



**Chesapeake Bay Program
Plastic Pollution Action Team
Web Meeting#2**

Wednesday, August 26th, 2020 9:00am – Noon

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Webinars:

Wednesday, September 2nd - Webinar: Working with unlikely stakeholders to prevent marine debris. Presented by Net Your Problem LLC

For more info go to: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PhXWTcdMRhaYTstcl-94MQ

Tuesday, October 2nd – The Clean Currents Coalition: A global collaborative solution to the complex plastics problem. Presented by the Benioff Ocean Initiative

For more info go to: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aATIZ8doRAiBgY0BQ-0XIA

Papers:

Renzi, M., L. Clienti, T. Scirocco, E. Grazioli, S. Anselmi, A. Broccoli, V. Pauna, F. Provenza, & A. Specchiuli. 2020. Litter in alien species of possible commercial interest: The blue crab (*Callinectes sapidus* Rathbun, 1896) as case study. Marine Pollution Bulletin 157: 111300

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0025326X20304185?dgcid=raven_sd_via_email

News:

Our fruits and veggies are sucking up microplastics through their roots

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90521397/our-fruits-and-veggies-are-sucking-up-microplastics-through-their-roots>

Study shows microplastics increase in Smallmouth Bass in Susquehanna River

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2020/07/study-shows-microplastic-increase-in-rivers-bass/>

Funding Opportunity:

(FY) 2021 NOAA Marine Debris Program Marine Debris Removal Grants

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=328110>

AGENDA

09:00 Introductions

Matt Robinson (DOEE) - Action Team Chair

09:15 Presentation on Effects of Microplastics on Benthic Microbes in Chesapeake Bay

Meredith Seeley (VIMS)

A copy of a recently published paper on this research can be found at

https://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/41289/seeley_et_al_2020.pdf

09:45 Presentation on Development of a Circulation Model for Microplastics in Chesapeake Bay

Alex Lopez (PSU)

10:15 Presentation on First Draft of the Ecological Risk Assessment Conceptual Model

Bob Murphy and Jennifer Flippin (Tetra Tech)

10:45 Discussion on the First Draft of the Ecological Risk Assessment Conceptual Model

Matt Robinson (DOEE) – Action Team Chair

11:30 Next Steps

Kelly Somers (EPA) Action Team Vice-Chair

Noon Adjourn