



**Scientific, Technical Assessment and Reporting (STAR) Team Meeting
10:00AM – 3:00PM February 27th, 2014**

Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)
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AGENDA

10:00 AM Welcome, Introduction, Updates, and Announcements – William Dennison (STAR Chair), Mark Bennett (STAR Vice Chair), Peter Tango (STAR Coordinator)

STAR Leadership will give an introduction and request updates from the Goal Implementation Teams (GITs).

Announcements:

- [National Water Quality Monitoring Council Conference, April 28th – May 2nd, 2014](#)
- [Restore America's Estuaries 7th National Summit](#)
- The Chesapeake Bay Program office released the final draft of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement for public comment. The public comment period will run through March 17, 2014 as agreed.
 - The Agreement webpage is now updated and ready to accept comments. It is located at:
www.chesapeakebay.net/watershedagreement.
 - And, all press materials are available at the CBP Press Center
www.chesapeakebay.net/presscenter.
 - All CBP Communications Workgroup members have been provided with these materials and we encourage each partner to use them as a template for developing your own state, agency or organization media release.
If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Enloe, CBP Communications Director at menloe@chesapeakebay.net

10:15 AM Communications Discussion – All

STAR members will discuss communication ideas including upcoming reports, studies, and videos to recommend to the Communications Workgroup.

10:30 AM Evolution of STAR and STAR Workgroups – STAR Leadership

STAR Leadership will introduce the envisioned evolution of STAR and request feedback from STAR members and STAR workgroups.

11:30 AM FY14 Funding Update and BASINs discussion – STAR Leadership

STAR Leadership will update STAR members on the status of funding for FY14 and open a discussion on the next steps of Building and Sustaining Integrated Networks (BASIN).

12:10 AM Break for seminar and lunch set up (lunch provided by IAN UMCES)

12:30 PM Seminar and discussion

BASIN Review Phase II – Dr. William Dennison (Vice President for Science Applications, IAN UMCES)

William Dennison will provide a comparison of approaches used by a suite of water quality monitoring programs to operate and sustain their monitoring activities based on the first two panel discussions of the STAR BASINs review process.

1:30 PM General meeting adjourns

1:30 PM BASIN Phase III Discussion – STAR Leadership, Staffers, STAC Invitees

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.

3:00 PM Adjourn