

# SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Agenda



**DATE & TIME:** February 6, 2026 -- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Virtual and 901 Pilottown Road, Lewes

RSVP to [mnoefellows@inlandbays.org](mailto:mnoefellows@inlandbays.org) with any questions.

*Join Zoom Meeting*

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### **AGENDA ITEMS**

Call to order, Welcome, Introductions - Andrew Wozniak, Chair

*Announcements* - Meghan Noe Fellows, Center

Center Staffing Updates and STAC Membership

Working on updating the Strategic Plan

*Old Business*

SOB 2026 Subcommittee Report

*New Business*

Oyster farming as a tool for removing excess nitrogen in coastal ecosystems - Nick Ray, University of Delaware. Discuss ecosystem services provided by the oyster industry.

Fisheries & Aquaculture Innovation in the First State - Ed Hale, University of Delaware

A discussion about the University of Delaware, Fisheries & Aquaculture Innovation Center, as well as showcase some of the research his team is leading to explore organismal and community level responses to oyster aquaculture.

Break

Inland Bays' Shellfish Aquaculture - Recent Updates, Zina Hense, Environmental Scientists, DNREC

Center Update -Oyster efforts: Oyster buy-back program, Spat monitoring, & Reef Performance at one-year - Meghan Noe Fellows, Center for the Inland Bays. A brief update on the Pasture Point Oyster Reef and Center oyster focus for 2026.

Announcements:

Delaware Environmental Monitoring Committee April 1

RASCL March 5

Public Comment.

*Adjourn*

**Next Meeting:**

<b>STAC</b>
<b>9AM - 12PM</b>
<b>DNREC Lewes Facility OR TBD</b>
Friday, February 6, 2026
Friday, April 10, 2026
Friday, July 31, 2026
Friday, October 23, 2026