



Chesapeake Bay Program
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Fish Habitat Workgroup Meeting

August 5, 2026

10 Goals



4 Goals

The Four Interconnected Goals of Watershed Restoration



31 Outcomes



21 Outcomes

THFW Goal Team Structure



Thriving Habitat, Fisheries, & Wildlife Coordination Team

Co-Chairs:



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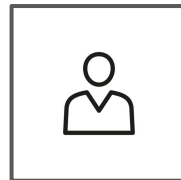


Becky Gwynn (VADWR)

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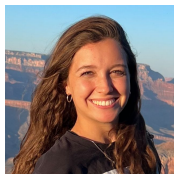


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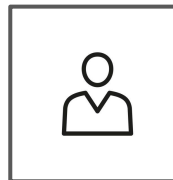
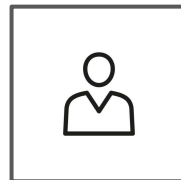


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Staffers:



Christina Garvey (CRC)



****Currently hiring for 2 additional staffers**

Fish Habitat

Achieve and maintain suitable shallow water fish habitat in tidal and nontidal areas for key species through focused water quality conservation and restoration improvements informed by assessments of habitat and fisheries information.

- Improve the quantity and quality of tidal shallow water fish habitat above baseline conditions as determined by a Bay-wide assessment of fish habitat conditions completed in 2026.
- Increase the consideration of forage species in fishery management decision-making for key predators by developing annual reports of prey status as good, uncertain or poor.
- Improve the quality of nontidal fish habitat by continuing to assess the overall condition and suitability in the watershed to support healthy communities and inform effective restoration, conservation and management actions.
- By 2040, improve 270 stream miles of waters impaired by acid mine drainage to continually increase available habitat supporting fish populations.
- Develop comprehensive freshwater mussel conservation plans for 10 tributaries and implement key recommendations from at least five of these plans by 2040.