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**Joint Meeting of Indicators Workgroup and Coordinators/Staffers Group**

**Thursday, March 21, 2013, 11:00AM-12:30PM  
*Meeting Materials available at meeting webpage:*** [***http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/19131***](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/19131)

**Purpose:** Discuss indicator updates/changes/development and 2013 plan for communicating indicators (and other info); Confirm IWG Workplan for 2013

**Participants:**

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| Nita Sylvester-Chair IWG | Lea Rubin-STAR Staff | Amanda Pruzinsky-STAR Staff |
| Sally Claggett-USFS | Julie Mawhorter-USFS | Doreen Vetter-ChesapeakeStat |
| Bruce Vogt-GIT1 Coordinator | Anna Stuart Burnett-GIT4 Staff | Jenna Valente-CWG Staff |
| Catherine Kirkstan-Web Team | Jeff Sweeney-EPA | Jeremy Hanson-GIT3 Staff |
| Greg Allen-GIT 6 Coordinator | Tim Wilke-GIT6 Staff | Beth Zinecker-ChesapeakeStat |
| Lauren Tanneyhill-MB Staff | John Wolf-GIS Team | Howard Weinberg-GIS Team |
| Greg Barranco-EPA | Lucinda Power-GIT3 Coordinator | Amy Haden-GIT5 Coordinator |
| Jennifer Greiner-GIT2 Coordinator | Mike Land-Web Team | Debra Hopkins-USFWS |

**Minutes**

**Action Items:**

* Review the new timeline for submission of updated/new indicator content and narratives from GITs for State of the Program Report – see below (All)
* Any issue your GIT/workgroup may have with the [Indicators 2013 Workplan](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/19131/iwg_2013_workplan.pdf) should be directed at Nita Sylvester
* Notify Nita when ready to present new Oyster and MWEE indicators to STAR
* Amanda/Lea to request time on April STAR mtg agenda for presentation of new Brook Trout indicator
* Nita to find out if CWG has a liaison to STAR

**Indicator updates/changes/development**

**Revised deadlines** for providing 2012 data/Analysis and Methods documentation for [restoration effort indicators](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/track/restoration) and the narrative from GITs for State of the Program Report (in order to meet deadlines for product(s) being developed for upcoming EC meeting; if EC mtg is delayed past June/July this timeline will be revised)

* **April 22nd, 2013:** Restoration Effort indicators draft data and Analysis and Methods documentation submitted to Nita and draft narrative from GITs for State of the Program Report submitted to Margaret.
* **May 3rd, 2013:** Restoration Effort indicators final data and Analysis and Methods documentation submitted to Nita and final narrative from GITs for State of the Program Report submitted to Margaret. (approved by GIT’s and ready for publication)
* **April 25th, 2013**: Last chance to present new Restoration Effort indicators to STAR for for use in 2013 EC mtg publications.
* **May 16th, 2013:** Last chance to present new Restoration Effort indicators to the Management Board for approval for use in 2013 EC mtg publications.
* **June/July 2013:**  Anticipated Executive Council meeting presentation of the State of the Program Report
* **October 15th, 2013:** updated/new indicator data and Analysis and Methods documentation submitted to Nita for use in End of Year Wrap-Up publication (AKA “Bay Barometer”).

**Prepare for anticipated presentations to the STAR (in April) and MB (in May) related to restoration effort indicators to be featured in 2013 EC meeting products**

* Oyster Indicator  (Bruce Vogt)
* Brook Trout Indicator-Presentation at April STAR meeting (Jennifer Greiner)
* Mapping of indicators (Howard Weinberg)

**Discussion**

* Updating information for Indicators on the website can happen at any time (no need to wait until products are developed for EC mtgs, end-of-year wrap-up or monthly feature stories), therefore send Nita the most current information to keep indicators current on the CBP web page.

**Update on 2013 Plan for Communicating Indicators by Mike Land**

Looking into data visualization technology, the Bay grasses indicator was chosen as a pilot for work with an outside contractor, Stamen design, to develop an interactive map to tell the story of Bay Grasses throughout the Watershed.  The map displays trends and can allow for more data to be layered into the maps later. Building a richer experience into visiting the website would include the addition of:

* More Photography
* Data Visualization
* Interactive Charts and Maps
* Videos

**Discussion and Questions**

* This map can be referred to as Data Visualization of SAV when addressing this tool in the State of the Program Report narrative.
* This tool is primarily a communication product, not for management or scientific use
* Chesapeake Stat is used for the management of the Chesapeake Bay Program; this interactive Data Visualization tool is not to replace Chesapeake Stat.
* John Wolf is working on Story maps to show two stories: 1) Change of the Bay over time, and 2) the flow of water through the watershed to show the upstream drainage into the Bay.

**Discuss Status of Action Items from previous joint meeting**

* All action items from previous joint Indicators and Coordinator/Staffer meeting were completed
* Margaret Enloe has asked all the GIT’s to work with their communications workgroup liaison to ensure the communication workgroup has the most current information.

**Pre-meeting materials:**

1. Review [2013 Workplan for the IWG](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/19131/iwg_2013_workplan.pdf)
2. Review [“Restoration Indicators Data Call” memo](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/19131/restoration_indicators_data_call.pdf) sent -2/28/13
3. Review [2013 comm plan internal.wkgp doc. 12 13 12](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/19050/2013_comm_plan_internal.wkgp_doc._12_13_12.xlsx)
4. Review [Action Items from previous mtg (12/13/12)](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/19050/121312_iwg_summary_action_items.docx) and be prepared to provide updates for anything with your name.