



# Protecting our bays and estuaries

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To: CBBEP Bays Council  
From: Kiersten Stanzel, CBBEP Executive Director  
Date: July 29, 2025

RE: CBBEP Bays Council Nomination of Chair and Vice-chair

The CBBEP Bylaws specify that the Bays Council is to elect a Chair and Vice-chair for terms not to exceed two (2) years. In addition, the Chair, or the Chair's designee, will also serve on the CBBEP Board of Directors. The election of officers is to be held during the annual Bays Council meeting.

Dr. Lauren Williams has served two years as the Vice-Chair and two years as the Chair of the Bays Council – she has reached her term limit to serve as the Chair. Dr. Michael Wetz has served the last two years as the Vice-Chair of the Bays Council. The CBBEP Executive Director is nominating Dr. Wetz to begin serving his first term as the Bays Council Chair. The CBBEP Executive Director has also nominated Adriana Leiva to begin serving as the Vice-chair for her first term.

Chair: Dr. Mike Wetz  
Chair for Coastal Ecosystem Processes  
Harte Research Institute at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

Vice-chair: Adriana Leiva  
Coastal Program Biologist  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Restoration Office