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SAV Workgroup Spring 2026 Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 2026
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Online and at the UMCES Integration and Application Network Facility at
[115 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401](#)**

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Purpose: This is an SAV Workgroup quarterly meeting. It is being held to provide updates to the SAV Workgroup membership, to provide information on SAV and Aquaculture Interactions, to provide

information on Commercializing SAV Restoration, to hear research plans from graduate students and provide feedback to those students, and to get updates from the SAV Workgroup membership on their SAV-related work.

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions (1:00 – 1:10)

SAV Workgroup chairs will lead introduction of participants in the room and online.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Leads: Brooke Landry (SAV Workgroup Chair), Erin Shields (SAV Workgroup Vice-Chair)

Materials: N/A

II. SAV Workgroup Updates / 2025 SAV Updates from Chris Patrick (1:10 – 1:40)

Brooke will provide routine SAV Workgroup updates. Updates will include a snapshot of SAV mapping outcomes from 2025, provided by Chris Patrick/VIMS.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Leads: Brooke Landry (SAV Workgroup Chair) & Chris Patrick (VIMS)

Materials: Presentations will be made available on [the meeting webpage](#).

III. SAV and Aquaculture Interactions in Chesapeake Bay (1:40 – 2:30)

Nick will provide a summary of findings from his recent literature review on SAV and aquaculture interactions in Chesapeake Bay.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Nick Staten (SAV Workgroup Staffer)

Materials: Presentations will be made available on [the meeting webpage](#).

IV. Scaling Up SAV Restoration (2:30 – 3:00)

Beau Williams will give a presentation on his SAV nursery, commercial SAV supply, and SAV restoration work in Florida.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Beau Williams ([AquaTech Eco Consultants](#) and [Aquaticus Plants](#))

Materials: Presentations will be made available on [the meeting webpage](#).

V. Student Research Presentations. (3:00 – 4:30)

During this session, students will share their graduate research plans or projects and solicit feedback and suggestions from SAV subject matter experts.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Multiple

Materials: Presentations will be made available on [the meeting webpage](#).

(3:00-3:30) Hannah Claggett – UMCES - Diving into the drivers of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) restoration success: Practices, Protocols, and Policies

(3:30-4:00) Sierra Parker – VIMS - Investigating Probiotics as a Tool for Improved Eelgrass Establishment

(4:00-4:30) Taylor Breton – UMCES AL - Developing a practitioner manual for propagating *Vallisneria* in a greenhouse setting

- VI. Open Discussion – Updates from members (4:30 – 5:00)**
If time allows, we will take this opportunity to open the floor for other SAV Workgroup member updates.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Multiple
Materials: N/A

- VII. Wrap up and Adjourn (5:00)**

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 13, 2026, from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm