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2018 Conference Panels and Presenters

Registration and Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks by Dean Moses Kairo - 8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.

Maryland's Aquaculture Industry – Legal Conflicts and Resolutions

8:40 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.

Presenters: **Don Webster**, Senior Agent, University of Maryland Extension; **Karl Roscher**, Aquaculture Division Manager, Maryland Department of Natural Resources(DNR); **JD Blackwell**, Owner and Operator of 38⁹ North Oysters and Vice Chair of Maryland Aquaculture Coordinating Council

This panel will include an overview of the growth of Maryland's aquaculture industry and will focus on two recent legal conflicts pertaining to aquaculture leases: the prohibition against leasing bottom with submerged aquatic vegetation and the conflicts that arise when a landowner leases land for waterfowl hunting that is also leased for aquaculture.

Phase III of the Watershed Implementation Plan for Bay Restoration – What Does It Mean for Farmers

9:25a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

Presenters: **Sarah Everhart**, Managing Director, ALEI, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law; **Dr. Suzanne Dorsey**, Executive Director, Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, Inc.; **Jason Keppler**, Program Manager, Watershed Implementation Plan, Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Maryland is in the process of formulating the Phase III of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) to meet the Bay restoration goals. The agricultural sector will have specific nutrient reduction targets and farmers need to both understand the goals and devise strategies for how agricultural best management practices can be used to meet the goals.

Break & Networking - 10:10 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.

Chlorpyrifos and the Legal Landscape of Pesticide Regulation

10:25 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Presenters: **Joshua Segal**, Special Assistant to Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Maryland; **Lindsay Thompson**, Owner, Thompson Ag Consulting; **David Myers**, Principal Agent, University of Maryland Extension, Agriculture and Natural Resources.

This panel will cover the current status of efforts to force federal and state regulators to regulate Chlorpyrifos, whether and how those efforts might impact efforts to force regulation of other pesticides or herbicides, and the growers' perspective of the need to have pesticides and herbicides available to fight invasive pests.

Developing Topics in Agricultural and Environmental Law

11:15 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

Presenters: **Paul Goering**, Extension Legal Specialist, ALEI, Department of Agricultural and Resources Economics, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland, College Park. **John Dillard**, Attorney, OFW Law, PC.

The panelists will highlight this year's developing legal issues in agricultural and environmental law from courtroom decisions, law, and policy and will let attendees know what issues to watch in 2019.

Pre Lunch Address by Dean Donald Tobin - 12:05 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Lunch - 12:15 pm. - 1:05 p.m.

Keynote Introduction by Colby Ferguson - 1:05 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.

Keynote Address

1:10 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Senator Thomas "Mac" Middleton has over three decades of experience as a public servant, including serving as Chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Commission, and is the Maryland State Senate's only full-time farmer. Senator Middleton has a unique perspective on how agricultural and environmental laws impact Maryland's farmers. He will share his perspective on how sound policy can support Maryland's agricultural heritage and help to create a sustainable future.

The Legalization of Industrial Hemp Farming

2:00 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Presenters: **Kevin Conroy**, Assistant Secretary, MDA; **Eric Steenstra**, President, Vote Hemp; **Dr. Andrew Ristvey**, Senior Agent, Wye Research and Education Center and Wye UM Extension, University of Maryland.

The legalization of industrial hemp includes a wide range of policies and regulations that this panel will discuss, including hemp legalization in the 2018 farm bill, Maryland's Industrial Hemp Pilot Program, and the role of colleges and universities in industrial hemp production.

Closing Remarks by Dean Craig Beyroudy - 2:50 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.