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Weekly Watershed Announcements August 30, 2020

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In the News

'Great first steps': Chesapeake Bay leaders commit to action on diversity

(Bay Journal)



In 1619, a privateer ship sailed into the Chesapeake Bay, carrying a transatlantic shipment of human cargo from Africa. At Point Comfort in southeastern Virginia, the 20 or so Black occupants aboard the vessel were bartered for food. Thus began the slave trade in English-ruled America.

Twenty score and one year later, as the watershed's states and federal government work to restore the Bay's ecological health, their efforts remain permeated by the racial wrongs that first sprouted on the estuary's shores, environmental justice advocates say.

To read the full article by Jeremy Cox, click [here](#).

Rare Seal Sighting In Tidal James River *(Chesapeake Bay Magazine)*



An unusual sighting has people talking on the James River-including scientists-a grey seal way up in in the tidal freshwater portion of the river. A fisheries biologist with the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Rice Rivers Center was among those who spotted the creature, capturing a photo of it swimming 500 yards upriver from the Benjamin Harrison Bridge near Hopewell, Virginia.

To Rice River Center Fisheries Biologist David Hopler, the seal's presence was surprising.

"He should be in the Gulf of St. Lawrence area between Nova Scotia and Labrador," says Hopler. "I've been doing James River water monitoring runs once a week, year round, for 10-12 years. First time I've seen a seal."

To read the full article, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Middle James Roundtable Annual Meeting

(September 18, 2020)



Please Join us for ...
The Middle James Roundtable
Annual Watershed Conference:

Environmental History of the James River Degradation, Restoration & Where We Go From Here...

Speakers will cover recovery of the James River from one of the most polluted rivers in America to a thriving recreational, commercial and cultural resource.

Date: September 18, 2020
Time: 1:00 pm EST

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Connect with the James - Various dates in August-October

2020
(James River Association)



The James River Association is offering guided paddle sessions and other river events in Richmond, Hopewell and James City County.. For more information and to register for an event, visit <https://thejamesriver.org/whats-happening/connect-with-the-james/>. Offered through the James River Association (JRA).

Job Opportunities

Biosolids Specialist

(Department of Environmental Quality)



The Department of Environmental Quality is seeking a biosolids specialist position, working out of the DEQ Central Office in Richmond. This position will perform both permitting and inspection duties related to biosolids..

Full Details and application instructions may be accessed at the following link: <https://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com/postings/188928>.

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