

Climate Small Group

STAR: November Meeting

November 16, 2023



Chesapeake Bay Program

40 years of science, restoration and partnership

AGENDA

- Overview of 2025 Briefing on Small Groups
- Input on Draft Scope of Work and issues under consideration
- Input on emerging information, recommendations, research
- Visioning breakout group



SMALL GROUPS: *PURPOSE*

- Guide the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee in thinking about, discussing, and ultimately forming recommendations around cross-cutting, high-level topics that have arisen in the EC Charge and partnership reports.
- Draft recommendations, based on full Steering Committee feedback, for integration into the Steering Committee's final product.
- Considerations:
 - Small and nimble enough for meeting and planning; inclusive enough to reach experts outside of SC, like GIT and AC members.
 - Overall makeup should encourage silo-breaking and diversity of viewpoint.

HIGH LEVEL TOPICS

- Climate
- Healthy Watersheds
- Clean Water
- People
- Shallow Water Habitats



GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR EACH TOPIC

- 3 Vs
 - **VISION:** What does success look like? What do we hand to the next generation?
 - **VALUE:** What are we doing that works? What could be improved? What learnings can we draw from?
 - **VANGUARD IDEAS:** What idea would be transformative?
- Cross-Cutting Considerations
 - **CLIMATE:** How does climate change interact with your topic?
 - **PEOPLE:** How can we better center people in our efforts on this topic?
 - **LIVING RESOURCES:** How can your topic maximize living resource impacts?
 - **CROSS-PROGRAM COORDINATION:** How can resources be leveraged across programs to advance the topic forward with the partnership



GENERAL SCHEDULE

November-January: Small groups convene to guide full committee discussion.

- STAR Meetings Dates:
 - November 16th from 10-12
 - December 12th from 9:30-12:30
 - January 25th from 10-12

February

- 21st-22nd: Two-day symposium to discuss and refine group recommendations

March

- Provisional Recommendations (drafted/revised from Feb discussion) presented to Steering Committee.

Final Recommendations integrated into SC Final Product



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2023



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CURRENT CLIMATE SMALL GROUP MEMBERS

- Breck Sullivan (Co-Chair), USGS
- Bo Williams (Co-Chair), EPA
- Kate Allcock, EPA
- Lewis Linker, EPA
- Julie Reichert-Nguyen, NOAA
- Chris Guy, FWS
- Ashley Kelly, DOD
- Katie Brownson, USFS
- Sarah Lane, MD
- Jackie Specht, MD



OBJECTIVES

- Answer 3V questions
- Answer EC Charge questions
- Answer other questions we deem fit within our topic
- Consider Cross-Cutting Questions
- 3-month timeframe
- Deliverable = Recommendations for Steering Committees final product to the Executive Council

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

- Providing recommendations to enhance and adjust Chesapeake Bay Program partnership policies, programs, and projects to address climate mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency for the Bay and its watershed and people.

KEY QUESTIONS

- What does a resilient Bay and watershed look like?
 - What is the timeframe for this vision (and for a climate goal?)?
 - How should we define success?
- What existing, emerging, and new information, science, and priorities should be considered and how do these affect the vision and timeframe, goals and outcomes, and adaptive management approach/strategies?
 - Considering centering people, resiliency relevant to all types of communities
 - Considering maximizing living resources benefits
 - Considering conservation vs. restoration



KEY QUESTIONS CONT...

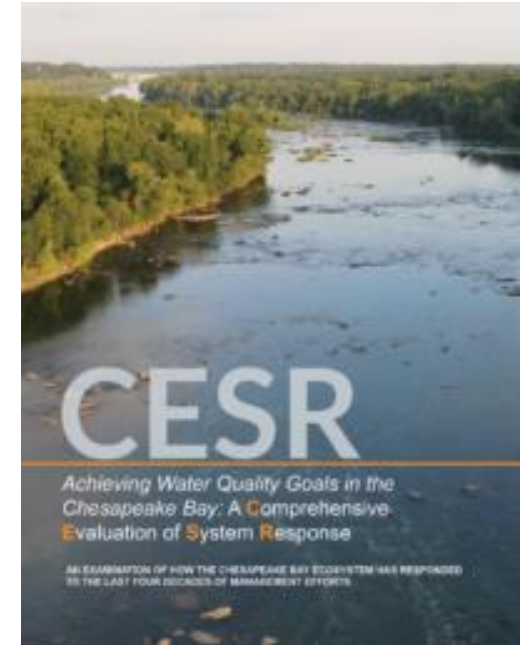
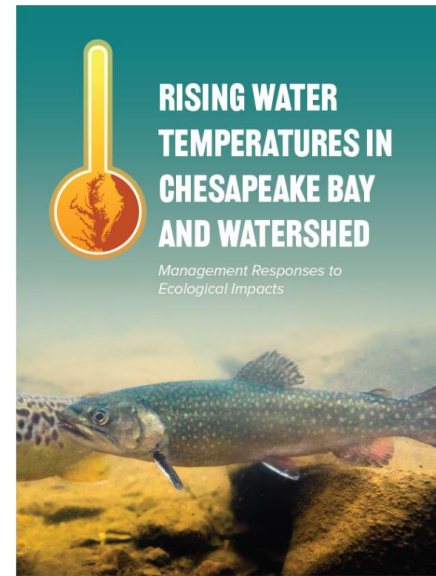
- How can the partnership be strengthened or adapted to be more effective in meeting these goals?
 - How can cross program coordination on climate resilience/adaptation be strengthened?
 - What are opportunities to leverage action across multiple goals and outcomes?
- What idea would be transformational for the future of the Bay and its watershed, and what would it take to implement that idea?

Group Questions: Any red flags on the scope of work? Any recommendations programmatically?

RESEARCH AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Reaching 2025
- Lessons Learned 3rd SRS Cycle Report
- Biennial Report
- EC Climate Directive & Workplan
- CESR
- Rising Water Temps

Group Question: What other learnings and recommendations from resource materials already developed align with this small group?



BREAKOUT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does a resilient Bay and watershed look like?
- What does resiliency look like for all types of communities?
- What key climate vulnerabilities do we need to consider in our vision for resilient Bay and watershed and on what timeframe?
- What are the implications of climate change for our overall vision of Chesapeake Bay restoration? How does this influence a climate goal/outcome(s)?