

Follow-up for STAR from April 11, 2012 MB Conference Call



As result of indicators-related information presented to the CBP Management Board (MB) for their 4/11/12 conference call (see below) and the questions/concerns raised by MB members during the discussion, the following items require follow-up by STAR:

1. Tidal Workgroup: In addition to looking into the continued utility of the current phytoplankton indicator (per concerns raised by Jackie Johnson), ask them to determine if the removal of that indicator in the current Habitats and Lower Food Web category of the indicators framework (within the larger "Bay Health" category) will create a gap that needs to be filled or if reporting only on SAV and bottom habitat (B-IBI) is sufficient for that category.
2. STAR (not sure which workgroup; may need to work in conjunction with the Habitat GIT): determine the feasibility of being able to continue to update the tidal wetlands abundance indicator.
3. STAR (Peter Claggett will need to work in conjunction with the Forestry Workgroup): review the new data for the forest cover indicator
4. STAR (not sure which workgroup - perhaps tidal workgroup): determine feasibility of developing a new indicator for tidal water temperature to pair with the river flow indicator in the "natural factors" category of the indicators framework (within the larger "Factors Impacting Health" category).
5. STAR (not sure which workgroup - perhaps non-tidal): determine if it the current mix of indicators in the "Watershed Health" and the "Factors Impacting Health" categories are sufficient.

Background

Link to all materials for 4/11/12 MB mtg: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/18081/>

Indicators-related information provided in advance of MB mtg

-  [Communicating Assessment Information to the Public in 2012](#) (138.31 KB)
-  [2012 Indicator Overview](#) (126.09 KB)