



Fall 2012 Meeting of the Habitat Goal Implementation Team

“Wading thru Regulation to get to Restoration”

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

10:00 AM-4:30 PM

Cacapon State Park, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia

Conference line: 866-299-3188 **Code:** 267-985-6222

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10:00 Welcome, Introductions and Announcements—Jeff Horan (MDNR), Habitat GIT Chair

10:15 Meeting Purpose and Context—Jana Davis (Chesapeake Bay Trust), GIT Vice-Chair

- Purpose: Reduce the amount of time needed to get permits approved for habitat restoration projects.

10:30 Regulatory Perspectives: *When reviewing permit applications, what statutes are used to base decision, considerations for applicants to be aware of, etc.* (15 min each)

- Federal Perspectives – Nick DiPasquale, EPA, Chesapeake Bay Program Director
Joseph DaVia, USACE, Baltimore District Representative
Jessica Martinsen, EPA Region 3, 404 Regulatory Team Leader
- State Perspectives
Virginia—Tony Watkinson (VMRC)
Maryland—Denise Clearwater (MDE), Wetlands and Waterways program

11:45 Practitioner perspectives: Case Study Examples (10 min present/20 min discuss each)

- A. Information Requirements for Stream Restoration - Rich Starr (FWS)
- B. Differing State Approaches for Fish Passage -Serena McClain (American Rivers)

12:45 Lunch (*Load up at the on-site buffet, then return to meeting room for video premiere!*)

1:45 Practitioner perspectives: Case Study Examples Continued

- C. Resource Tradeoffs for Living Shoreline Projects - Jana Davis (CBT)
- D. Defining Waterbodies (General vs. Individual Permits) - Erik Michelsen (South River Federation)
- E. Waterways & Wetland Permitting on Agricultural Land- Steve Strano (NRCS)

3:15 Break

3:30 Group discussion and identifying solutions – Julie Winters (EPA)

Identify possible solutions and develop list of recommendations to advance to Senior Leadership.

4:15 Next Steps, review of Action Items, thoughts on spring meeting (May 2013)

4:30 Adjourn