



## **Habitat Goal Implementation Team Spring Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday May 22, 2012

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**Purpose:** Identify specific ways to advance scalable projects to restore habitat in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**Objectives:**

- 1.) Clear understanding of GIT's role as crucial link between landscape level conservation planning/design and community based conservation delivery.
- 2.) Opportunity for workgroups to share priorities with the full team.
- 3.) Build momentum and identify next steps for measurable progress by the fall meeting.

**9:00**            **Introductions and Announcements** – Jeff Horan (GIT Chair, FWS), All

**9:30**            **Building Sustainable Brook Trout Populations by Using Patch Metrics to Target and Track Brook Trout Restoration** - Mark Hudy (USFS)

- Actions for MB and FOD
- Next steps

**10:15**            **Break**

**10:30**            **Fish Passage Workgroup – Using the New Fish Passage Prioritization Tool to Target the Best Projects** - Mary Andrews (NOAA)

- Explanation of spatial considerations
- Logic behind establishment of priorities
- Alignment with priorities of other work groups/GITs/agencies
- Next Steps

**11:15**            **Stream Health Workgroup – Protecting Streams Through the Use of Stream Restoration Guidance for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed** - Mark Secrist (FWS)

- Workgroup status
- Overview of A Functional-Based Framework for Stream Assessment and Restoration Projects
- Next Steps

**12:00**    **Lunch**

- 12:45 Wetlands Workgroup – Building Wetland Partnerships through Alignment of Priorities**
- Wetlands Workgroup and STAC Workshop: Targeting Restoration in Coastal Habitat Complexes- Bernie Marczyk (DU)
  - Wetland Habitat Restoration in the Pocomoke Watershed – Steve Strano (NRCS)
  - Aligning Priorities with Black Duck Strategic Decision Making Workshop and Black Duck Initiatives – Alicia Berlin (USGS)
- 1:45 SAV Workgroup – Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Water Quality and Habitat-Based Requirements and Restoration Targets - Lee Karrh (MDNR)**
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  - Next Steps
- 2:15 Break**
- 2:30 Aligning Priorities**
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Follow-Up on Shared Priorities to Help Achieve Bay Habitat Goals – David O’Neill (NFWF)
  - Update on Permitting Issues in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
  - Habitat Prioritization for Protection and Restoration – Mary Andrews (NOAA)
  - BMP Verification Protocol – Rich Batuik (EPA)
- 3:30 Next Steps, Planning for Fall Meeting – All**
- 4:00 Adjourn**