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VIRGINIA RURAL COASTAL SUMMIT

Delegate Keith Hodges is hosting the Virginia Rural Coastal Summit on May 12, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science's Waterman's Hall, Gloucester Point. The Virginia Rural Coastal Summit brings together federal, state and local policymakers to collaborate and explore opportunities for economic enhancement in the Middle Peninsula, Northern Neck and Eastern Shore. The Summit will also address the formation of the Rural Coastal Virginia Community Enhancement Authority. The Authority was created to address the specific needs faced exclusively by the rural areas of Coastal Virginia and to give the region a unified voice and programmatic structure to compete for the financial opportunities that are available for economic development while preserving and enhancing the cultural, economic and environmental fabric which makes Coastal Virginia a special and treasured place. Members of the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors will be in attendance at this event along with other invited participants to include Federal and State Legislators, Governor's Cabinet Secretaries, Board of Supervisor members from the 10 County Region, County Administrators, PDC Chairmen and Executive Directors, Local Economic Development staff, Planning Commission Chairs, Regional EDO staff and Chairs, Representatives from Economic Development, Workforce Development and the Virginia Rural Center.