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**Northern Virginia Regional Commission to Host National Capital Region
Commuter Fast Ferry Outreach Event**

FAIRFAX, VA - The Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), is pleased to announce that a community outreach event will be held on Thursday, October 26th at the Sunset Room in Oxon Hill, MD, in partnership with The Peterson Companies, developers of properties at National Harbor.

The event targets Prince George's and Charles Counties residents by bringing together local, state, and federal officials, ferry owners and operators, military, marina owners and operators, and academia to continue efforts to launch commuter fast ferry service on the Occoquan, Potomac, and Anacostia Rivers in the National Capital Region.

Fast ferries are an opportunity for the National Capital Region to incorporate an underutilized asset into our overburdened transportation system. The region already experiences the worst commuter traffic in the country. As the region's population increases, we must offer innovative solutions to address this growing problem. Getting commuters out of their vehicles and putting them on the river will be a giant step towards the goal of a truly multi-modal transportation system.

This outreach event is part of an ongoing study commissioned by the NVRC. The study, funded by the Maritime Administration, is being conducted by Nelson Nygaard to detail the shore-side infrastructure needs of marinas in Woodbridge, VA, Washington, DC, and National Harbor, MD. The outreach event is also an opportunity for the public to engage in the process of bringing commuter fast ferry service to the National Capital Region.

Location: The Sunset Room by Wolfgang Puck, 137 National Plaza, Oxon Hill, MD 20745

Schedule:

- 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM Information sessions with representatives from NVRC, Entertainment Cruises, community and business
- 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Panel Presentation
- 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM Questions & Answers session with Public

For more information and to RSVP to the event, please visit www.potomaccommuterfastferry.com.