



Joint Scientific, Technical Assessment and Reporting (STAR) Meeting/
Coordinator & Staffer Strategy Review System
Quarterly Progress Meeting
April 23rd, 2020
9:30AM – 12:30PM

Due to recent security and privacy concerns regarding the Zoom meeting platform, and the inability of some partners to utilize Zoom, we will be moving to a new meeting platform. Please see new information below.

Webinar*: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/968997733>

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Event webpage:

https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/scientific_technical_assessment_and_reporting_star_team_meeting_april_2020

AGENDA

9:30 Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Bill Dennison (UMCES) and Scott Phillips (USGS)- STAR Co-Chairs, Peter Tango (USGS) and Emily Trentacoste (EPA), STAR Co-Coordinators

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops, & Webinars-

- [Chesapeake Research Symposium \(ChesR20\)](#), June 8 – 10, 2020. Annapolis, MD. Remote only Conference. Free registration.
- [Chesapeake Studies Conference](#), June 11 – 12, 2020. Salisbury, MD. **Canceled!**
- [Fishable Swimmable Summit](#), September 23, 2020. Baltimore, Md.
- [The National Coastal and Estuarine Summit](#), October 4 – 8, 2020. Providence, RI.
- [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#), October 30 - November 1, 2020 Shepherdstown, WV
- [CitiesAlive Conference](#), November 15-18, 2020. Philadelphia, Pa.
- [Behavior, Energy and Climate Change Conference](#), December 6-9, 2020, Washington, D.C.
- [A Community on Ecosystem Services](#) (ACES), December 14-17, 2020. Bonita Springs, FL.
- [Choose Clean Water Conference](#), ~~May 19 – 21, 2020~~. Richmond, VA. **Postponed to May 2021**
- [World Seagrass Conference & International Seagrass Biology Workshop](#), ~~August 9 – 14, 2020~~. Annapolis, MD. **Postponed to Summer 2021**
- More seminars at OneNOAA Science Seminars: [Link](#)

9:35 Chesapeake Bay Report Cards – Caroline Donovan (UMCES-IAN)
UMCES IAN is producing the 2019 Chesapeake Bay and Watershed Report Card, including new indicators that evaluate the health of the watershed. This presentation will summarize each watershed indicator including the analyses and scoring for those indicators. Action Requested: We are looking for feedback from STAR on the included indicators, the analyses, and suggestions for future potential indicators.

Next Generation Stewards SRS Group Dry Run

Action Requested: STAR will provide constructive input for draft presentations.

- 9:50** **Student Environmental Literacy** – Tom Ackerman (CBF)
- 10:15** **Environmental Literacy Planning** – Shannon Sprauge (NOAA)
- 10:40** **Sustainable Schools** – Olivia Wisner (CRC)
- 11:05** **Achieving Water Quality Goals in the Chesapeake Bay: An Evaluation of System Response (STAC Internal Effort)** --Kurt Stephenson, Brian Benham, and Zach Easton (VT)
With the 2025 TMDL WIP implementation deadline approaching, STAC believes that now is an appropriate time to identify key uncertainties in the relationship between nutrient and sediment reduction efforts and attainment of WQS. The goal is to identify where water quality programs and policies may not be yielding anticipated system responses, and to better understand possible reasons for these disparities. Recognizing and actively responding to uncertainty enables more informed and effective decision-making. STAC members continue to participate in drafting this report and Benham, Stephenson, and Easton will provide an update on progress.
Action Requested: none, just update for STAR
- 11:25** **Initial Discussion on GIT funding ideas**
GITs may have an open discussion on ideas for proposals and brainstorming possible cross-GIT collaboration.
Action requested: This discussion will also provide an opportunity to narrow in on proposals focusing on science and connecting it with the Science Needs list.

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- 11:50** **GIT Funding Introduction** – Greg Allen (EPA)
- 11:55** **GIT Funding training: Table 1 and Q & A**-- Sarah Koser (Chesapeake Bay Trust).
Sarah Koser from Chesapeake Bay Trust will provide a training to coordinators and staffers on the process, formation of Table 1, which will be submitted by project leads through Chesapeake Bay Trust's online portal. There will be time for Q&A at then end of this discussion.
- 12:30** **Adjourn**

Next Meeting Dates: May 28th