

Dr. Robert J. Wood

Dr. Robert Wood is Director of the Cooperative Oxford Laboratory, a partnership research facility that combines the expertise and capabilities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Chesapeake Bay Program, the University of Maryland, and other state and federal research and management groups to focus on solutions to the problems confronting the Chesapeake Bay. His research interests in the Chesapeake Bay have been strongly influenced by his experiences and observations growing up within the Bay's watershed. Those interests piqued his interest in understanding the connections between how we live, the goods and services we receive from the Bay, and how these two factors interact to influence the overall health of the Chesapeake ecosystem.

Dr. Wood earned a B.S. in Environmental Science from Mary Washington College, a Master's of Environmental Science from the University of Virginia, and a Ph.D. in Marine Science from the College of William and Mary. He has held research positions at the University of Maryland's Center for Environmental Science, the Chesapeake Bay Program, and with NOAA's Chesapeake Bay Office.