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Wetlands Tidal and Non-Tidal Workgroup Meeting

Tuesday, November 17th, 2026
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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Purpose: The Wetlands Workgroup Leadership Team will discuss updates on Wetlands Workgroup membership, timelines regarding the submission and feedback of the Thriving Habitat, Fisheries and Wildlife Management Strategy, and initiate conversation about the Wetlands Workgroup Workplan. Participants will also have opportunities to share updates with the workgroup.

Agenda

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Quick Updates (1:00 – 1:05)
Lead: Pam Mason (Wetlands Workgroup Chair – Virginia Institute of Marine Science Emeritus)

II. Membership (1:05 – 1:15)
Chairs will describe the different roles and levels of the Wetlands Workgroup membership nomination list.

Requested Action: N/A
Lead: Chris Guy (Wetlands Workgroup Coordinator – USFWS)
Materials: Membership List found in November Joint Presentation

III. Management Strategy Submission Timeline (1:15 – 1:30)
Chairs will discuss the future of the Management Strategy and workgroup timeline, as shared by the CBP Policy Steering Committee (PSC). This will include dates, timeframes, and discussion channels that these documents will go through on a workgroup and goal team level through June 2027.

Requested Action: N/A
Lead: Tess Danielson (Wetlands Workgroup Vice Chair – DC DOEE)
Materials: Timeline in November Joint Presentation

IV. Workplan Discussion (1:30 – 2:20)
Wetlands Workgroup staffer will review the Workplan Template and format, followed by a discussion of workplan contents, application, and questions from workgroup participants. Members and Interested Parties will then have the opportunity to participate in a brainstorm activity to match pre-existing state approaches with new Wetlands Workgroup Management Approaches described in the Wetlands Outcome of the Thriving Habitat, Fisheries and Wildlife Goal Team Management Strategy. Afterwards, these assigned approaches will be reviewed and compiled in preparation for future discussion at the next workgroup meeting.

Requested Action: N/A
Lead: Aleyna Loughran-Pierce (Wetlands Workgroup Staffer)
Materials: Wetlands Workgroup Workplan Template, Canva Whiteboard, and Wetlands Outcome Sub-Chapter (as of 10-19-2026—subject to change)

V. Partner Updates (2:20 – 2:50)
Workgroup Members and Interested Parties are given the opportunity to present any work or updates to the larger workgroup, followed by a brief Q&A period (if applicable). Presentations and updates are limited to three minutes per organization.

Requested Action: N/A
Lead: Nancy Schumm (Wetlands Workgroup Chair – City of Gaithersburg)
Materials: N/A

VI. Summary and Closing Remarks (2:50 – 3:00)
Lead: Pam Mason (Wetlands Workgroup Chair – Virginia Institute of Marine Science Emeritus)

VII. Adjourn **(3:00)**

Next Meeting: December 15th from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Joint Meeting)