



Criteria Assessment Protocol (CAP) Workgroup Meeting

Monday, July 14, 2025

1:30 - 3:30 PM

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Decisions Needed: The Workgroup needs to establish a clear understanding of when DO assessment results will be made available to the States and which years of data are to be included. CAP WG members should attend to prepare for the extended August CAP WG meeting hosted by the team from a GIT Funded Project on sampling design.

AGENDA

1:30 PM **Welcome, Introductions & Announcements** – *Peter Tango (USGS), Chair*

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Webinars:

- [2025 Capital Area Natural Resource Management Symposium](#) – August 22, 2025, Washington, D.C.
- [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#) – November 7-9, 2025, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.
- [Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation Conference](#) – November 9-13, 2025, Richmond, Virginia.

1:35 PM **Availability of the Bay DO Assessment Results** – *Matt Stover (MDE), Becky Monahan (MDE), and Workgroup*

MDE will lead a discussion on State needs for receiving the DO assessment results for the Integrated Report as well as discussing the intersection with the information presented on the Chesapeake Progress website and any other reporting mechanisms for this information.

1:50 PM **Overview of Project “Scope #7: Hypoxia Collaborative: Sampling Strategy and Design for Chesapeake Bay Habitat Assessment”** – *Peter Tango (USGS)*

Peter Tango will give an overview of the GIT Funded Project “*Scope #7: Hypoxia Collaborative: Sampling Strategy and Design for Chesapeake Bay Habitat Assessment*” provided by the EPA to the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES). This presentation will prepare CAP WG members for the required planning meeting with UMCES taking place August 11, 2025.

2:05 PM Initial Insights and Discussion on Segment Selection – All

To begin this discussion, representatives from MDE and VA DEQ will be sharing their initial insights into potential criteria for selecting priority segments. This will be followed by an open discussion on segment selection criteria in preparation for the August meeting.

2:30 PM How do we assess the pycnocline? – Tish Robertson (VA DEQ) and Rebecca Murphy (UMCES)

To follow the 4-d interpolator presentation and discussions from the June 2025 CAP WG meeting, Tish Robertson and Rebecca Murphy will be presenting options for assessing the changing pycnocline in the 4-d interpolator.

3:10 PM Intersection of Beyond 2025 Timeline and the CAP WG Scope & Purpose and Project Timeline – Peter Tango (USGS) and Amanda Shaver (VA DEQ)

The CAP WG leadership has decided to align our changes to the CAP WG Scope & Purpose and Project Timeline with the Beyond 2025 process and changing Watershed Agreement. In this presentation, Peter Tango will review the Beyond 2025 timeline, while Amanda Shaver shares preliminary ideas for the CAP WG. They will explore the intersection of these two events to align CAP WG priorities with the updated Watershed Agreement.

3:30 PM Adjourn