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WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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March 17, 2017

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CALL SEN. WAUGH to Save Oyster Sanctuaries

Good news to report - the Maryland House of Delegates voted this week 102-39 to prohibit the altering of boundaries of oyster sanctuaries pending a stock assessment by the University of Maryland and an overall fishery plan for Maryland's oysters. This is a veto-proof majority. The bill goes to the State Senate today for consideration. We expect the full Senate to hold a hearing on this bill on Tuesday or Wednesday next week and a floor vote could occur soon after.



Restored oyster reef in the St. Mary's River - photo by Meghan Webster.

It is important that we get a veto-proof majority in the Senate as well. The Governor has sided with industry and in spring 2014 he pledged to end the "war on watermen," as he termed it, and to declassify sanctuaries.



[Call Senator Steve Waugh](#)



Ask him to support HB924 and our sanctuaries

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The Oyster Advisory Commission (OAC) meets again on Tuesday March 21 at 6 P.M. at Calvery United Methodist Church in Annapolis. We urge you to attend that meeting where it is expected that opposing views will spar for their cause and others might try to form a compromise. [[Meeting Details](#)]

Annual River Clean Up

Kitts Point, St. Ingoes State Forest

Saturday, April 8
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

46621 Beachville Road
St. Ingoes, MD 20684

[RSVP](#) Please to:
info@stmarysriver.org



We will take on a new area this year; an area that provides for paddling or hiking to pick up trash. We will meet at the second parking area on the right after you have entered the state forest. After a brief safety talk, we will disperse in teams to different areas of the park - boaters can launch and pick up trash from the water. We will have some gloves and plenty of trash bags. Bring drinking water, sun screen, hats, boating gear (if needed), and work gloves if you have them.



Upcoming Events:

- **CBL Science For Citizen Talks**
Series Begins
Tuesday Mar. 28
7:00 pm
Chesapeake Biological Laboratory
Solomon's Island

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- **Earth Day on the Square**
April 23
12:30 - 4:30
FREE Leonardtown Square

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