



Coordinator Updates

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A crew with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conducts part of the annual Blue Crab Winter Dredge Survey on the Choptank River in Dorchester County, Md., on March 25, 2026. **Photo** by Chesapeake Bay Program ([Flickr URL](#))



Agenda at a glance

- Welcome & Intro
- Business, Workgroup & Updates
- Confirm At-Large CWGT nominees - **DECISIONAL**
- Tiered Implementation
- BREAK
- E3 Scenario – Workgroup Input Recommendations (Sept. decision)
- Frequency of Model Updates - **DECISIONAL**
- Management Strategy Check-in (Sept. decision)
- Wrap-Up & Adjourn

Business, News & Reminders

2025 update to Modeled Load Reductions Indicator released! Press release [here](#). Milestone evaluation and 2025 assessment still coming.

ICYMI, Partnership wide “GMF 101” Webinar [materials available](#); recording also available

[CWGT Office Hours](#) scheduled for September 15th 12:30-2 to discuss hydrologic/critical period, scenario base year, and other topics of interest.

Upcoming [LUWG Office Hours](#) September 16, 1-3pm to discuss the CBLCM

Reminder to check agenda for more announcements or reminders you may not want to miss, including a list of proposal submissions for conferences!

September 28-29 hybrid planning updates

Hosting at CBPO in Annapolis to manage our workload as we draft Management Strategy

We'll rotate for our hybrid meetings in 2027

Hotel block information shared; lunch order instructions coming. **Reminder: Room block closes August 27th.** You can book a room via [this link](#).

Draft agenda shared for travel planning or approval purposes but will be updated in September.

If you have not already, please [RSVP](#) for the September meeting!

More details coming

Upcoming topics (tentative)

September 28-29 –hybrid	Oct, Nov and Dec meetings
Needed decisions • Hydrologic/critical period • Base year • E3 by sector • LU change model Tiered implementation Focus: Finalize Management Strategies and set expectations for workgroup workplans. Consent to send MS for CW Goal and our 3 outcomes to PSC Zero in on timeline for P7 reviews by workgroups & tee up Model review expectations Assignments and expectations for workgroup workplans • Have initial topics discussion for every workgroup • Set cadence for workgroup updates	Virtual for remainder of 2026 Topics likely to include: • Changes to MS in response to PSC feedback • Updates from workgroups on workplans

Workgroup updates

Full workgroup updates provided in later slides; please consult posted slides at your convenience

Workgroup Updates (summary)

open to Chairs or Coordinators to add more

Agriculture

Met August 20th and discussed the process for conforming to 15 voting member structure and finalized the E3 Scenario. Both were approved by the Workgroup. AgWG Signatory members will be asked to rank their choices for at-large nominees to fill 6 at-large member categories.

Watershed Technical

Met August 6th (first meeting combined with FFWG), discussed voting membership, minor edits to UNM Appendix, approved the Annual Progress Appendix (formerly NEIEN Appendix), and discussed CAST/P7 review products. Vote to take place through 8/24 via email on process for filling voting membership.

Urban Stormwater

USWG canceled their regular August and September meetings. Small updates to E3 recommendations were made to be presented to CWGT. Next meeting: Sept 23rd from 1-3pm (Joint meeting with LUWG to approve the CBLCM).

Wastewater

No updates since July. Next meeting: Aug 27th from 10am-12pm (TBD pending feedback from CWGT today on E3. If no feedback that requires workgroup deliberation is received, then the meeting will be canceled.)

Modeling

Modeling Workgroup Special Meeting - September 15th from 9AM-12PM to seek approval of P7 Sediment, Stream Scale in P7 CAST, and MWG Membership. Will be moving October Quarterly to October 27/28.

Workgroup Updates (summary)

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TCW & PPOW

TCW leadership is working with TCW members/PPoW to develop the TEC sub-chapter of the CWGT MS. Feedback received throughout July, revised draft is included in full MS draft. Will meet Sept 9th from 1-3pm to seek consent support for the TEC MS sub-chapter. PPoW's quarterly meeting scheduled for Oct 1.

Monitoring & DAR

Monitoring: Accepting nominations for At-Large Members through today, Monday, August 24th. Please send nominations to and/or reach out to Allison Welch and Peter Tango for additional details.

DAR will be having their first meeting on Wednesday, August 26th from 10AM-12PM.

BORG AT

Met on August 17th. Discussed the new voting member structure, the number of simulations needed for the 4-d interpolator results and initial interpolator results in Fishing Bay.

The next meeting will be September 21st from 12-1:30pm.

CAP AT

No updates. The next meeting will be taking place on September 14th from 1:30-3:30pm.

