Tidal Monitoring and Analysis Workgroup
Conference Call
September 6, 2013
10:00am – 11:00am

Meeting Materials:
http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/20892/

MINUTES

Participants: Ben Cole (MDNR), Bruce Michael (MDNR), Don Smith (VADEQ), Tish Robertson (VADEQ), Tom Parham (MDNR), Walter Boynton (CBL), Liza Hernandez (UMCES/CBPO), Richard Tian (UMCES/CBPO), Lea Rubin (CRC/CBPO), Mark Trice (MDNR), Peter Tango (USGS/CBPO), Carl Friedrichs (VIMS), Cindy Johnson (VADEQ), Claire Buchanan (ICPRB)

Welcome, introductions, announcements - Walter Boynton (Chair)
Water Quality Standards Indicator Release in 2013
New Insights Report Release in 2014
Instantaneous Minimum Workshop - December 2, 2013
9th National Monitoring Conference - April 28 - May 2, 2014, Cincinnati, OH
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Forum - Sept. 27-29, 2013 Shepherdstown, WV

Water Quality Standards Indicator and Component Pieces – Liza Hernandez (Coordinator)
Water Quality Standards Indicator Presentation

Liza Hernandez demonstrated how the Water Quality Standards (WQS) indicator, and its components, will be featured on the Bay Program's website. The WQS indicator is an integrated baywide measure of dissolved oxygen, chlorophyll a and water clarity/underwater grasses standards attainment. On the Chesapeake Bay Program Data Hub anyone can download the data used for this indicator.

ACTION: TMAW approval is requested for the exchange of the independent water quality criteria indicators for the combined water quality standards indicator. Recommendations from TMAW will be presented to STAR and the WQGIT prior to seeking final approval from the MB of the recommended changes.

Structuring Phase II of the Partnership's Monitoring Network Evaluation – P. Tango (STAR Coordinator)
Outline of Monitoring Networks Re-evaluation (PDF)

Peter Tango presented the outline for a three-phased process STAR intends to use for evaluating the Chesapeake Bay Funded monitoring networks for better integration of monitoring networks and sustainable resources to support and enhance monitoring.

<u>Discussion</u>

- TMAW members expressed concern about the timing for the evaluation. Will states continue to receive the same amount of grant funding during this process?
- Other monitoring programs to explore for insights:
    - Danish Monitoring Program
    - Puget Sound - Helicopter Program