



Scientific, Technical Assessment & Reporting Team Meeting

TOPIC: STAR Workgroup Work Plans & Water Clarity

January 28, 2016

10:00AM – 12:00PM

Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)

Conference Line: 1-866-299-3188 Access Code: 410-267-5731

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Event webpage: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/22939/>

GOALS:

- 1) Finalize data classification framework and BEI release.
- 2) Support communication of Bay health assessments through updating our understanding about perceived to actual water clarity around the Bay and its tributaries in 2015.

AGENDA

10:00 AM **Welcome, Introduction, and Announcements** (*Bill Dennison, Scott Phillips and Mark Bennett – STAR Co-Chairs*)

Upcoming Conferences & Meetings

- National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration (NCER) – April 18-22, Coral Springs, FL.
- [National Water Quality Monitoring Council](#) (NWQML) – May 2-6, 2016, Tampa, FL
- American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, Sante Fe, NM – June 2016. Abstracts deadline February 2, 2016 (Notable, there is at least one Continuous Water Quality Monitoring session).
- [Citizen Science Association](#) (CitSci2017) – February, Raleigh, NC

10:10 AM **Communications** (*All*)
STAR will notify the communications team of upcoming publications and projects.

10:20 AM **Citizen Science Three Tiered Data Classification Framework**
Julie Vastine (ALLARM) will present the data requirements and data uses recommended by the Citizen Science project team in the draft Tiered Framework document for the data classification and integration of nontraditional partner data supporting Chesapeake Bay Program partnership decision-making activities.
ACTION: Reach consensus on review of tiered classification draft document.
ACTION: Requesting STAR approval of the framework in order to take the framework forward to the WQGIT team.

10:45 AM **Building Environmental Intelligence (BEI) Report Release** (*STAR Co-chairs, All*)
STAR will release its BEI report and highlight next steps toward implementing the report recommendations on building and sustaining monitoring networks supporting the needs

of the GITs to track change over time in meeting new Bay Agreement goals and outcomes.

ACTION: Discussion of next steps in implementing report recommendations.

- 11:00 AM** **STAR Workgroup Work Plan Reviews** (*Integrated Networks WG and ITAT*)
Presentations on the different work plans for STAR's workgroups will begin to be presented. Other workgroups will review their plans in upcoming meetings. STAR will be looking to provide guidance for workgroups as to how they can modify and add to work plans to better support the science needs identified among GITs for their respective management strategies.
*ACTION: * 10 minute presentation and 5 minute discussion for each to support workplan setting for the work groups in 2016.*
- 11:30 PM** **Update: 2015 Water Clarity Analysis/Discussion** (Katie Kirk NOAA, Ron Vogel NOAA, Mark Trice MD DNR). In December 2015, colleagues across the bay community highlighted their many encounters and second hand accounts of significantly greater water clarity throughout Bay and its tributaries in 2015. NOAA and MD DNR analysts have been summarizing observation results and will present a comparison of turbidity measurements made in situ and remotely between 2015 and previous years to help resolve questions surrounding water clarity trends.
ACTION: STAR is asked to provide guidance about the best presentation of this material in a wider context of Bay health and trends.
- 12:00 PM** **Adjourn**