

## Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT)

### Meeting Chat

February 27, 2023

**from Peter Tango to everyone:** There is also an RFA out for Nutrient Limitation survey in the bay.

**from Jill Whitcomb, PA DEP to everyone:** PA's is scheduled for Friday.

from Kristin Saunders to everyone: Garrett Stewart is still working through the list of meetings to schedule

**from Katie Brownson, USFS to everyone:** GIT-funding project RFPs are open:

<https://cbtrust.org/grants/git/>

**from Katie Brownson, USFS to everyone:** Rising Water Temps STAC paper available here!

<https://www.chesapeake.org/stac/document-library/rising-watershed-and-bay-water-temperatures-ecological-implications-and-management-responses/>

**from Peter Tango to everyone:** Yay Katie!!! PHEW!

**from Peter Tango to everyone:** Thanks for the news Jeremy!

**from Jackie Pickford, CRC (she/her) to everyone:** Yes, we could hear it Jeremy!

**from Jill Whitcomb, PA DEP to everyone:** Woohoo!

**from Peter Tango to everyone:** Time goes by so fast Jackie! Thank you so much for your outstanding work :-). Congratulations and best wishes.

**from Jackie Pickford, CRC (she/her) to everyone:** Thanks Peter! :)

**from Jackie Pickford, CRC (she/her) to everyone:** STAR Co-chair position description:

[https://d18lev1ok5leia.cloudfront.net/chesapeakebay/documents/STAR-Co-Chair-Position-Description-v2\\_2023-02-27-155310\\_iain.pdf](https://d18lev1ok5leia.cloudfront.net/chesapeakebay/documents/STAR-Co-Chair-Position-Description-v2_2023-02-27-155310_iain.pdf)

**from Jackie Pickford, CRC (she/her) to everyone:** Ruth gave a presentation on the WTWG proposed steps forward for PSC decision 3 last month (track 1 and 2):

<https://d18lev1ok5leia.cloudfront.net/chesapeakebay/documents/PSC-Decision-3-Charge-to-WTWG-Final-v2.pdf>

**from Breck Sullivan to everyone:** The 2022 Tidal Trend Results are released in October if this helps with scheduling the Monitoring Webinar.

**from Breck Sullivan to everyone:** Our biweekly CBP monitoring team meetings can also help with the brainstorming and planning of the Monitoring Webinar. We really appreciate you putting this on your list!

**from Jill Whitcomb, PA DEP to everyone:** I think this should be part of the "2025 and beyond" discussion.

**from Jill Whitcomb, PA DEP to everyone:** PENNVEST, DEP, and SCC worked together over the last few months on the development of the new Clean Water Procurement Program and draft guidelines (pay for performance). The draft guidelines can be located here:

<https://www.pennvest.pa.gov/Pages/Public-Comment.aspx>

**from Kristin Saunders to everyone:** This tracks very closely with the soon-to-be-released STAC CESR (Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response report and Jill makes a good point that this should be part of the 2025 and Beyond discussion. A webinar/discussion with the WQ GIT could help advance some ideas to that 2025 and Beyond group for consideration. A thought.

**from Jill Whitcomb, PA DEP to everyone:** There is a significant push for carbon credits globally - seems that there are some lessons learned on how those programs are effective and where we can break down hurdles with our "crediting" process.

**from Marel King, CBC to everyone:** Agree that this is an important topic leading into the 2025 and Beyond work. A webinar would allow us to dive deeper so that we can better-inform that 2025+ work.

Also, MD and PA both have pay-for-performance programs that are just getting started and could benefit from this discussion.

**from Marel King, CBC to everyone:** Thanks to Jill for posting the PA Clean Water Procurement Program draft guidelines. Public comment is open until March 7.

**from KC Filippino to everyone:** Thanks for bringing this up for discussion Joe and Kurt. One thing to think of are existing regulatory hurdles at the state level that would also limit creativity or pay for performance unless regulatory changes are made. At least this is true for some practices in VA.

**from Katie Brownson, USFS to everyone:** We have a GIT-funding project right now with the Environmental Policy Innovation Center (EPIC) to develop a business plan and "how to" guide for establishing an outcomes fund for forest buffers. We should have their deliverables later this year

**from Jill Whitcomb, PA DEP to everyone:** STAC CESR would be helpful in this discussion topic too

**from Sarah Lane MD DNR she/her to everyone:** What is the timeline to put the agenda together and to hold the webinar?

**from Mike LaSala to everyone:** Would love to be part of that conversation Joe

**from Katie Brownson, USFS to everyone:** Maybe a themed meeting rather than a webinar?

**from Mike LaSala to everyone:** That will work

**from Mike LaSala to everyone:** Thanks all