



Planning for a Future Barnegat Bay
A State of the Bay Conference
September 29, 2022

Agenda

- 8:30 – 9:00 am Check-in and coffee
- 9:00 – 9:10 am Welcome and Introduction – Dr. Stan Hales, Barnegat Bay Partnership
- 9:10 – 9:30 am The State of the Bay – Dr. Jim Vasslides, Barnegat Bay Partnership
- Intertidal Issues**
- 9:30- 9:55 am *What does the future hold for Barnegat Bay salt marshes?*
Dr. Neil Ganju, U.S. Geological Survey (VIRTUAL)
- 9:55 – 10:20 am *Bay Islands Initiative: Restoring Lost Habitat in the Face of a Changing Environment*
Ms. Virginia Rettig, Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge and
Ms. Kimberley McKenna, Stockton University Coastal Research Center
- 10:20 – 10:30 am BREAK
- What Lies Beneath**
- 10:30 – 10:55 am *Barnegat Bay Oyster Restoration: Six Years of Successes and Challenges*
Dr. Christine Thompson, Stockton University
- 10:55 – 11:20 am *Seagrasses of Barnegat Bay: Past, Present, and Future*
Dr. Elizabeth Lacey, Stockton University
- If you don't plan for this, your name is mud....**
- 11:20 – 11:45 am *A Regional Sediment Management Plan for the Atlantic Coastal Zone of New Jersey*
Mr. W. Scott Douglas, NJ Department of Transportation, Office of Maritime Resources
- 11:45 – 12:00 pm Final Thoughts – Dr. Stan Hales, Barnegat Bay Partnership