

Upcoming Meetings

NAML Winter Meeting 2026

ATTEND VIRTUALLY OR IN-PERSON

When: 12 and 13 March 2026

Where: 1201 New York Avenue NW, Suite 430 Washington, D.C. 20005

- Registration Required (\$100).
- [REGISTER FOR THE MEETING.](#)
- The meeting is open to NAML member institutions, their employees and students.
- [PDF version of the program.](#)

DAY 1, Thursday, March 12, 2026 (all times Eastern Daylight Saving Time)

9:15 AM Coffee

10:00 AM Opening Remarks

- Dave Eggleston, President, NAML
- Chris Winslow, President-Elect, NAML; Chair, NAML Public Policy Committee

Session 1: Federal Policy Review

10:15 AM Allison Hays and Meg Thompson, Federal Science Partners, *Congressional Budget and Policy Preview*

Session 2: NOAA's Strategic Priorities

11:00 AM Dr. Neil Jacobs, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

12:00 PM Working Lunch with Speaker

Application of AI in Marine Science and the Blue Economy

Ruoying He, [Ocean Observing and Modeling Group](#), NC State University

Session 3: NAML Members discussion around NOAA Priorities

1:00 PM

Session 4: Need and development of Position Paper Best Practices

2:00 PM

- Introduction: David Eggleston, President, NAML
 - Speakers: Alli Hays and Meg Thompson, Federal Science Partners

3:00 PM Break

Session 5: Cooperative Institutes and NAML Members Working Together

3:15 PM

- Introduction by Chris Winslow, NAML President-Elect
- Speakers

- **Clarissa Anderson:** director of the Cooperative Institute for Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Systems (CIMEAS) (In-person)
- **Francis Chan:** Director, Cooperative Institute for Marine Ecosystem and Resources Studies (CIMERS) (In-person)
- **Paulinus Chigbu:** Director, Living Marine Resources Cooperative Science Center (LMRCSC) (In-person)
- **John Horne:** Director, Cooperative Institute for Climate, Ocean, and Ecosystem Studies (CICOES) (Virtual)

4:15 PM **Break**

4:30 PM **NAML Membership Business Meeting**

Agenda for business meeting.

- NAML Bylaws amendments
- Membership report
- Committee reports
- Future of NAML briefings on the Hill
- Public Policy Priorities for 2026-2027

5:30 PM **Wine and Cheese Reception at meeting venue.**

Dinner on your own.

DAY 2, Friday, March 13, 2026 (all times Eastern Daylight Saving Time)

8:30 AM Coffee

Session 6: All Hands on Deck: Partnership Engagement for the Blue Economy and Ocean Conservation

9:00 AM

- Introduction: Sue Ebanks, Chair of NAML Community Engagement Committee
 - Speaker: **Dayne Buddo**, Founder and CEO of Discover70 Foundation, Inc: non-profit ocean conservation foundation

Session 7, Sea Grant Directors and NAML Members Working Together

10:00 AM

- Introduction by Chris Winslow, NAML President-Elect
Speakers:
 - **Fredrika Moser**, Director of Maryland Sea Grant College Program; University System of Maryland
 - **Sherry Larkin**, Director, Florida Sea Grant; University of Florida
 - **Mona V Behl**, Director, Virginia Sea Grant; Virginia Institute of Marine Science

11:30 AM **Break**

Session 8, Coastal Zone Management: Priorities and Opportunities

11:45 AM

- Introduction by Alli Hays, Federal Science Partners
 - Speaker: **Rebecca Dennis**, Director of Federal Affairs for CSO

12:30 PM **Lunch and Adjourn**

HOTELS

We have not created a hotel block at any hotel, but here are some options that are close to the meeting venue. We suggest booking as soon as possible.

[Washington Plaza Hotel](#)

10 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, DC 20005

11 minute walk to NAML Winter Meeting (0.5 miles away)

[Motto by Hilton Washington DC City Center](#)

627 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

11 minute walk to NAML Winter Meeting (0.5 miles away)

[Hamilton Hotel](#)

1001 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

8 minute walk to NAML Winter Meeting (0.3 miles away)

[Eldon Luxury Suites](#)

933 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

9 minute walk to NAML Winter Meeting (0.4 miles away)