



Scientific, Technical Assessment and Reporting (STAR) Team

Theme: Looking Back to Look Forward

Thursday, June 25th, 2026
10:00AM – 12:00PM

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Purpose: This is the monthly meeting of the Scientific, Technical Assessment and Reporting Team. In this final STAR meeting, participants will reflect on past endeavors by STAR to extract lessons, acknowledge accomplishments, and chart a more intentional path for the future as the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) transitions to the Science Support Team.

Agenda

I. Welcome, Introductions & Announcements (10:00 AM – 10:10 AM)

Lead: Ken Hyer (U.S. Geological Survey, USGS) STAR Chair, Breck Sullivan (USGS) STAR Coordinator, and Peter Tango (USGS) CBP Monitoring Coordinator.

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Webinars

- [Restore America's Estuaries' 2026 Coastal & Estuarine Summit](#) – September 22-25, 2026. San Francisco, California.
- [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#) – November 13-15, 2026. Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Submit to registration lottery by August 21st. More information [here](#).

II. Reflections from Past STAR Leaders (10:10 AM – 10:30 AM)

Description: As we move into a new CBP structure, we are taking time to reflect on the contributions and accomplishments of the STAR Team. Past STAR Leaders will share reflections of their tenure with STAR, the impact it has had, and what we should carry with us as transition to the Science Support Team.

Requested Action: Informational, none.

Lead: **Past STAR Leaders**

Materials: None.

III. Lightning Round Presentations (10:30 AM – 11:30 AM)

- i. CRC Staffers – Global Data, Local Impacts: How data center development is changing your local landscape
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM
Allison Welch and Daniel Koval (Chesapeake Research Consortium, CRC)
Materials: Presentation can be found on the [meeting webpage](#).
- ii. STAC Synthesis Project – A Practical Guidebook for Measuring the Effectiveness of Coastal Nature-Based Solutions
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM
Laura Costadone (Old Dominion University, ODU)
Materials: Presentation can be found on the [meeting webpage](#).
- iii. EPA Orise Fellow – Water Quality Variability along the Salinity Gradient: Insights from high-frequency monitoring in the Chesapeake Bay
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM
Wes Slaughter (University of Maryland, UMD)
Materials: Presentation can be found on the [meeting webpage](#).
- iv. STAR Coordination – Executing Priority Partnership Requests: From monitoring to adaptive management
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM
Breck Sullivan (USGS)
Materials: Presentation can be found on the [meeting webpage](#).

VI. Looking Forward: Feedback from Participants (11:30 AM – 12:00 PM)

Description: Meeting participants will share their thoughts on the most meaningful parts of STAR. Through this discussion, we hope to understand which aspects of STAR should be carried over into the Science Support Team.

Requested Action: Discussion.
Lead: **Breck Sullivan** and **Peter Tango** (USGS)
Materials: None.

VII. Adjourn

(12:00)