



Criteria Assessment Protocol Workgroup (CAP) Meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

1:00-2:30PM

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AGENDA

1:00 PM Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Peter Tango (USGS), Chair

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Webinars:

- [Potomac River Conference](#) – October 17, 2024, Lorton, Virginia.
- [Watershed Forum](#) – October 18-20, 2024, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.
- [12th US Symposium on Harmful Algae](#) – October 27-November 1, 2024, Portland, Maine.
- [14th National Monitoring Conference](#) – March 10-12, 2025, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

1:10 PM Update: 2024 GIT funding proposal supporting monitoring strategy work approved! Next steps.

A proposal was developed to include target segment-specific deployment designs for water quality criteria attainment assessments. The concept was approved with \$100K anticipated support. A scoping team will help refine the needs and expectations that can link with shallow water monitoring, long-term monitoring and participatory science program data sets.

1:25 PM State Boundary in the interpolator – confirmation of decisions.

Review of the present Bay interpolator identified questions involving State boundaries used. Decision confirmation is needed as boundaries are critical to the existing and new interpolator the boundaries for the management segment layer.

1:45 PM Proposal for a revived (20 years later) Water Quality Standards Work Group under STAR.

Questions involved existing criteria, their applications, and considerations occasionally mentioned in the Beyond 2025 conversations about whether criteria should be updated are not necessarily the purview of the CAP WG. In deriving the original criteria, the 2000-2003 process leading to publication of the criteria involved a WQS WG that has long ago been sunsetted within the CBP. New issues and questions suggest this realm of expertise is again needed to delve into essential issues of the partnership involving the linkage between water quality criteria and the world of water quality standards. Re-introducing such a group will require a proposal to STAR on structure, chair and or co-chair recommendations, mission statement on separate topics needing this expertise from that of the CAP WG membership, etc. We welcome discussion on developing this proposal this summer for presentation to STAR for the new WG.

2:20 PM Next Steps

Decide on date for in-person CAP meeting in August at the Potomac River Fisheries Commission facility.

2:30 PM Adjourn