



Integrated Monitoring Networks Workgroup (INWG) Conference Call

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

1:00- 3:00 PM

CBPO Location: 303 Conference Room

Conference Line: 1-866-299-3188 Code 267-985-6222

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Meeting Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/24168/>

AGENDA

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

1:10 Next Steps for the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative – Lea Rubin (Izaak Walton League, Inc.) and Anne Dunkel (Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay).

The Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative project is in the early part of their 2nd year, this presentation will review what has been accomplished to date, and then discuss the major pieces the project will be working on throughout the year. We will be asking for volunteers to sign up for future ad-hoc workgroups for IMN members to provide review and feedback on specific work items. The CMC is currently in the planning stages of a workshop that will expand the work already done in the IMN meetings on prioritizing monitoring needs. The date will likely be mid to late October. We will review the goals of the workshop and ask for nominations of individuals and groups to invite.

2:00 Healthy Watersheds Outcome and Monitoring Needs - Renee Thompson, Coordinator, (USGS@CBPO, Maintain Healthy Watersheds Goal Implementation Team Geographer) and Angel Valdez (Maryland Department of the Environment).

This presentation will review the state's methods for tracking healthy watersheds, one of the outcomes in the Chesapeake Bay Agreement. Renee will provide an overview of the Healthy Watershed GIT's goal, where they are currently, and the next steps for future action. Angel will focus specifically on how Maryland defines healthy watersheds and how they intend to track progress in this outcome.

2:20 STAC Workshop Report- Integrated Monitoring Networks Workshop Findings - Peter Tango, (USGS@CBPO, Workgroup Chair).

The IMN WG led a STAC-sponsored workshop in April 2016 serving as a launch point for networking to support monitoring needs across Bay Agreement outcomes and to inform a process that continues to promote network integration. This presentation will outline draft findings and recommendations while also providing highlights of subsequent, leveraged actions on filling gaps in monitoring needs identified going into the workshop.

3:00 Adjourn