

2013 Panel Discussions of Chesapeake Bay Program Monitoring Networks

Building and Sustaining Integrated Networks (BASIN) – Phase II

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Overview: The Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) is reviewing approaches to ensure the long-term sustainability of its monitoring networks in the face of reducing federal and state funding. The review process known as BASIN (Building and Sustaining Integrated Networks) has three phases. **Phase I** process has been completed and focused on a short-term effort to address a federal funding reduction of estuarine and watershed water-quality networks. **Phase II** will review the anticipated costs of the CBP water quality-monitoring networks forecast out to 2025 and formulate long-term strategies to modify and sustain the networks. During Phase II we will review, through panel discussions, how other long-term monitoring programs conduct and fund their networks activities. **Phase III** is expected to consider CBP monitoring requirements beyond water quality to support the breadth of commitments (such as fisheries, habitat, and land protection) in the new Chesapeake Bay Agreement. Members of the CBP Scientific and Technical Analysis Reporting (STAR) team are gathering the information to prepare a report for Phase II of the process.

The Phase II review of other National Programs will include 2-3 talks per panel session. In preparing a presentation, the National Programs were offered the following outline:

- What are the objectives of the monitoring network(s) and supporting network design?
- What is the operational model of how the sample collection, lab analysis, and data management are conducted?
- What is the business model of how the network is funded?
- What is the governance structure of the restoration effort and how do they oversee the monitoring program?
- List the three biggest successes and challenges in sustaining the network(s).

AGENDA

- 1:00** Welcome and Introductions (*Bill Dennison – STAR Chair, Mark Bennett – STAR Co-Chair, Peter Tango – STAR Coordinator*)
- 1:10** Norm Grannemann, USGS Great Lakes Coordinator
- 1:40** Q&A of Great Lakes Program
- 2:00** Dr. Nathalie Hamel and Ken Dzinbal, Puget Sound Partnership

2:30 Q&A of Puget Sound

2:50 Brainstorming for Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership Model

4:00 Adjourn



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