



## STAR Brook Trout Indicator Action Team Conference Call Minutes

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 10am – 11:30am  
Chesapeake Bay Program Office, 305a  
Annapolis, MD

**Introductions:** Attendees were Amanda Puzinsky (CRC/STAR Staffer), Jennifer Greiner (USFWS/Habitat GIT Coordinator), Katie Foreman (UMCES/Non-tidal WG Coordinator), Jackie Johnson (ICPRB), Jeff Horan (USFWS/Habitat GIT Chair), Callie McMinigal (EBTJV), Anna Stuart Burnett (CRC/Water Quality GIT) for Mike Fritz (Water Quality GIT Coordinator), Adam Davis (CRC/Fisheries GIT) for Bruce Vogt (Fisheries GIT Coordinator), Peter Tango (USGS/STAR Coordinator), Nita Sylvester (EPA CBPO/Decision Framework Implementation Workgroup).

Absent but anticipated to be active participants: Sally Clagett (USFS/Forestry WG Coordinator) or Anne Hairston-Strang (MD DNR/Forestry WG) and Doug Stang (EBTJV)

**Membership review:** It was recommended that representation from the Science and Data Committee of the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture be invited as well as State representatives from the Chesapeake Bay watershed states.

There was a recommendation for a Chesapeake Bay GIS staff to be on our team and represent the Chesapeake Bay Program at EBTJV Science and Data Committee meetings, work with EBTJV to have knowledge of the data set, illustrate and communicate findings from the data layers.

**Action:** Callie will speak with Jason Detar (EBTJV) about participating in the action team and discuss state representative contacts.

**Action:** Peter will check with Chesapeake Bay Program Office GIS department's John Wolf (USGS) about possible participation here. Howard Weinberg was suggested as a good candidate to request.

**Establishing a Chair:** Katie Foreman and Peter Tango offered to co-chair the Action Team from now through the December 2012 deliverable of a revised Executive Order outcome statement for brook trout. The group voted unanimous approval.

**Issues reviewed:** Jeff, Callie, and Jen reviewed the catchment concept, initial data on occupancy minus NY, the recommended spatial metrics, consideration of goals, relationship considerations between EBTJV, CBP, and the States of the EBTJV. Assistance is needed for targeting and prioritizing catchments for restoration actions. Activities should include producing and showing data overlays, reviewing available data, and reviewing proposed work in light of new science (e.g. vulnerability analysis and map related to climate change sensitivities) affecting brook trout range, occupancy, and survival risk in targeted patches.

### Work plan and schedule recommended by the team:

August 2012:

- Outreach to capture EBTJV representation and Chesapeake Bay Program GIS support.

- Continue work to obtain the data and data layers anticipated as deliverables from Mark Hudy now that he has changed positions from USFS to USGS.
- Plan for an October Webex regarding the available data and data layers.
- Update GITs/STAR on Action Team establishment and directions.

September 2012 mid month Conference call – suggested agenda items.

- Review available data.
- Review/understand available meta-data.
- Plan for October Webex of the data layers – Who needs to be contacted and what are the specific presentations?
- Open discussion of a new end point target to support development of new outcome options to present to the EBTJV and this BTI Action Team.
- Prepare an update for GITs/STAR on Action Team progress for their respective meetings.

October 2012 mid month Conference call/Webex – suggested agenda items.

- Data review
- Start discussing a new outcome. Propose draft options for a new Executive Order outcome.
- Link options to EBJTV strategy nesting under their overall goals and knit together goals of GITs (e.g. Fish passage, riparian buffers, water quality).
- Invite CBP Management Board members to join the webex and outcome options discussion.
- Update GITs/STAR on Action Team progress toward deliverable.

November 2012 *early*-month conference call – suggested agenda items.

- Monitoring and Assessment review. Jason Detar has compiled a summary of States approaches and developed a summary with core survey guidelines.
- Discuss and agree on recommendation for Monitoring and Assessment Protocol
- Consideration for a late fall targeting workshop pending data availability.
- Last chance this month – final meeting of STAR in 2012 so the Action Team should be ready to present best options to their GITs for a new outcome to have a discussion and request approval on a recommendation at the Nov 29<sup>th</sup> STAR meeting.

December 2012

- Deliver the revised outcome to the applicable GITs and STAR first and then to the Management Board. Nita Sylvester should be keeping the Management Board updated on this topic until that point. Applicable GIT Coordinators should be keeping their GITs updated as well.

Next conference call will be in mid-September 2012, date TBD.