



## **Integrated Monitoring Networks Workgroup (INWG) Conference Call**

**Wednesday, June 22, 2016**

**1:00- 3:15 PM**

**CBPO Location: 303 Conference Room**

**Conference Line: 1-866-299-3188 Code 267-985-6222**

**Adobe Connect:** <http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/inwg/> (enter as guest)

**Meeting Materials:** <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/24073/>

### **AGENDA**

**1:00 Welcome, Introductions, Announcements – (Peter Tango – USGS@CBPO, Coordinator)**

**1:10 Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative: Preliminary Results from the Chesapeake Monitoring Census and Follow-up on Priority Areas for Data Integration –(Lea Rubin (Izaak Walton League, Inc.) and Anne Dunkel (Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay).**

*Lea and Anne will present preliminary findings from the Chesapeake Monitoring Census which was released on April 15, 2016. This presentation will be followed by a discussion about the criteria for prioritizing data integration for citizen-based and nontraditional monitoring datasets. The states will have an opportunity to report back on their assessment of criteria and initial thoughts on identifying priority areas for data integration.*

**Action:** States will report on the following questions from the worksheet distributed after the May INWG meeting:

1. Which criteria best serve as indicators of priority areas for citizen-based and nontraditional monitoring integration?
2. What additional information would be necessary for prioritization?
3. How should we rate/score the water bodies/areas identified by states and the Chesapeake Bay Program using these criteria?
4. Identify THREE – FIVE areas or waterbodies that fit a few or a majority of the criteria identified.

**2:00 Fisheries, SAV, and Citizen Science– Filling the Shallow Water Monitoring Gap for Habitat and Forage (Tom Ihde, ERT, Inc., NOAA)**

*Efforts are already underway to leverage the Riverkeeper's Network to perform SAV monitoring. Over the next year, Brooke Landry and JJ Orth plan to coordinate and train key Riverkeepers to begin monitoring submerged grasses in their jurisdictions. Tom Ihde (and other NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office staff) are currently working with Peter Tango to build on this new network of citizen science data-gatherers, to add forage samples (both fish and benthic invertebrates) to their data-taking repertoire. Tom and Peter are currently working to find funding for obtaining test sampling gear, so that the test gear might be refined and be ready to deploy with interested Riverkeepers a year from now.*

**2:30 Progress Update Non-tidal Monitoring Network Sampling Manual– (Mary Ellen Ley, USGS DIWG Coordinator)**

1. Final Revisions to Sampling Procedures - *Revision 1 (6/20/16) of the NTN sampling manual is final. Further edits will be incorporated into Revision 2.*

*Cindy Johnson will discuss agenda for the group investigating the adequacy of the number of equal width increments (EWIs) and how to determine if and when additional increments are needed.*

2. Field Audits - *Findings and recommendations from the Pennsylvania NTN field audits. Corrective actions to include training and the purchase of new equipment.*

**2:45**    **Priority Sampling Sites: NT Network Discussion on Funding for Next Fiscal Year-** *(Peter Tango, USGS @ CBPO)*

**3:00**    **Adjourn**