

# CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

## Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Eastern Time  
Location: [Link: Join the meeting now](#)

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## Agenda

Topic	Start time (duration)	Item Title <i>Item description</i>	Speaker(s) or presenter(s) Materials
	1:00	<b><u>Welcome and Introduction</u></b>  <i>We will use Teams for roll call purposes, so please ensure your name and affiliation are accurately captured in the participants list. If not, please enter your correct name &amp; 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>	Suzanne Trevena, EPA, WQGIT Chair
<b>Beyond 2025</b>	1:05 (40 min)	<b><u>Beyond 2025: Novel outcome – Soil Health</u></b>  <i>As communicated in our Feb. 26 email to the WQGIT, we will discuss the proposed outcome for Soil Health. This will be presented and discussed at the March 27 Management Board along with other novel outcome proposals. Given the partnership schedule we are not pushing for consensus and will document members' level of support and associated thoughts or concerns.</i>  <b><i>DECISION requested: We will take a live temperature check of members on their support for adding the outcome to the revised agreement and make that record available to the MB.</i></b>	Ruth Cassilly, UMD; Eric Hughes, EPA, AgWG Coordinator  <b>Materials:</b> draft outcome review 2-pager; slides

## Beyond 2025

1:45  
(30 min)

### Beyond 2025: Report out and status update for Outcome Assessment at the Management Board – All Three Rounds Complete

*Jeremy, Suzanne and other outcome leads will recap the “pulse check” results for the WQGIT’s outcomes and update the WQGIT on recent conversations or directions. Next steps will also be discussed as able. Some timeline considerations to be aware of given the timing of our meeting:*

- *Final “advice” or recommendations from GITs (i.e., update/ replace/ remove/ consolidate/ etc.) are due March 19; 2-3 sentence rationale requested if the recommendation differs from initial advice.*
- *At this time, we do not expect the advice for the two WIP outcomes to differ, but will still provide information to reflect important caveats or information from recent discussions.*
- *At this time, we are moving rapidly to prepare for the MB office hours on March 19 as to whether the advice for the Toxics outcomes should change. As outlined in a message to the TCW, there was shared support for the toxic contaminant issues in the partnership and general openness to a potential consolidation of the two toxic contaminant outcomes into a single outcome. Pending the March 19 office hours, the plan is to modify the workgroup’s recommendation to “consolidate” for each outcome.*
- *MB members will respond in a final pulse check by COB March 21. Results will be posted by COB March 24<sup>th</sup> on the March 27 MB meeting page.*

Refer to [these slides from the 3/13 MB meeting](#) for additional reference on the timeline.

**Discussion and Input requested.**

Suzanne Trevena, EPA,  
WQGIT Chair & Jeremy  
Hanson, CRC, WQGIT  
Coordinator

Updates from other  
outcome leads

**Materials:** [Round 1 pulse check summary \(Feb 13\)](#); [Round 2 pulse check summary \(Feb 27\)](#), includes WIP, WQSAM and Forestry outcomes; [Round 3 pulse check summary \(March 13\)](#)

2:15  
(10 min)

### Announcements & Verbal Updates

- Coordinator Updates – Jeremy Hanson, CRC
- Workgroup Updates
  - New Toxic Contaminant Workgroup Coordinator – Keith Bollt, EPA CBPO

**Materials:** Presentation

2:25

### Recap of Actions and Decisions

Caroline Kleis, CRC

2:30

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## Written announcements or reminders

- **Announcements or opportunities**

- **The next CRC Roundtable is Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm.** This session is titled "The Future of the Bay: Impacts of Changes to Federal Priorities on the Chesapeake Watershed". The meeting will focus on the implications of changes in leadership, policy priorities, and federal budgets on Bay restoration and environmental protection efforts. Guest speakers include Kristin Reilly, Director of the Choose Clean Water Coalition and Steven Kline, President and CEO of the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy.
  - Please view the following links to [register](#) for the roundtable and [view previous sessions and additional information](#).
- **The next CAST webinar is March 20, 2025 at noon,** and it will highlight Oyster BMPs. Guest speaker, Chris Moore, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, will discuss the benefits of oyster aquaculture and reef restoration, as well as opportunities to engage in restoration work. The meeting will also include a demonstration on how to use CAST to estimate related reductions. The Zoom meeting information is below, and previous CAST Webinar videos can be viewed on the [CAST "Free Training Videos" Page](#).
  - Topic: Exploring Oyster BMPs & Their Impact
  - Time: March 20, 2025 at noon EDT
  - [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
  - Meeting ID: 886 6942 7070
  - One tap mobile +13017158592,,88669427070#
- **The Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) recently released a publication titled "Tiered Implementation of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL: A STAC Prospectus".** This document serves as one of the outreach products resulting from the Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (CESR) report and further describes what a tiered approach to Bay TMDL implementation might look like.
  - For more information and to download the report, please see the following [link](#).
- **The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is soliciting proposals for the Small Watershed Grants Program.** Proposals are to be submitted to the NFWF Easygrants system by **12:00PM on Tuesday, May 13, 2025**. The request for Proposals can be accessed through the following [link](#).
  - An applicant [webinar](#) is available on Monday, March 31, at 11:00am. Following the meeting, a recording will be made available on their [website](#).
  - Additional questions can be directed to Jake Reilly ([jake.reilly@nfwf.org](mailto:jake.reilly@nfwf.org)) or Oleksandr Faryga ([oleksandr.faryga@nfwf.org](mailto:oleksandr.faryga@nfwf.org)).
- **The 2025 Choose Clean Water Conference will take place on May 19-21, 2025, at Hotel Madison in Harrisonburg, Virginia.** This year's theme is Hills and Valleys: Our Journey for Clean Water and will include various presentations and field trips for participants. For additional information, including a list of field trip opportunities, visit the event [webpage](#).
  - Registration is now open! Please use the following [link](#) to register for the conference.

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### Acronyms

AgWG: [Agriculture Workgroup](#)

CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment](#)

[Scenario Tool](#)

CESR: Comprehensive Evaluation  
of System Response

CRC: Chesapeake Research  
Consortium

EPA: Environmental Protection  
Agency

GIT: Goal Implementation Team

MB: [Management Board](#)

NFWF: National Fish and Wildlife  
Foundation

TCW: [Toxic Contaminants  
Workgroup](#)

UMD: University of Maryland

WIP: Watershed Implementation  
Plan

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

WQSAM: Water Quality Standards  
Attainment and Monitoring