

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday June 26, 2023
Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern Time
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Agenda

Topic	Start time (duration)	Item Title <i>Item description</i>	Speaker(s) or presenter(s)
	1:00	Welcome and Introduction <i>We will use Webex for roll call purposes, so please ensure your name and affiliation are accurately captured in the WebEx participants list. If not, please enter your correct name & affiliation in the chat box. If multiple participants are joining through the same location, please enter your names in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally.</i>	Ed Dunne, DOEE, WQGIT Chair
	(20 min)	Announcements & Verbal Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">WQGIT Coordinator Updates – Jackie Pickford, CRC<ul style="list-style-type: none">June 6 Submersion Series report-outIntroducing new DE WQGIT member – Bhanu PaudelProspective WQGIT face-to-face meeting	

- Timing & duration options
- Theme options
- Workgroup Updates (2 min or less, open to workgroup chairs or coordinators)

Model Inputs or Processing	1:20 (20 min)	Urban fertilizer update <i>Norm and Kaylyn will summarize the recent Urban Stormwater workgroup (USWG) consensus decision to adjust urban fertilizer methods in CAST-21. Technical workgroup decisions such as this, which do not impact other sectors, will be communicated to the WQGIT as informational updates and do not require a WQGIT decision under the WQGIT governance.</i> <i>Materials: Presentation</i> Informational.	Norm Goulet, NVRC (USWG Chair), Kaylyn Gootman, EPA CBPO
	1:40 (30 min)	Oyster BMP panel report <i>Jeff will summarize key responses and changes in response to partnership comments. The Sustainable Fisheries GIT is invited to join and consider a concurrent approval for the panel's recommendations.</i> <i>This is the second oyster BMP panel and includes protocols for nutrient reductions associated with oyster reef restoration and licensed oyster harvest practices. The first oyster BMP panel's recommendations covered oyster aquaculture practices.</i> <i>Materials: Response to comments; Report, May 26 version (Clean Track changes); Report appendices (Clean Track changes); Presentation</i> DECISION Requested: WQGIT approval of the panel's recommendations, as presented in response to comments. Representatives for the Sustainable Fisheries GIT leadership are asked to voice their concurrent approval, if applicable.	Jeffrey Cornwell, UMCES (Panel Chair)
	2:10 (10 min)	Break	
	2:20 (90 min total)	CAST and PSC Decision Updates	Various

The remainder of the meeting will be divided among three topics: Phase 6 CAST schedule, PSC Decision #2 and agricultural fertilizer, and PSC Decision 3. The estimated timing is stated on this agenda, but may be adjusted by the Chairs.

Bay Program staff have been briefing WQGIT members and jurisdictional colleagues on each of these topics in June.

Materials: Phase 6 Update [Presentation](#), PSC Decision #2 Update [Presentation](#), PSC Decision #3 Update [Presentation](#)

Phase 6 CAST schedule

Lee McDonnell, EPA CBPO

Lee will summarize the latest proposed options and changes to the Phase 6 CAST update schedule.

Informational, with the option to make a DECISION in the event that consensus is organically reached following this briefing. Otherwise, the plan is to seek a WQGIT consensus decision at our July 24 meeting.

PSC Decision #2 and Agriculture fertilizer update

Tom Butler, EPA CBPO

Tom will brief the WQGIT on the latest developments from the Fertilizer Expert Group (FEG).

PSC Decision #2 (from [August 2022](#)): The partnership will convene a committee to develop short-term, interim resolutions to fertilizer data concerns before moving forward with CAST 2021 as well as long-term resolutions for Phase 7 model. The committee will report out on progress towards this action at the next PSC meeting.

Informational. The plan is to seek a WQGIT consensus decision at our July 24 meeting.

PSC Decision #3

Cassie Davis, NYDEC
(WTWG Chair); Ruth
Cassilly, UMD

Cassie and Ruth will review the Watershed Technical Workgroup's recommendations developed in response to the Decision 3 charge.

PSC Decision #3 (from [August 2022](#)): The partnership will update the process for incorporating data into CAST to include additional safeguards to prevent data analysis errors and to assess reasonability of modeling results after CBP protocols are applied.

Informational. The plan is to seek a WQGIT consensus decision at our July 24 meeting.

3:50	<u>Recap of Actions and Decisions</u>	Jackie Pickford, CRC
4:00	ADJOURN	

Written announcements or reminders

- **Opportunities closing before our meeting:**
 - CRC [Roundtable](#) on Wednesday June 21 – Harvesting Restoration Opportunities from the Farm Bill
 - Beyond 2025 Steering Committee, first meeting is scheduled for June 22:
<https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/beyond-2025-steering-committee-meeting>
- **New or upcoming opportunities**
 - STAC Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (CESR) report is out: <https://www.chesapeake.org/stac/cesr/>
 - CAST webinars: taking a summer break from webinars, which will resume in September.
 - PA Clean Water Procurement Program now live - [CWPP \(pa.gov\)](#)

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Acronyms

BMP: Best Management Practice

CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#)

CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program

CBPO: Chesapeake Bay Program Office

CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium

CSN: Chesapeake Stormwater Network

[DC] DOE: District of Columbia Department of Energy & Environment

EPA CBPO: Environmental Protection Agency - Chesapeake Bay Program Office

NVRC: Northern Virginia Regional Commission

NYDEC: New York Department of Environmental Conservation

PSC: Principals Staff Committee

UMCES: University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

USWG: [Urban Stormwater Workgroup](#)

WQGIT: [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)