

# Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin



## Mid-Atlantic Carbon Symposium

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*Tuesday, February 16, 2010*

*51 Monroe St., Suite Plaza East 08, Rockville, MD 20850*

*Convened by: Joseph Hoffman (ICPRB) and Patricia Gleason (EPA-Region III)*

### **Purpose**

To determine if there is an interest in a regional voluntary carbon trading market in the Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia.

### **Agenda**

#### **I. Welcome**

10:00 – 10:05

**Joseph Hoffman**, Executive Director, ICPRB

#### **II. State of the Voluntary Carbon Markets**

10:05 – 10:30

**Katherine Hamilton**, Forest Trends Ecosystem Marketplace

#### **III. Status and Outlook of Existing Markets — Roundtable**

10:30 – 12:00

Moderator: **Carlton Haywood**, ICPRB

- Introduction to Climate Action Reserve and the Markets for Climate Reserve Tonnes  
**Jean-Phillipe Brisson**, Climate Action Reserve
- Maryland's Offsets Overview  
**Renee Fizer**, Air Quality Planning Program, MDE
- The Chicago Climate Exchange: Lessons for a Cap and Trade Program  
**R. Neil Sampson**, President, The Sampson Group, Inc. and President, Vision Forestry LLC
- Taking Certain Steps in Uncertain Times  
**Will Price**, Program Director Pinchot Institute
- **Eric Juzenas**, Commodities Futures Trading Commission

## LUNCH

12:00 to 12:30

### IV. Policy Developments – Roundtable

12:30 – 1:30

Moderator: **Emily Russell-Roy**, Pacific Forest Trust

- EPA's Regulatory Approach to Reducing Greenhouse Gases  
**Megan Goold**, Environmental Scientist, EPA Air Division
- Federal Conservation Programs  
**Richard Swenson**, Special Assistant to the Chief, NRCS-USDA
- State Leadership on Climate Change  
**Emily Russell-Roy**, Policy Project Manager, Pacific Forest Trust
- Prospects for Federal Legislation  
**R. Neil Sampson**, President, The Sampson Group, Inc.; and President, Vision Forestry LLC

### V. The Potential for and Value of Interstate Collaboration–Discussion Session

1:30-2:45

Facilitated by **Albert H. Todd**, U.S. Forest Service

- 1) What aspects of land-based climate change mitigation would most benefit from interstate cooperation? Policy? Science? Regulation? Market development?
- 2) How can the Mid-Atlantic States best capture the potential of voluntary carbon markets and prepare for a future regulatory market?
  - *Identify and/or standardize a suite of carbon management practices and systems of carbon accounting?*
  - *Identify the potential for stacking carbon with other ecosystem service credits?*
  - *Clarify the role of states in verification, certification, and aggregation?*
  - *Promote forest and farm cooperatives, carbon banks, and registries?*
- 3) What major existing programs should be used to support and account for land-based climate change mitigation in the region?

### VI. Next steps

2:45 to 3:00

**Joseph Hoffman** closes with the consensus items from the day and an indication of our next steps.