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My favorite season is
when all the mosquitoes
are dead



Dear Leeanna,

Does summer HAVE to end? With the warm weather still hanging around, I feel like I should be packing my beach bag to go soak up the sun! While I hate to see summer come to a close, I love reflecting on everything we accomplished—we had [a shocking experience with some catfish on the Potomac River](#), had our Steering Committee retreat in D.C., [canoed on the Bay](#), and I had the great pleasure of meeting Sara's corgi, Hobie, for the first time. (You might have seen him featured in some past Creek to Bay memes!) But these are just a few highlights of many.

Looking forward, this fall is going to be jam-packed at the Coalition. I look

forward to seeing many of you in-person at VCN's upcoming retreat, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's Watershed Forum, and our [in-person gathering](#) of the Communications Workgroup.

We have accomplished so much over the past few months. Whether creating new workgroup plans or submitting all 37 pages of our Bay Agreement Draft suggestions, (shoutout Kristin) there's plenty to celebrate. I hope you all take some time to reflect on the amazing work we've done for clean water.



For clean water,

Leeanna Duong
Communications and Marketing Intern
Choose Clean Water Coalition

Upcoming Coalition Workgroup Calls

Stormwater Workgroup Call: Wednesday, October 1 @ 2:00 p.m.

Agriculture Workgroup Call: Thursday, October 2 @ 1:00 p.m.

TMDL Workgroup Call: Tuesday, October 7 @ 1:00 p.m.

Communications Workgroup Call: Thursday, October 9 @ 2:00 p.m.

Virginia Coalition Call: Tuesday, October 14 @ 10:00 a.m.

Federal Update Call: Tuesday, October 14 @ 11:00 a.m.

Pennsylvania Coalition Call: Thursday, October 16 @ 1:00 p.m.

DC Coalition Call: Thursday, October 16 @ 3:00 p.m.

Maryland Coalition Call: Tuesday, October 21 @ 11:00 a.m.

Equity Workgroup Call: Wednesday, October 22 @ 11:00 a.m.

Energy Workgroup Call: Thursday, October 23 @ 10:00 a.m.

Interested in joining a workgroup?
Email Wuilliam Urvina at UrvinaW@nwf.org!



Steering Committee September Update

From September 9-10, the [Steering Committee](#) and the Coalition staff met in Washington, D.C. On the first day, we met at The Wharf to board a boat with USGS and Maryland DNR for an electrofishing demonstration on [invasive Blue Catfish](#).

On day two, we met at the Reservoir Center for Water Solutions discussing our many successes in D.C., as well as ongoing challenges and future goals. We also explored the transition to a Land Use Workgroup, the results from the recent Coalition survey, and federal updates.



A Shocking and Enlightening Cruise

After our [D.C. Steering Committee retreat](#), Maryland Matters published an article on our catfish shocking trip and the importance of monitoring invasive blue catfish in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The article also goes into detail on how electrofishing works, why it matters, and the Coalition's work combatting the onslaught of invasive blue catfish in the Bay and its rivers and streams.

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Bay Agreement Status

On September 1, we submitted our formal feedback to the [Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement draft](#). The 37 pages of feedback included several areas of concern, including: setting a standard deadline, inclusion of the TMDL, adding the ICC as a signatory, and many more mandatory topics and issues.

Thank you to everyone who put their time and effort into supporting our draft suggestions and the 91 organizations who signed on.

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D.C.'s Fight for a Bottle Bill

Earlier this month, we learned about our work for clean water in Washington, D.C. at our [Steering Committee retreat](#). In this blog post, Jamoni Overby, our D.C. lead, goes into detail on [3RC's](#) push for a very necessary piece of legislation in the nation's capital—the Bottle Bill.

Read about how their process is going, and how D.C. residents, business owners, and community organizations can get involved in the fight.

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