



## ***Scientific Technical Assessment and Reporting (STAR) Team Meeting***

Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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### **AGENDA**

**10:00 – 10:05 AM Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Ken Hyer (US Geological Survey) and Kimberly Van Meter (Penn State), STAR chair and vice chair, Breck Sullivan (USGS) STAR Coordinator, Peter Tango (USGS) CBP Monitoring Coordinator**

#### **Announcements:**

- Proposals from interested mentors for C-StREAM internship for the Summer 2025 internship season are **due by the end of day Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please provide one or two paragraphs for an internship description that describes the team the C-StREAM student would be placed with and the potential work/project(s) the student would complete to Melissa Fagan ([faganm@chesapeake.org](mailto:faganm@chesapeake.org)).
- Intern opportunity: Yale Conservation Scholars Early Leadership Initiative. Applications for host sites are **due December 8, 2024**.

#### **Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Webinars**

- [American Geophysical Union \(AGU\) 2024 Fall Meeting](#) – December 9-13, 2024, Washington, D.C.
- [14<sup>th</sup> National Monitoring Conference](#) – March 10-12, 2025, Green Bay, Wisconsin.
- [The 35th Annual Environment Virginia Symposium](#) – April 8-10, 2025, Lexington, VA.

**10:05 – 10:50 AM Action Items from Management Board NCTC Meeting**  
**Presenter(s): Breck Sullivan and Ken Hyer (USGS)**

*Description:* Breck Sullivan and Ken Hyer will provide an overview of the discussion during the 11/12 - 11/14 Management Board meeting and action items for the Goal Implementation Teams (GITs), including next steps for the three outcomes under STAR (Climate Monitoring and Assessment, Climate Adaptation, & Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring). Timeline and Action Items can be found [here](#).

## **10:50 – 11:45 AM Initial Response to Outcome Impact Assessment**

**Presenter(s):** All GITs – Round Robin

*Description:* Based on the outcome's efforts to the Reaching 2025 report, outcome attainment documents, and Strategy Review System, what is each outcome's first cut to, "provide advice to the Management Board on whether to consolidate, reduce, update, remove, replace or add new outcomes." You do not have to provide a response, and you are welcome to state the outcome is considering multiple paths. We are asking this question because this information will help STAR with planning their future meetings and interactions with GITs and give outcomes an opportunity to share what groups they need to meet with for cross-coordination.

Here is an example of a response you may provide based on the Water Quality Standards Attainment Outcome:

- We are looking to revise our outcome because it does not directly relate to water quality and is not quantitative ("Continue to..."). The revision may result in multiple outcomes because of all the factors the current outcome includes. We will want to coordinate with the WIP Outcome for future revisions.

## **11:45 AM – 12:00 PM How can STAR support GITs during Phase 2 of Beyond 2025?**

**Presenter(s):** Breck Sullivan (USGS)

*Description:* Breck Sullivan will go through the timeline established at the Management Board meeting and highlight opportunities where STAR can be involved. She will also provide examples of how STAR could support the GITs and ask for feedback on what would be most helpful.

Examples on how STAR can support GITs:

- Utilizing STAR Meeting to learn about SMART goals from partners that have incorporated this approach.
- Extending the time of our January 23<sup>rd</sup> STAR Meeting to go over 2-pagers Outcomes are sending to the Management Board on January 30<sup>th</sup> to provide suggestions on clarification, suggestions on cross-GIT alignment, etc.
- Host a meeting to showcase various data available through the partnership to support potential revisions of outcomes. GITs may bring questions they have on monitoring.

- *How best to inform setting climate-adapted outcomes and indicators? Identify climate projects, research, and data/vulnerability assessments that could help inform discussion.*
- *Host a meeting to discuss how to present overarching themes in the new framework (i.e. Climate, DEI).*
- *Other ideas from STAR membership?*

**12:00 PM Adjourn**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10 AM – 12 PM**