The Climate Corner
Migration and Ocean Warming

If water temps keep rising, rays will start to shift their migration patterns

They’ll start to summer here (or even here!) instead of the Chesapeake

Cownose ray migration route

Summer range

Winter range

Why migrate?

We don’t actually know!

It’s likely they are either searching for food or looking for mates

Can prey migrate?

- Oysters: X
- Blue crabs: ✓
- Softshell clams: X