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Wednesday, July 10, 2013

9:00AM - 3:00PM

New location: Old Dominion University's Regional Higher Education Center - Virginia Beach
1881 University Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23453
http://ww2.odu.edu/ao/vbhec/about/directions.shtml

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration and coffee
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Opening Remarks and Introductions – Larry Atkinson, Old Dominion University Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Initiative (CCSLRI)
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Ice-Breaker/Networking Activity – Jenifer Alonzo , Old Dominion University Department of Communication and Theater Arts and CCSLRI
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	RE.Invest Norfolk Update (http://www.reinvestinitiative.org/partner-cities/norfolk/) – Denise Thompson, Manager of Environmental Protection Programs, City of Norfolk
9:45 AM – 10:30 AM	Earning Trust and Explaining Complexities As You Communicate Climate Science – Katherine Rowan, PhD , Director, Science Communication Graduate Program, George Mason University
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Q&A with Speakers and Break
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Risky Business: Engaging the Public in Policy Discourse on Sea-Level Rise and Inundation – Karen Akerlof, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, Center for Climate Change Communication, George Mason University
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Lunch and Keynote Speaker : Margaret Davidson, JD, Acting Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	Communicating Adaptation: Notes from the Field – Shereen Hughes, Wetlands Watch
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Updates on Regional HRPDC and TPO Reports and Plans and HRPDC CZM/Virginia Beach Project – Ben Mcfarlane , <i>Regional Planner</i> , <i>HRPDC</i>
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Stakeholder Panel and Discussion Fred Brusso – Planning Administrator of the City of Portsmouth Julia Hillegass – Public Information & Community Affairs Administrator, HRPDC, askHRgreen.org Gayle Hicks – City of Hampton Public Works, Hampton Engages (Hamptonengages.com) Clay Bernick – Administrator of the City of Virginia Beach Environment and Sustainability Office Panelists are asked to address the following briefly (as appropriate) to kick-start a group discussion: • What do you do? • What do you need communications tools to do? (i.e., inform and increase awareness; or influence behavior?) • Who is your target audience and what is the key message? • What has worked well and what has not worked so well in your communications efforts? • How do you know when your outreach is successful? • What are best practices and strategies to effectively use different communications tools and tactics (i.e. social media, radio spots, public speaker series, town halls, etc.)? • What are effective techniques for engaging the community?

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