

Factors Influencing Fish Habitat Function in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed: Application to Restoration and Management Decisions

A Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) Workshop



Dates: April 25-26, 2018

Location: [Maymont Estate](#), 1700 Hampton Street, Richmond VA 23220
Garden Hall

Agenda, Materials, and Presentations (as available) are accessible on the [workshop webpage](#)



Objective: To identify the necessary information and analytical approaches to assess the condition and vulnerability of fish habitat in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Workshop Goals and Products:

Over the course of two days, attendees will seek to:

- Identify the necessary information and relevant approaches needed in the development of a Chesapeake Watershed Regional Fish Habitat Assessment that supports planning and management decisions,
- Identify of the most significant variables (stressors and conditions) most influencing habitat condition and vulnerability, and prioritize variables by habitat, and
- Develop a workshop report that will include the results of the above analysis, information gaps, recommendations, and next steps.

To prepare for the workshop, please review the following materials:

- [Fish Habitat Workshop - Assessment Framework](#)
- [Final Report - Fish Habitat Assessment Questionnaire](#)
- [National Fish Habitat Inland and Estuary Assessment Methodology](#)
- [Definition of Terms](#)
- [Draft Variable/Stressor Identification and Ranking Criteria](#)
- [CBP Fish Habitat Outcome Management Strategy](#)

Day 1 - April 25, 2018

- 9:00-9:30 Registration
Coffee and light breakfast will be provided for attendees
- 9:30-10:00 Welcome and Workshop Overview – Gina Hunt (MDDNR), Sean Corson (NOAA) and David Whitehurst (VA DGIF)
- 10:00-11:00 Background Assessment, Reports, and Goals – Bruce Vogt (NOAA, Gina Hunt (MDDNR)
- 11:00-11:10 BREAK
- 11:10-12:10 Habitat Assessment Data and Scale (Part 1) – John Young and Kelly Maloney (USGS, Leetown Science Center), Suzanne Skelley (NOAA)
- 12:10-1:10 LUNCH (*Provided*)
- 1:10-2:30 Habitat Assessment Data and Scale (Part 2) – Facilitated Discussion
- 2:30-2:40 BREAK
- 2:40-4:00 Determine Criteria for Variable/Stressor Ranking – Breakout Group Selection of Variable/Stressor
- 4:00-4:20 Breakout Group Report Out
- 4:20-4:30 Wrap up and Adjourn

Day 2 - April 26, 2018

- 9:00-9:30 Registration
Coffee and light breakfast will be provided for attendees
- 9:30-9:40 Welcome and Day 1 Recap/Framework Overview
- 9:40-11:30 Ranking Variables/Stressors Activity – Breakout Groups
- 11:30-12:30 Additional Variables/Stressors and Gaps – Facilitated Discussion
- 12:30-1:30 LUNCH (*Provided*)
- 1:30-2:30 Next Steps and Recommendations
- 2:30-3:00 Wrap up and Expectations
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- 3:00-4:00 Steering Committee Strategy Meeting