



**Chesapeake Bay Program**

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## **Wetland Workgroup Meeting: Tidal & Nontidal**

Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00 – 1:00 ET

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### **Agenda:**

#### **10:00 Welcome and Introductions – Pam Mason (Workgroup Chair)**

- Round of Introductions

#### **10:15 Nontidal Update – Nancy Schumm (Workgroup Vice Chair)**

- Nancy will provide key takeaways from the past nontidal wetlands meetings.

#### **10:30 Tidal Update – Tess Danielson (Workgroup Vice Chair)**

- Tess will provide key takeaways from the past tidal wetlands meetings.

#### **10:45 Reaching 2025 Update– Rachel Felver (CBP/ACB)**

- Last Fall the Executive Council charged the Principal Staff Committee with recommending next steps for meeting the goals and outcomes of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement leading to 2025. A response has been drafted and Rachel Felver will present the recommendations from the report: [Charting the Course to 2025](#).

#### **11:05 Beyond 2025 Update– Gina Hunt (MDNR)**

- The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee has been meeting monthly since June 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss next steps for the Chesapeake Bay Program and the Watershed Agreement after 2025. The Habitat GIT Co-Chair will provide an update from those meetings.

#### **11:35 Sackett vs. EPA Statement – Pam Mason (Workgroup Chair)**

- The Wetlands Workgroup writ large has been asked by the CBP Deputy Director, Martha Shimkin, to respond to the Sackett v. EPA Decision that was made earlier this year. We'd like your thoughts on the message the workgroup should convey in its statement.

#### **11:55 Chesapeake Watershed Investment for Landscape Defense (WILD) Overview – Faren Wolters (USFWS)**

- The [Chesapeake WILD Grants Program](#) supports efforts to improve the condition and connectivity of fish and wildlife habitats in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Faren Wolters will give an overview of the grant program and examples of successful proposals.

#### **12:20 Wetland Indicator on Chesapeake Progress – Katheryn Barnhart (CBP/EPA)**

- The Chesapeake Bay Program Indicator Team has been working on translating the wetlands data from the Habitat Tracker into an indicator that can be shared on [Chesapeake Progress](#). Katheryn Barnhart will present the graphs that will be displayed on the website.

#### **12:50 General Announcements & Updates**

- Wetland Workshop Action Plan Update to the Management Board
  - Each jurisdiction will give a 5-minute presentation updating the Management

Board on their progress on the [Wetlands Workshop Action Plan](#). The Management Board Meeting is scheduled for [December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 12:00](#). ***We will have a practice run at the next Tidal/Nontidal Wetlands Workgroup meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>.***

- The Water Quality GIT approved the removal of BMP verification requirements for wetlands!
- Chesapeake Conservancy was awarded the CBT GIT-funded project "Scope of Work 5: Mapping Non-Tidal Vegetated Wetlands in Areas with Outdated Wetland Maps" and has held an initial kick-off meeting with the technical officers for the project: Megan Lang and Zhenhua Zou. – *Katie Walker*
- The Chesapeake Bay Program's Communications Office hosts six webinars per year focusing on a wide range of topics. The webinar series provides a platform to share information about the Chesapeake Bay watershed with the public. In November, the Communications Office would like to host a webinar focused on wetlands. The plan is to discuss the importance of wetlands, the Atlantic Flyway, and the best places for people to visit to see wetlands and waterfowl this winter. – *Marisa Baldine*

***Members will have the opportunity to provide any updates relevant to the workgroup.***

#### **1:00 Meeting Adjourned**

- **Next Tidal Meeting Date: October 17<sup>th</sup>; 10:00 – 12:00 ET**
- **Habitat GIT Meeting Dates: November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

***\*Please note that the meeting will be recorded for internal use to ensure the accuracy of notes\****