Workgroup updates – more details

Agriculture

- The AgWG met on August 20th. Agenda items included a discussion and vote on the process for adjusting AgWG membership to the 9/6 structure and a vote on the E3 Scenario for the Agricultural Sector. The proposed process and E3 Scenario were approved by AgWG members. The proposed process for adjusting AgWG membership is as follows:
 - Signatories will appoint their voting members.
 - Note: All 9 positions designated for signatory voting members have been filled.
 - Current AgWG at-large membership will be dissolved.
 - Candidates for 6 at-large positions will be existing at-large members and nominees received during the winter 2025-2026 call for nominations.
 - The list of candidates will be provided at the August AgWG meeting.
 - After the August AgWG meeting, signatory members will be asked to participate in a ranked-choice vote to fill the 6 at-large positions based on the at-large membership categories that have been identified (Academia; Agri-Business and Industry; Conservation Districts; Technical Assistance Providers; Conservation NGOs; USDA).
 - Within each category, the candidate receiving the strongest support through the ranked-choice vote will serve as the primary voting member and the candidate receiving the second greatest support will serve as the alternate. Any ties would be broken through a second vote on tied candidates.
 - Selected members will be announced at the September AgWG meeting.
- Next Meeting: September 17, 2026 from 10:00AM-12:00PM

Workgroup updates – more details

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Modeling

- Modeling Workgroup Special Meeting - September 15th from 9AM-12PM to seek approval of P7 Sediment, Stream Scale in P7 CAST, and MWG Membership.
- MWG Leadership is planning to move the October Quarterly to the last week of October. Please keep an eye out for more information soon.

Wastewater Treatment

- No updates since July.
- Next meeting: Aug 27th from 10am-12pm (TBD pending feedback from CWGT today on E3. If no feedback that requires workgroup deliberation is received, then the meeting will be canceled.)

Workgroup updates – more details

Watershed Technical

- The WTWG met on August 6th. This was the first meeting with the functions of the Federal Facilities incorporated into the WTWG. Agenda items included a discussion on voting membership and workgroup processes with this new structure, an initial discussion on federal planning target needs, an overview of very minor edits to the UNM Technical Appendix, a discussion of the Annual Progress Reporting Appendix, and a brief update on CAST and Phase 7 Review Products User Research.
- The Annual Progress Reporting Appendix (previously NEIEN Appendix) was approved, and a vote on reserving up to 3 at-large member positions for members of federal agencies took place via email, with votes received through 8/24. A call for nominations will be distributed based upon the outcome of the aforementioned vote.
- Next Meeting: September 3rd, 2026 from 10:00AM-12:00PM

Workgroup updates – more details

Monitoring

- Accepting nominations for At-Large Members due on Monday, August 24th. Please reach out to Allison Welch (awelch@chesapeakebay.net) for additional details and send nominations to Peter Tango (pjtango@usgs.gov) and Allison Welch.

Data, Analysis and Reporting

- DAR will be having their first meeting on Wednesday, August 26th from 10AM-12PM.

Criteria Assessment Protocol

- No updates. The next meeting will be taking place on September 14th from 1:30-3:30pm.

Bay Oxygen Research Group

- The Bay Oxygen Research Group Action Team met on August 17th. At this meeting, the team discussed the new voting member structure, the number of simulations needed for the 4-d interpolator results and initial interpolator results in Fishing Bay.
- The next meeting will be September 21st from 12-1:30pm.

Workgroup updates – more details

Toxic Contaminants

- TCW leadership is working in coordination with TCW members and PPOW to develop the TEC sub-chapter of the CWGT Management Strategy. Feedback was received throughout July and a revised draft is included in the full draft presented to CWGT Aug 24th.
- Next meeting: Sept 9th from 1-3pm to seek consent support for the TEC MS sub-chapter.

Plastic Pollution

- PPOW is providing technical assistance and expertise to EPA and its contractor to develop a Source Reduction Strategy for Plastics in the Chesapeake Bay. PPOW provided expertise and review on an inventory of existing source reduction strategies globally. This will support the development of a full strategy for the CB Watershed.
- Next Quarterly meeting is October 1st at 1-4pm

III. Confirmation of CWGT At-Large Voting Members

At-Large Nominations

- 1.5 year term (through December 2027)
- Five nominees (THANK YOU to all nominees!)
 - **Lisa Blazure, Stroud Water Research Center**
 - **Kevin Du Bois, Department of War**
 - Mike La Sala, LandStudies
 - **Erik Michelsen, Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works**
 - Jennifer Weld, Penn State University
- Top three from CWGT poll following our July meeting are in **bold**
 - DECISION requested: We seek CWGT consent to approve **Lisa, Kevin, and Erik** as voting At-Large members through December 2027