

Wetland Workgroup Meeting

June 16, 2020 | 2 pm – 4 pm

Conference Call

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Meeting Materials

2:00 pm Welcome and Introductions (Pam Mason, Workgroup Chair)

2:10 pm Update on Compilation of State Plans that Encourage Wetland Restoration

(Kevin DuBois, DoD CBP and Emily Farr, NOAA Office of Habitat Conservation)
Kevin and Emily will provide an update on their efforts related to Action Plan item 5.4 to:
"Work with the Communication Workgroup and State partners to develop state-specific factsheets that identify State plans, programs, and initiatives that encourage wetland restoration and implementation of living shorelines."

2:40 pm Wetland Program Development Grants (Danielle Algazi, EPA)

Danielle will discuss the types of projects that are eligible for the EPA Wetland Program Development Grants. The Region 3 RFA period is open until June 30, 2020.

3:00 pm Finance Forum Follow-up Actions (Amy Jacobs, TNC)

Amy will discuss the major themes and outcomes of the Finance Forum that the CBP hosted in March. She is seeking volunteers that are interested in working with the finance consultant that has been assigned to the Habitat Goal Team to develop strategies for financing wetland restoring.

3:20 pm Discussing a Systems Approach to BMP crediting (Discussion Lead – Pam Mason)

Pam will lead a discussion revisiting the idea for a STAC workshop regarding a systems approach to BMP crediting. This 2021 STAC workshop would address emphasizing the habitat co-benefits associated with certain BMPs, such as wetland restoration, in addition to their impact on water quality. The discussion will include a process for forming a steering committee and suggestions for engaging other GITs and workgroups.

3:55 pm The Way Forward

- Future agenda topics
- Next meeting date: August 18th 2-4 pm
- Any other business

4:00 pm Adjourn