



2026 Virginia's Young Fishermen's Initiative Workshop

Virginia Institute of Marine Science (7539 Spencer Road, Gloucester Point, VA 23062)

January 10, 2026

Schedule

Time	Topic
9:00 AM	Arrival, check-in, and light breakfast – Davis Hall at VIMS (7539 Spencer Drive, Gloucester Point, VA 23062)
9:30 AM	Welcome and introductory remarks – <i>Speaker: Shelby White (VIMS)</i>
10:00 AM	Public communication – <i>Speaker: Joe Caterine (VIMS)</i>
11:00 AM	Understanding taxes and managing your business – <i>Speaker: Craig Giese (Dehnert, Clarke, & Co., P.C.)</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch (served)
1:00 PM	Fisheries science and surveys – <i>Speaker: Dr. Jim Gartland (VIMS)</i>
2:00 PM	Fisheries management – how to get involved at different levels – <i>Speaker: Joe Grist (VMRC)</i>
3:00 PM	Small business decision-making – <i>Speaker: Matt Nations (Truist)</i>
4:00 PM	Commercial fishing vessel safety – <i>Speakers: Andrew Diggs (USCG), Christopher Lowry (USCG), and Harvey Hamm (retired USCG; Daniels Trawler, Inc.)</i>
5:30 PM	Workshop survey – <i>Speakers: Shelby White (VIMS)</i>
5:40 PM	Networking event and dinner (served)

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