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## Kick Off Webinar: Enhancing CBP Monitoring to Improve Data Driven Decision Making

Wednesday, January 11, 2022

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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### AGENDA

#### **9:00 AM Welcome, Introductions, and Objectives of today's meeting – Scott Phillips (USGS)**

Introductions: *Round Robin of each attendee, their affiliation, and the CBP network(s) they work with most.*

#### Review Objectives of today's meeting:

- Understand the basis of the monitoring recommendations for each of the CBP core networks.
- Review how the core CBP monitoring networks are currently funded and your specific agency's role, and identify information needed to complete the funding accounting that sustains each network.
- Indicate which monitoring recommendations your agency has the highest potential interest in supporting.
  - Short-term support (1-3 years) is needed to implement and ramp up the monitoring recommendations
  - Longer-term support is needed to sustain the networks' enhancements.
- Determine next steps to develop/finalize funding strategies for the CBP core monitoring networks.
- Get feedback on priorities to establish monitoring for Watershed Agreement goals and outcomes that currently lack coordinated efforts.

#### Quick review of findings and results from December Webinar.

Questions?

**9:30 AM Overview of current monitoring network funding and partnership approach on proposed investments – Lee McDonnell (EPA).**

- Overview of total partner commitments to monitoring
- Need for partnership approach: growing opportunities among multiple partners
- Discussion of each network during the meeting will include:
  - Introduction to each core CBP monitoring network.
  - Overview of current monetary support for the network.
  - Basis of recommendations to enhance the network.
  - Discussion of recommendations and identification of candidate agencies for partnering.

Questions?

**10:00-10:15 AM Break**

**10:15-11:30 AM Nontidal Network overview – Kaylyn Gootman (EPA), Mark Nardi (USGS), and Breck Sullivan (USGS)**

- Purpose and overview of network
- Current funding of network
- Monitoring recommendations: what value-added information will outputs of new monitoring investments provide and how much will they cost.

Discussion: *Jurisdictional and agency views of opportunities to enhance this network – Denice Wardrop (CRC) Facilitator*

- Are any of the technical aspects of the recommendations unclear?
- Is there something else about the current funding you'd like to better understand?
- Which recommendations is your agency willing to partner on supporting? ([Jamboard](#) used for agencies to show their interest)

*Addressing additional watershed-related outcomes that need coordinated monitoring - Breck Sullivan (USGS)*

- Review CBP outcomes that require more coordinated monitoring in the watershed (such as stream health, fish habitat)

Discussion: *Jurisdictional and agency views - Denice Wardrop (CRC) Facilitator*

- Which outcomes does your agency have interest to better coordinate monitoring or address other needs? ([Jamboard](#) used for agencies to show their interest)

**Wrap up – Lee McDonnell (EPA) and Denice Wardrop (CRC)**

- How can we sustain and enhance the networks when the infrastructure money goes away?

- Short discussion on ideas for next steps.

#### **11:30 AM      Lunch Break**

#### **12:15-1:15 PM      Tidal Water Quality Monitoring Network overview – *Peter Tango (USGS) and Breck Sullivan (USGS)***

- Purpose and overview of network.
- Current funding of network
- Monitoring recommendations: what information will they provide and how much will they cost.
- Other Outcomes

Discussion: *Jurisdictional and agency views of opportunities to enhance this network – Denice Wardrop (CRC), Facilitator*

- Are any of the technical aspects of the recommendations unclear?
- Is there something else about the current funding you'd like to better understand?
- Which recommendations is your agency willing to partner on supporting? ([Jamboard](#) used for agencies to show their interest)

*Addressing additional estuary-related outcomes that need coordinated monitoring - Breck Sullivan (USGS)*

- Review CBP outcomes that require more coordinated monitoring in the estuary (such as fish habitat, oysters, crabs)
- Discussion: *Jurisdictional and agency views - Denice Wardrop (CRC) Facilitator*
- Which outcomes does your agency have interest to better coordinate monitoring or address other needs? ([Jamboard](#) used for agencies to show their interest)

Wrap up – Peter Tango (USGS) and Denice Wardrop (CRC)

- How can we sustain and enhance the networks when the infrastructure money goes away?
- Next steps

#### **1:15-1:30pm      Break**

#### **1:30-2:30PM      Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Monitoring Network Funding overview – *Brooke Landry (MD DNR) and Peter Tango (USGS)***

- Purpose and overview of network.
- Current funding of network
- Monitoring recommendations: what information will they provide and how much will they cost.
- Other Outcomes

Discussion: *Jurisdictional and agency views of opportunities to enhance this network – Denice Wardrop (CRC), Facilitator*

- Are any of the technical aspects of the recommendations unclear?
- Is there something else about the current funding you'd like to better understand?
- Which recommendations is your agency willing to partner on supporting? ([Jamboard](#) used for agencies to show their interest)

**2:30-3:00 pm Toxic Contaminants Monitoring Network Funding overview – Scott Phillips (USGS)**

- Purpose and overview of proposed network
- Current funding.
- Monitoring recommended plan: what information will they provide and how much will they cost.

Discussion: *Jurisdictional and agency views of opportunities to enhance this network – Denice Wardrop (CRC) Facilitator*

- Do you have any questions about the proposed plan?
- Which part of the recommended plan is your agency willing to partner on supporting? ([Jamboard](#) used for agencies to show their interest)

**3:00-3:15 PM Break**

**3:15-4:00 PM Next steps and wrap up – Breck Sullivan (USGS) and Lee McDonnell (EPA)**

- Other CBP networks needing future discussion: Community Science, Tidal Benthics, Land use and land change
- Process for working with CBP groups on next steps
- Proposed next steps for meetings and progress