

Public Access Workgroup Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, November 13

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Large Conference Room, NPS Chesapeake Bay Office

410 Severn Ave. Annapolis, MD Suite 314

Reminder: Please bring a brown-bag lunch.

Conference Line: 877-387-7080 passcode 313 3103#



10:00 Introductions and Agenda Overview (Jackie Kramer, NPS)

10:10 NPS Superintendent Welcome (Wendy O'Sullivan, NPS)

Wendy will share an overview about her and provide an update on efforts with the Chesapeake Bay Office to refine and refresh the Gateways Program. She will also give her perspective on future funding opportunities.

10:30 Public Access Data: Accomplishments and Next Steps for 2019 Data Collection (John Davy and Jackie Kramer)

John and Jackie will share a draft document that summarizes the accomplishments made in increasing public access over the past six years. We will then turn to the schedule for collecting data for 2019 (Due date: January 24, 2020).

11:00 Understanding how a relationship with Nature develops Stewards (Amy Handen)

The group will revisit a proposal that would fund data collection on the barriers as well as benefits that come to residents of the watershed who access nature. How can resource managers be more inclusive to all communities?

11:30 Carrying Capacity Challenges

What can we do to manage large demands and overuse of our public access sites? What resources are known about this issue? Can the workgroup and NPS assist in researching solutions to this issue?

12:00 Program Development versus Increasing Access Sites

In addition to developing new access sites, the team will discuss the challenges and needs of developing new programs to attract new visitors and users to the areas water resources. What can the workgroup and NPS do to advance your work? What resources are needed?

12:30 CBP Strategy Review System Process

Amy will provide an update of the upcoming CBP Management Board meeting where the workgroup will share progress, challenges and opportunities for public access in the future. Our discussion will include a review of where we stand with the current work plan (see Work Plan attached).

1:00 Adjourn