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Office of the Mayor
Gavin Buckley, Mayor
160 Duke of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-2517

October 30, 2020

To: Alderpersons, City of Annapolis

From: Mayor Gavin Buckley

Re: Environmental Commission appointment

Pending your approval, I would like to appoint Ms. Allison M. Colden to the Environmental Commission. Ms. Colden is a resident of Ward 7 and this appointment fills a vacancy on the commission.

Allison M. Colden
1010 Hyde Park Drive
Annapolis MD 21403

A copy of her resume is attached.

Thank You.

GB/hrr

Reviewed by: <u>Environmental Matters Committee</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Favorable	<input type="checkbox"/> Unfavorable
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Committee Chair	Date

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Boards and Commissions Application

Personal information

Name Allison M. Colden
 Address 1010 Hyde Park Drive
 City Annapolis ST MD Zip 21403
 Phones Home N/A Other 757-615-9864
 E-mail allison.colden@gmail.com

Statement of interest – Why should you be appointed to this board/commission?

My passion for protecting, conserving, and restoring the environment is the primary driver in my professional and personal life. As a fisheries professional, I work actively to promote science-based management decisions that result in long-term positive outcomes for fisheries and the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay. As a resident of Annapolis, I enjoy greatly the connection to the Bay and the environment that comes from living near the water, but I also recognize that we have a great responsibility to protect and preserve that environment for our community and those living downstream.

I am applying to serve on the Environmental Commission for the City of Annapolis so that I might have the opportunity to apply the knowledge I've gained throughout my professional career to help improve my own community. I am also interested in staying more engaged with local issues affecting Annapolis and believe this role will provide me important perspective. I also look forward to the opportunity to engage with other fellow residents and professional with a passion for the environment and this place we call home. Thank you for your consideration of my application.

Are you a resident of the City of Annapolis? Yes No

Are you an employee of the City of Annapolis? Yes No
 If yes, please state your job title, department & duties.

Do you do business with the City of Annapolis? Yes No
 If yes, please detail.

Are you currently serving on any city boards or commissions? Yes No
 If yes, please list board(s).

Work experience (titles and duties)

Maryland Fisheries Scientist, Chesapeake Bay Foundation (2017-Present)
Senior Manager of External Affairs, Restore America's Estuaries (2016-2017)
Knauss Marine Policy Fellow, U.S. House of Representatives (2015-2016)
Graduate Research Assistant, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (2009-2015)
Project Coordinator, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (2010-2013)
Please see attached CV for full details and duties.

Educational background (certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc)

Ph.D. in Fisheries Science, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (2015)
B.S. in Biological with concentration in Ecological & Biological Conservation, University of Virginia (2009)
Certified Social Media Professional, George Mason University (2016)

Other experience (volunteer experience, memberships etc)

Other Experience -
Friends of the National Zoo, Snore and Roar Program (2015-2016)
Educator, Virginia Aquarium (2013)
Educator, Schooner Alliance (2013)

Professional Affiliations & Memberships -
Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation
Atlantic Estuarine Research Society
National Shellfisheries Association
American Fisheries Society
Coastal Conservation Association Maryland
Women's Aquatic Network

Please see attached CV for additional information.

References

Name Cara Fleck-Plewinski Phone 443-621-9343

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Name Carmera Thomas Phone 443-838-6847

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Name Anna Mudd Phone 301-848-5173

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Appointees are subject to the provisions of the City of Annapolis Ethics Code, Annapolis City Code Chapter 2.08. Appointees are strongly encouraged to review this Code and contact the City of Annapolis Office of Law and/or City of Annapolis Ethics Commission with all inquiries.

Signature _____ Date October 23, 2020

E-mail electronically completed form to boards@annapolis.gov. Paper copies may be faxed to 410-216-8284 or mailed to the Mayor's Office address above, attention Boards and Commissions Coordinator.

ALLISON M. COLDEN, PH.D.

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EDUCATION

- 2015** **Ph.D.** **Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)**, Gloucester Point, VA
Fisheries Science, Marine Conservation Biology
- 2009** **B.S.** **University of Virginia**, Charlottesville, VA
Bachelor of Science, Biology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017 - Present *Maryland Fisheries Scientist, Chesapeake Bay Foundation*

- Provides scientific expertise and technical support for Chesapeake Bay Foundation's fisheries policy and oyster restoration programs

2016-2017 *Senior Manager of External Affairs, Restore America's Estuaries*

- Developed and implemented the organization's strategic legislative and policy agenda, including identifying policy priorities, drafting legislative language, and educating Congressional staff through briefings and in-person meetings

2015-2016 *Sea Grant Knauss Marine Policy Fellow, U.S. House of Representatives*

- Analyzed policy initiatives, drafted legislation, and provided technical expertise for a diverse policy portfolio, including fisheries, conservation, coastal restoration issues, water quality, and public lands, among others

2009-2015 *Graduate Research Assistant, Virginia Institute of Marine Science*

- Designed, executed, and analyzed field and laboratory experiments on oyster restoration in Chesapeake Bay

2010-2013 *Project Coordinator, Great Wicomico River Oyster Restoration Project, VIMS*

- Directed a team of students, technicians, and local watermen to conduct cooperative research and monitoring on oyster restoration projects in Chesapeake Bay tributaries

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2017 - Present *Consulting Scientist, Maryland Oyster Restoration Interagency Workgroup*

2017 - Present *Commissioner, Maryland Advisory Commission*

2017 - Present *Proxy for Del. Dana Stein, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission*

2015-Present *Reviewer, Marine Ecology Progress Series*

OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS EXPERIENCE

2015-2016 *Host, Friends of the National Zoo Snore and Roar Program*

- Led educational tours on species conservation and facilitated overnight experiences at the Smithsonian National Zoo

2013 *Educator, Communicating Ocean Sciences to Informal Audiences, Virginia Aquarium*

- Developed informal education cart programs on functional morphology of fishes for guests of the Virginia Aquarium

2013 *Educator, Science Under Sail Program aboard the Schooner Alliance*

- Demonstrated the use of remotely operated vehicles for coastal restoration monitoring aboard the Schooner

PUBLICATIONS

Colden, A.M., R.N. Lipcius, and R.J. Latour. 2017. Reef height drives threshold dynamics on restored oyster reefs. *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, 582: 1-13.

Colden, A.M., K.A. Fall, C.M. Cartwright, and C.T. Friedrichs. 2016. Sediment suspension and deposition across subtidal oyster reefs: implications for restoration. *Estuaries and Coasts*, 39 (5): 1435-1448.

Colden, A.M. and R.N. Lipcius. 2015. Lethal and sublethal effects of sediment burial on the Eastern oyster *Crassostrea virginica*. Marine Ecology Progress Series, 527: 105-117.

Colden, A.M., and R.N. Lipcius. 2012. Interactions of reef structure with local flow environments: implications for restoration. Journal of Shellfish Research, 31 (1): 270.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation
- Atlantic Estuarine Research Society
- National Shellfisheries Association
- American Fisheries Society
- Coastal Conservation Association
- Women's Aquatic Network

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATION

- R Statistical Software
- ArcGIS
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook, Publisher)
- Social Media Professional Certification, George Mason University
- NAUI Basic Scuba Certification
- NAUI Advanced Scuba Certification
- Small Vessel Operations Certification