



Scientific Technical Assessment and Reporting (STAR) Team Meeting

Thursday, September 25th, 2025

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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AGENDA

10:00 – 10:05 AM Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Ken Hyer (US Geological Survey, USGS) STAR chair, **Breck Sullivan** (USGS) STAR Coordinator, **Peter Tango** (USGS) CBP Monitoring Coordinator.

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Webinars

- [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#) – November 7-9, 2025, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.
- [Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation \(CERF\) Conference](#) – November 9-13, 2025, Richmond, Virginia.

Announcements

- [UM-SEAS Master's Project Proposals](#) due September 29, 2025.

10:05 – 10:35 AM - Overview of the Chesapeake Pooled Monitoring Program, Latest Research, and What’s Next – Sadie Drescher (Chesapeake Bay Trust)

Description: A brief overview of the Chesapeake Pooled Monitoring Program will be provided. Sadie will share a snapshot of the latest research recently supported, research questions for the next round of proposals, and how participants may find out more information about any of the projects. Some of the latest supported projects include work on eDNA, social science, and living shoreline trade-offs.

10:35 – 11:30 AM – Revised Agreement Open Discussion – All

*Description: Prior to the September STAR meeting, final outcomes for Management Board (MB) approval will be released. This open discussion is an opportunity to hear from outcome leads and others on questions the MB will tackle and outcome interconnectedness. **This is not a decisional item – only to initiate conversations amongst a variety of participants prior to MB retreat.***

Guiding Discussion Questions:

- *Do outcomes prefer the 2035 or 2040 horizon? Why?*
- *Are there any edits to outcomes that might influence another outcome, either positively or negatively?*
- *With some details moving to Management Strategies, are there outcomes you want to collaborate with for it?*

11:30 – 12:00 PM – Looking Ahead – STAR Structure – STAR Leaders

Description: Under the new revised Chesapeake Bay Agreement there will be a new Goal Structure and a reorganization of Outcomes. STAR would like to introduce early thoughts of what that might look like for STAR and its structure under this new framework.

12:00 PM Adjourn