



Nontidal Water Quality Monitoring Workgroup Meeting

May 29, 2014

Meeting Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/21613/>

Meeting Participants: Scott Phillips (USGS), Peter Tango (USGS/CBPO), Lea Rubin (CRC/CBPO), Mary Ellen Ley (USGS/CBPO), Mike Mallonee (ICPRB/CBPO), Molly Pulket (PADEP), Kevin McGonigal (USGS), Tony Shaw (PADEP), Bill Romano (MDNR), Bruce Michael (MDNR), Janine Howard (VADEQ), Cindy Johnson (VADEQ), Joel Blomquist (USGS), Steve Gladding (NYDEC), Doug Moyer (USGS)

Action items:

- To better visualize how STAR and STAR workgroups are interacting with the Goal Teams, Scott Phillips will create a visual diagram to show the interaction and supportive role.

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STAR Reorganization Structure – Peter Tango, STAR Coordinator and Scott Phillips, NTWG Chair

Attachment: [STAR Reorganization Structure](#)

Peter Tango and Scott Phillips presented the revised STAR workgroup structure and asked the workgroup for feedback, questions, and concerns.

Discussion

- Who takes ownership over the scientific products produced through STAR and STAR workgroups?
 - Scientific products are developed by the science providers on the STAR Team, not STAR as an entity.
- Who is allocating the resources for the integration and management of citizen monitoring programs? Additionally, the MD and VA citizen science programs that are currently being used by the network should be better documented, with clearly defined funding sources, and data usage in the existing program.
- Feedback:
 - The terms “integrated data delivery” should be written as “integrated data access” and is the responsibility of the Method, Quality, and Information Delivery WG. The workgroup should not be responsible for delivering data to the end users, but working towards easy access to the data.

- The term “use” of citizen science should be changed to “comparability” of citizen science data, which more appropriately represents the responsibility of the Method, Quality, and Information Delivery WG.
- The responsibility of delivering indicators and other products to ChesapeakeStat should be discussed further, as well as which workgroup should be responsible for this task.
- Now that Nita Sylvester has retired, who has the responsibility of carrying out the indicator work?
 - Margaret Enloe (menloe@chesapeakebay.net) and Catherine Krikstan (ckrikstan@chesapeakebay.net) will be responsible for the indicators until the new EPA staff is brought onboard.
- Meeting participants recommend an annual meeting for all STAR workgroups to share progress and new insights. This would be an opportunity to have better information integration across workgroups.
- Will the Modeling Workgroup be expanding their scope of work to address the modeling needs of all Bay Program Goal Implementation Teams?
- **ACTION:** To better visualize how STAR and STAR workgroups are interacting with the Goal Teams, Scott Phillips will create a visual diagram to show the interaction and supportive role.

Update on Data Upload into DUET – Mike Mallonee, ICPRB/CBPO

Attachment: [Data Management Update](#)

Mike Mallonee presented a status update for the Nontidal Network WY2013 data upload to DUET.

- Maryland data is uploaded and currently undergoing an initial QA/QC review and should be imported into the database in the next couple of weeks. DC is submitting data for the first time in FY13. The DC data was included in the Maryland data submittal by MD-USGS.
- Mike is beginning the WY2014 data upload.
- **In summary:** DUET houses 100,000 data records for the Nontidal Water Quality Monitoring Network, over 4,000 sampling events, and approximately 2,000 samples collected in FY12 and FY13.

NTN Funding Updates – Peter Tango, USGS/CBPO

Peter Tango is addressing nontidal network funding with jurisdictions individually to finalize grants for the upcoming year.