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Public Meeting Regarding Aberdeen Pier Replacement Project Scheduled for Nov. 10

Gloucester County officials will be hosting a meeting Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. to address concerns of local watermen and others who utilize the Aberdeen Creek Wharf. The County has received a \$112,000 grant from the Virginia Port Authority's Aid to Local Ports Program to replace the two-pier structure, which is in severe disrepair. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in the T.C. Walker Education Center's Cafeteria at 6099 T C Walker Rd, Gloucester, VA 23061.

"We want to receive as much input as possible from the watermen and other community members that use the site on a regular basis," said Carol Steele, Gloucester's County Administrator. "We want to know when the piers are most frequently used to help us coordinate the upcoming rebuild of the structure."

Key points that County staff would like to learn include the critical working seasons of watermen so officials can establish the best time of year to complete the construction, causing the least interruption. Administration would also like to hear from them about other specifics regarding the project to help make it more beneficial to those users.

According to Steele, the pier replacement project is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2023.

"The County's Board of Supervisors has made it a priority to support our commercial watermen," Steele added. "Not only will this project make working from the wharf safer but will also result in a reinvestment toward an existing asset in the community."

For more information regarding this project or the public meeting, contact County Administration at county.administrator@gloucesterva.info or 804-693-4042.



These images depict the current state of the pier on Aberdeen Creek.



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