

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday October 23rd, 2023
Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern Time
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Agenda

Topic	Start time (duration)	Item Title <i>Item description</i>	Speaker(s) or presenter(s)
	1:00	<u>Welcome and Introduction</u> <i>We will use Webex for roll call purposes, so please ensure your name and affiliation are accurately captured in the WebEx participants list. If not, please enter your correct name & affiliation in the chat box. If multiple participants are joining through the same location, please enter your names in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally.</i>	Suzanne Trevena, EPA, WQGIT Vice-Chair
	(20 min)	<u>Announcements & Verbal Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WQGIT Coordinator Updates – Jeremy Hanson, CRC• Chair position description released + Call for At-Large members• Reducing Pollution Indicator release	

- CAST eutrophication units calculator – Olivia Devereux & Helen Golimowski, Devereux Consulting
- Workgroup Updates (2 min or less, open to workgroup chairs or coordinators)
 - WTWG - BMP reporting transparency approved at 10/5 meeting – Cassie Davis, NYSDEC, WTWG Chair

BMP Verification	1:20 (60 min)	<u>VA and PA Ag Verification Presentations</u> <i>As requested by WQGIT members at our August meeting, Stu and Josh will present on VA and PA's new agriculture verification methodologies. Stu will review VA's alternative approach to their tillage/residue survey and Josh will review PA's new non-intrusive verification methodology, both of which were approved by the AgWG in August 2023.</i> Materials: VA Presentation ; PA Presentation Informational only.	Stu Blankenship, VA DCR and Joshua Glace, Larson Design Group
Beyond 2025	2:20 (15 min)	<u>Beyond 2025 Steering Committee</u> <i>Standing time reserved for either verbal updates from KC and Joe to the WQGIT about the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee status and latest actions, or solicitation of ideas/input for KC and Joe. The October Steering Committee is October 26th.</i> Materials: None Informational briefing or discussion only.	WQGIT Leadership, KC Filippino, HRPDC & Joe Wood, CBF
EC	2:35 (10 min)	<u>Executive Council (EC) Report Out</u> <i>A brief verbal summary of the October 19th EC meeting at the DC Arboretum.</i> Materials: None Informational only.	WQGIT Leadership
	2:45 (10 min)	<u>Break</u>	
Phase 6 CAST	2:55 (60 min)	<u>CAST-23</u> <u>Part 1: Manure Eligibility (30 minutes)</u>	Lee McDonnell, EPA Chris Brosch, DE Dept. of Agriculture

Chris will describe the latest results and feedback related to the proposed change to timing and eligibility, and outcomes from the October 19th AgWG meeting.

The manure eligibility issue has been described at previous WQGIT and AgWG meetings. Draft results were presented at a special Oct. 5th call, and those slides can be viewed [here](#) and will be reposted if not updated closer to our 10/23 meeting. The comparison of CAST-2023 loads with and without the proposed change are available to view or download [here](#) [also, [here](#) is a version requested by MD that includes CAST-2019 comparison alongside the two versions of CAST-2023].

Materials: Data and visuals available for review on Tableau at links above;
[Slides from October 5th](#)

Decision request contingent on AgWG 10/19 decision status.

Tentative decision requested: Approval of proposed change to manure eligibility methods in CAST-2023, this would make all crops with at least one timing eligible for manure and inorganic nutrients.

	<u>Part 2: CAST-23 Review Timeline</u>	Lee McDonnell, EPA
	The WQGIT will discuss the overall CAST-23 review timeline in context of preceding discussion and any other developments. Materials: TBD Primarily discussion. Potential Action or Decision is unclear at this time but may follow based on discussion.	
3:55	<u>Recap of Actions and Decisions</u>	Jackie Pickford, CRC
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Written announcements or reminders

- **Opportunities closing before our meeting:**
 - [CRC Roundtable](#) on Wednesday October 18th from noon to 1pm, titled “Shifting to the Shallows: Refocusing Chesapeake Restoration Efforts.” Register [here](#).
 - CAST webinar at noon on Thursday October 19th will highlight the [ecosystem benefits browser](#); registration not required, join using the link below

- Learn about free and easy online planning tools to target management practices to the areas where multiple species would most benefit from habitat enhancements. This month's CAST webinar covers the Ecosystem Benefits Browser. Find out why the Browser was developed and how it can be used for planning toward the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement goals and outcomes. Then, use interactive mapping tools to find the best locations to implement these practices.
 - [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
 - Meeting ID: 838 6995 3279
 - One tap mobile +13017158592,,83869953279#
- Conowingo WIP RFP for Verified Nutrient Reductions: SRBC Webinar on Pay for Success Funding – October 23rd from 1-2 PM. <https://mdw.srb.net/conowingo-watershed-implementation-plan/>
- **Announcements or upcoming opportunities**
 - **NPS Chesapeake Gateways Program** (<https://www.nps.gov/locations/chesapeakebaywatershed/grants.htm>) 2023-2024 Grant Application Period is open; deadline to apply is **11:59pm, Friday, November 3, 2023**.
 - Visit the link for more information about the funding opportunity. Grant proposals are being sought to address at least one of two strategic themes: “Advance a Major Inclusive Interpretive Initiative with an Equity Lens” and “Promote Resilient Communities & Landscapes Through Tourism, Sustainability, Conservation & Local Economies”
 - NPS Chesapeake Gateways will be hosting a series of office hours to answer any questions you have regarding the Chesapeake Gateways Network Grants.
 - **No registration is required.** Just click the link below, drop-in, ask your questions, and drop-off, as needed.
 - Thursday, October 12, 3:00-4:00pm ET
 - Thursday, October 19, 3:00-4:00pm ET
 - Thursday, October 26, 3:00-4:00pm ET
 - Monday, October 30, 3:00-4:00pm ET
 - Tuesday, October 31, 3:00-4:00pm ET
 - Wednesday, November 1, 3:00-4:00pm ET
 - Thursday, November 2, 3:00-4:00pm ET
 - **The same Microsoft Teams link can be used for each session.**
 - At the appropriate date/time, please join on your computer, mobile app or room device: [Click here to join the meeting.](#)
 - Meeting ID: 273 655 485 903; Passcode: DH5PTA
 - NOAA has two funding opportunities that may be of interest. Please share.
 - **Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants.** \$240 million in funding is available for transformational habitat restoration and coastal resilience projects under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.
 - Closing Date: November 17, 2023
 - Award Period: Approximately three years
 - Funding award amount range: \$1 million to \$25 million over the award period

- More Information about Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants<<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/transformational-habitat-restoration-and-coastal-resilience-grants>> and informational webinars
- View grant opportunity on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=349865)<<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=349865>>
- **Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities.** \$45 million in funding is available under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act for projects that will advance the coastal habitat restoration and climate resilience priorities of tribes and underserved communities.
 - Closing Date: December 19, 2023
 - Award Period: Approximately three years
 - Funding award amount range: \$75,000 to \$3 million over the award period.
 - More Information about Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities<<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/coastal-habitat-restoration-and-resilience-grants-tribes-and-underserved-communities>> grants and informational webinars
 - View grant opportunity on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=350054)<<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=350054>>

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- If you have any other accessibility concerns, please contact Jackie Pickford (pickford.jacqueline@epa.gov).

Acronyms

AgWG: [Agriculture Workgroup](#)

BMP: Best Management Practice

CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#)

CBF: Chesapeake Bay Foundation

CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

HRPDC: Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

LUWG: [Land Use Workgroup](#)

NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NPS: National Park Service

SRS: [Strategy Review System](#)

VA DCR: Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation

WIP: Watershed Improvement Plan

WQGIT: [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)