



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Beyond 2025

Shallow Water Habitats and SAV Workgroup Meeting

January 12th, 2024; 10:00am-12:00pm ET

Join on Google Meet: meet.google.com/zwc-txeg-ywx

[Link to the meeting materials](#)

Background: The Chesapeake Bay Executive Council (EC) charged the Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) with recommending a critical path forward that prioritizes and outlines the next steps for meeting the goals and outcomes of the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement* leading up to and beyond 2025. With that charge, the Chesapeake Bay Program's Beyond 2025 Steering Committee (B25SC) has created five "Small Groups" to form recommendations around cross-cutting, high-level topics, including Climate, Healthy Watersheds, Clean Water, People, and Shallow Water Habitats.

The Shallow Water Habitats Small Group (SWHSG) is attending SWH-related workgroup meetings, holding listening sessions, and scheduling office hours to hear shallow water habitat ideas and feedback from stakeholders, communities, and shallow water habitat experts on issues and recommendations moving beyond 2025.

Vision: Healthy and sustainable shallow water habitats that support resources, communities, and economies that are resilient to long-term changes in watershed conditions.

Scope: The Edges and Nearshore Waters of 3 ecological zones:

- Non-tidal Fresh
- Tidal Fresh
- Tidal Estuarine

Purpose: During this 2-hour meeting, the SWHSG leads will provide a brief summary of the Beyond 2025 effort to date, a summary of steps taken by the SWHSG, and then pose a series of guiding questions to facilitate the discussion and solicit feedback from SAV subject matter experts.

Participants: This meeting will be open to SAV subject matter experts and other interested parties as invited.

Agenda:

- **10:00 AM:** Welcome and Introductions
- **10:10 AM:** Brief Summary of Beyond 2025 Effort to date and summary of steps taken by SWHSG
- **10:30 AM-12:00PM:** Guiding questions, open discussion and responses to questions posed.