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Scientific Technical Assessment

and Reporting (STAR) Team Meeting

Theme: Indicators and Science Needs

Thursday, July 24th, 2025

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Join by Webinar (Microsoft Teams)	*Or join by phone*
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AGENDA

10:00 – 10:05 AM Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – *Ken Hyer (US Geological Survey, USGS), STAR chair,* **Breck Sullivan** *(USGS) STAR Coordinator,* **Peter Tango** *(USGS) CBP Monitoring Coordinator*

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Webinars

- 2025 Capital Area Natural Resource Management Symposium – August 22, 2025, Washington, D.C.
- Chesapeake Watershed Forum – November 7-9, 2025, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.
- Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF) Conference – November 9-13, 2025, Richmond, Virginia.

Announcements:

- UM-SEAS Master's Project Proposals due September 29, 2025.

10:05 AM – 11:00 AM – ***Revisiting Discussion and Exploration of Priority Indicators*** *– STAR Leaders.*

Description: Each outcome will be encouraged to fill out a shared spreadsheet with their indicators, including type of indicator. Using this data, participants can discuss similarities and nuances within the indicators for the revised outcomes.

Discussion Questions:

- If an outcome is not ready to state what their indicators will be, what discussions or information would help you identify your indicators?
- Outcomes with targets still under development, do you have any updates? Do you need any support from STAR to finalize your measurable target?
- Would groups find it beneficial to bring back their indicators to STAR for workshopping and possibly bringing in outside expertise?
- Do STAR members think the revised outcomes and targets should all have the same timebound?
  - i.e. Wetlands and Brook Trout state to accomplish by 2035. WQSAM states to achieve a percentage annually. Protected Lands state to accomplish by 2040.

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM – *An Overview of the Strategic Science and Research Framework and its Connection to the Strategy Review System* – *Gabriel Duran and Allison Welch (Chesapeake Research Consortium, CRC).*

Description: Gabriel and Allison will present an overview of the Strategic Science and Research Framework (SSRF), including its development, purpose, and connection to the Strategy Review System (SRS). The presenters will emphasize STAR's critical role in advancing the Chesapeake Bay Program's (CBP) scientific capacity through tools like the SSRF and the Science Needs Database. They will conclude with an open discussion to gather feedback and perspectives on the SSRF and science needs to help inform the Governance and Accountability Team (GAT). They will be looking for feedback on strengths and limitations of the SSRF and explore how it can be more effectively integrated into ongoing Governance and Structure discussions – particularly in preparation for recommendations shared by GAT the September 2025 Management Board (MB) Meeting.

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM – *Mentimeter Survey on Science Needs* – *STAR Leaders.*

Description: Participants will be asked to participate in a Mentimeter Survey and provide their feedback on Science Needs and the Science Needs Database. Please see below for the questions that will be asked:

1. **Planning Our Work:** What aspects of identifying science needs did you like/not like through SRS? What touch points would you want with STAR? How will science needs continue to be shared across the partnership?
2. **Prioritizing Our Work:** How can science needs be utilized to prioritize our work? How can it be a part of the decision-making/resource allocation process?

3. **Reviewing Our Work:** When is reviewing/identifying the science needs best done and to what degree of frequency?
4. **Managing Our Work:** What do you *LIKE* about the Science Needs Database? If possible, please Identify certain functions and features in your response. What do you *NOT LIKE* about the Science Needs Database? If possible, please identify certain functions and features in your response.

12:00 PM Adjourn