

**CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM
WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
AUGUST 23, 2021 CONFERENCE CALL**

Webex Meeting Information*

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Meeting Materials: [Link](#)

1:00 Welcome/Confirm Call Participants/Workgroup Updates –WQGIT Co-Chairs (15 min.)

Announcements:

- Update on Systems BMP STAC Workshop – Pam Mason, VIMS
- GIT Funding Projects 2021 – Greg Allen, EPA CBPO
- BMP Verification Ad Hoc Action Team Updates – Vanessa Van Note, EPA CBPO
- Update on the Conowingo WIP – Lucinda Power, EPA CBPO
- Animal Mortality Panel's Report is available for review. Written feedback on the report is requested by **COB September 3rd** and should be emailed to Jeremy Hanson (jchanson@vt.edu).
Link to “roll- out” webinar (inc. Report and Appendices) [here](#).
- **Next conference call:** September 27, 2021 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM

1:15 Approval of the 2013-2017 High-Resolution Land Use Change Data for CAST 2021 – Peter Claggett, USGS (1hr.)

Peter Claggett will give an overview of the proposed decision to include the 2013 – 2017 high resolution land use change data in CAST 2021 to the WQGIT and ask for consensus.

Decision Requested: WQGIT consensus on the use of the high-resolution land use change data (2013-2017) as the “best available data” to inform CAST 2021.

2:15 Setting Forest Buffer Credit Duration to 15 years in CAST 2021 – Sally Claggett, USFS/ FWG Coordinator and Vanessa Van Note, EPA- CBPO (30 min.)

Sally Claggett and Vanessa Van Note will give an overview of the rationale presented in the [Forestry BMP Practice Life and Credit Duration](#) paper. The Forestry Workgroup (FWG) is requesting that CBP approve a 15 year credit duration for all forest and tree planting practices. This is supported by the literature and, for agricultural forestry practices, is what was originally spelled out in the Forestry [Verification Guidance](#). The FWG’s proposal was presented to the BMP Verification Ad-Hoc Action Team in July, and received its support, with comments.

Decision Requested: WQGIT approval of a 15 year credit duration for all forest and tree planting practices.

2:45 CAST 2021 Workplan Recommendations and Related Updates – Loretta Collins, UMD/ AgWG Coordinator (30 min.)

Loretta Collins, UMD, will go over final updates of the CAST-21 Workplan. Issues not fully addressed by the partnership-established deadlines for updating CAST-21 may be applicable to future versions of CAST. Agreement about what will be included and excluded from CAST-21 depends on votes of members of the workgroups and WQGIT. Approved data and method changes for CAST21 need to be finalized through the WQGIT by Sept. 1, 2021.

Decision Requested: The WQGIT is asked to approve by consensus all method and data changes indicated on the CAST-21 Workplan

3:15 Update on the October 25-26, 2021 WQGIT F2F Meeting – WQGIT Co- Chairs (30 min.)

James Martin and Ed Dunne will update the WQGIT on the October in- person meeting to discuss Phase 7 development and application, including a draft agenda.

4:00 Adjourn