

PRESS ADVISORY

BAY FLOTILLA TO LAND IN ANNAPOLIS WHERE 50 BAY LEADERS CALL FOR STATES TO TAKE RADICAL NEW ACTIONS TO RESTORE THE BAY

HEAD OF ANNAPOLIS CITY DOCK (CAMPBELL PARK) NEAR THE TOUR BOATS.

10:30 A.M. TOMORROW

This Wednesday, June 2, at 10:30 a.m., there will be a *Flotilla for the Bay* landing at the head of Annapolis City Dock where Chesapeake Bay leaders will call for the Bay states to take bold, new actions to restore the Bay. This remarkable group of more than 50 leading senior Chesapeake Bay scientists, policy makers, and Bay advocates have developed a new set of proposed initiatives that would turn around the steady decline of the Chesapeake Bay—but only if the states adopt these measures.

The Bay Leaders group includes senior scientists and policy makers from Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania and those signing and developing the 25 measures include officials who were instrumental in beginning the formal Bay restoration program in December 1983. For example, former Governor Harry Hughes will be at City Dock. He was key in developing the Maryland Bay Initiatives and the formal Bay Agreement and Governor Hughes signed the first Bay Agreement in December 1983.

Former Secretaries of Natural Resources and of Environmental agencies, former U.S. and State Senators and U.S. Congressmen, and former State Senators at the first Bay Agreement signing will also be present. The event tomorrow also will feature senior scientists who were instrumental in developing the 25 critical steps to saving the Bay and these Bay researchers have more than 200 years of combined work on the Bay.

Leading Bay advocacy groups have joined in and helped develop and support the call for these bold new actions and Bay Riverkeepers will be leading the Flotilla for the Bay.

The continuing failure by the Bay states to meet agreed upon deadlines to comply with the Clean Water Act has led to unanimity by this remarkable group of 50 senior Bay leaders from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia on the bold—even radical—steps that must be taken. The specific measures are being submitted to the Governors of the Bay states, the Chesapeake Bay Commission, and the EPA as they plan to meet as the Chesapeake Executive Council the next day in Baltimore. Representatives of the CEC will be on hand to receive the recommendations at City Dock tomorrow.

The 50 Bay leaders are calling on the states to end the politics of postponement and act to meet stringent pollution loads (TMDLs) through the development of state Watershed Implementation Plans which include the 25 measures called for. The former governors, U.S. Senators, State Senators, senior Bay scientists, and Bay advocates will be at the Wednesday announcement to detail the necessary actions to change the way we farm, develop land, and discharge sewerage in the Bay region so as to greatly reduce Bay pollutants.

The 50 signatories believe that the adoption of the measures proposed is critical to the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and are urging the states to act to prevent a collapsing ecosystem.

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AGAINST POLLUTED FARM AND URBAN RUNOFF IS A DISASTER**

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