



Integrated Monitoring Networks Workgroup (INWG) Conference Call

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

1:00- 3:00 PM

CBPO Location: 305A Conference Room

Conference Line: 1-866-299-3188 Code 267-5715

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Meeting Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/23601>

AGENDA

1:00 Welcome, Introductions, Announcements (*Peter Tango – USGS@CBPO, Coordinator*)

1:10 Citizen Science: Directions for Macroinvertebrate Data (*Lea Rubin, IWL, Citizen Science Project Coordinator*)

The citizen science and nontraditional monitoring project through a grant awarded to the Alliance from the Chesapeake Bay is examining macroinvertebrate data collected by volunteer monitoring programs across the watershed. The IWL is working with ICPRB to explore specific areas of interest.

2:00 Nontidal Network supplemental sampling – (*All Discussion*)

Recent work by USGS has highlighted a need for more information needed on storm events to enhance load estimation. During some years, too few storms occur in a quarter and samples may still get collected to address a projected annual number of samples collected each quarter even though they are not effectively storm samples. A more effective use of the resources may be to hold over the effort and collect additional samples in high flow events. We would like to discuss the consideration by the community of addressing the focus on data needs in high flow events by conserving budget and effort resources during quarters without storms and using the effort in the next high flow event rather than targeting ‘supplemental samples’ at more routine flow conditions just to meet a sampling effort target.

2:30 STAC Integrated Monitoring Workshop Plans: (*Mindy Ehrich, UMCES*)

An effort to pilot a small region integrated monitoring plan as a template to addressing multi-indicator needs over the whole watershed is the focus of an upcoming Spring 2016 STAC workshop. Mindy will present that status of workshop thinking and we will welcome your suggestions, insights and comments as the workshop plan gets finalized this winter.

3:00 Adjourn

Also attached, for the late winter and spring, please see the following draft agendas that will have focus time for tidal and nontidal monitoring programming.

March anticipated agenda

1PM Welcome, announcements

1:10 Citizen Science directions

2:00PM Nontidal Monitoring Programming – ALL.

We would like to have each partner provide a 10 minute synopsis of their monitoring effort status, challenges, successes, and highlight needs and directions on the horizon. (PADEP/SRBC, WV, MD, VA, DE, USGS)

3:30PM Adjourn (Note – later and time to have all groups contribute)

April anticipated agenda

1PM Welcome, announcements

1:10 PM Citizen Science Directions

2:00 PM Tidal WQ Monitoring Programming - ALL

We would like to have each partner provide a 10-15 minute synopsis of their monitoring effort status, challenges, successes, needs on the horizon.

Virginia, MD, DE, DC

3:00 PM Continuous Monitoring Strategy Outline

We will review the outline and development of a Continuous Monitoring Strategy document toward providing a product to CBP in December 2016.

3:30PM Adjourn

May anticipated agenda

1PM Welcome, announcements

1:10 PM Citizen Science Directions

2:00 PM Status and Directions on Meeting Science Needs of the new Bay Agreement.

Science needs were highlighted in 2015 by the GITs and have been the topic of STAR, Management Board meetings and STAC workshops held in recent months. During this meeting we will review the feedback from the Management Board, as well as outputs of one or more of the STAC workshops that will update the list of sciences needs to those that are being met and those that will need additional focus by STAR and its workgroups in the near future.

2:45PM Tentatively: Status and Trends workgroup report on workplan and products, indicator approval agreement.

3:15PM Adjourn.