**Chesapeake Bay Program's Habitat Goal Implementation Team**, Member. 2010–2014

**Natural and Green Infrastructure Metrics Workgroup**, Member. 2015-2016. An interagency (including federal and state agencies, conservation organizations, engineering firms, and academic institutions) workgroup charged with facilitating the role natural and nature based features have in safeguarding people and wildlife. An initial focal area was the development of science-based metrics to evaluate the success of natural and nature-based infrastructure shoreline projects.

**Living Shoreline Restoration Workshop.** Invited participant. The workshop intent was to gather experts to provide technical guidance on living shoreline design, implementation, and monitoring for USFWS National Wildlife Refuges (New England to Virginia). Held by FWS, Northeast Region, Refuge Division. Dover, DE. Feb 25–26, 2014

**Chesapeake Bay Program’s STAC Subcommittee.** Member. Produced a guidance document detailing *STAC Recommendations for Chesapeake Bay agreement goal and outcome statements*. The intent of the document is to guide drafting efforts toward a formulation of intentions that will support both the need for program accountability and effective adaptive management of program actions. 2013–2014

**Chesapeake Bay Program’s STAC Subcommittee.** Member. Produced the guidance document “Criteria for Science-Based Restoration and Management” which offers criteria as practical elements to guide and, in some cases evaluate, prospective agreements among the Bay Program Partners. Dec 2013–Jan 2014

**NOAA Living Shorelines Technical Advisory Workgroup.** provide technical guidance to inform living shoreline project prioritization, Member. 2013 –2015

**Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Review of the CBP Monitoring Programs,** Workshop participant. December 8, 2008.

**Benthic Mapping and Characterization Workshop II.** Facilitated and co-hosted with NOAA-CBO, held in February 2007 in Edgewater, Maryland with participants from various groups throughout the U.S., Canada and Taiwan. The objective was to continue to link efforts to establish a more comprehensive approach to describing benthic habitat Bay-wide, and to update training on new technologies offered by Questar Tangent Corp.

**Benthic Mapping and Characterization Workshop.** Facilitated workshop for 4 days in February 2006 with participants from various groups throughout the U.S. and Canada, including NOAA-CBO. The objective was to link efforts to establish a more comprehensive approach to describing benthic habitat Bay-wide.

**Technical Workshop on Impacts to Coastal Fishery Habitat from Non-Fishing Activities.** Contributed to the development of an essential fish habitat reference document by NOAA Fisheries for use by professionals engaged in marine habitat assessment, permitting agencies, and state and federal marine resource managers in the Atlantic Coast. Mystic, CT. Jan 10–12, 2005

**Chesapeake Bay EcoPath with Ecosim,** Invited participant. NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office, 22–24 Oct 2001, Laurel, MD

**Chesapeake Bay Program Joint Meeting: Tidal Habitat Workgroup, Non-Tidal Habitat Workgroup, & Fisheries Management Planning and Coordination.** Invited participant. August 9, 2001, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Annapolis, MD.

#### **Public outreach**

Invited speaker on living shorelines to the Poquoson Kiwanis Club, 9 Feb 2021

Staffed Educational booth for the *VIMS Fall Seafood Fest* on marine debris solutions, 30 Sept 2018

Invited speaker for Earth Day at St. Margaret's School, Tappahannock, Virginia (a boarding school for girls in 8-12 grades). April 19, 2018

Staffed Educational booth for Marine Science Day, VIMS, May 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2022, 2024, 2025

Poster presentation on Marine Debris (Havens (*presenting*), Bilkovic, Angstadt, Stanhope) – Malama' Honua Summit, Honolulu, Hawaii. June 19-23, 2017.

Presentation to the VIMS Industry Partnership on biopolymer innovation. December 8, 2017. (K. Havens presenting, co-author).

Invited to host an educational booth for the Rosewell Foundation's Annual BBQ and Wine Tasting fund raiser on ghost crab pots and the history of crabbing in Chesapeake Bay. Gloucester, Virginia. Oct 18, 2015 and Oct 16, 2016.

Presentation to the journalists and staff with the U.S. State Department's Foreign Press Center on marine debris, VIMS. July 7, 2016.

Living shoreline presentation and field tour for the *Alliance For The Bay* Board. April 29, 2016.

Advised a First Lego League Team participating in the Trash Trek Challenge (their project considered ways to reduce the impacts of lost fishing gear) which took first place for their Division 2 (ages 12 - 15 years old), at the First Lego League Tournament held at Deep Run High School in Glen Allen, Virginia. Oct 2015.

Guest Blogger on NOAA's Marine Debris Blog, 'Thousands of Chesapeake Bay Blue Crabs lost each year in derelict pots', May 14, 2014, <https://marinedebrisblog.wordpress.com/tag/chesapeake-bay/>

Volunteer for the Blue Crab Bowl – Virginia's regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl. March 3, 2012. Old Dominion University. Norfolk, Virginia

Presentation to the Potomac River Fisheries Commission on Derelict Crab Pots and the marine debris removal program, July 2009

Conversation with the Conservation Corp, 2008

Teaching Marsh Tour for "Tag a Marine Scientist for a Day" auction winners, September 2008

Reviewed Scientific Papers for Virginia Junior Academy of Science competition, 2007

Invited Speaker at local King and Queen County Women's Club meeting on American shad life history and restoration. *The Trials and Tribulations of a Shad on the Run*. King and Queen, Virginia, Feb 2005

Contributed to a public service video produced by the Friends of the Rappahannock on the importance of forested riparian buffers to fish communities, Spring 2003

Staffed Educational display booth for VIMS Tidal Wetlands Seminar, 2001, 2003, 2004

Staffed Educational booth for Riverfest, representing VIMS, June 2, 2001