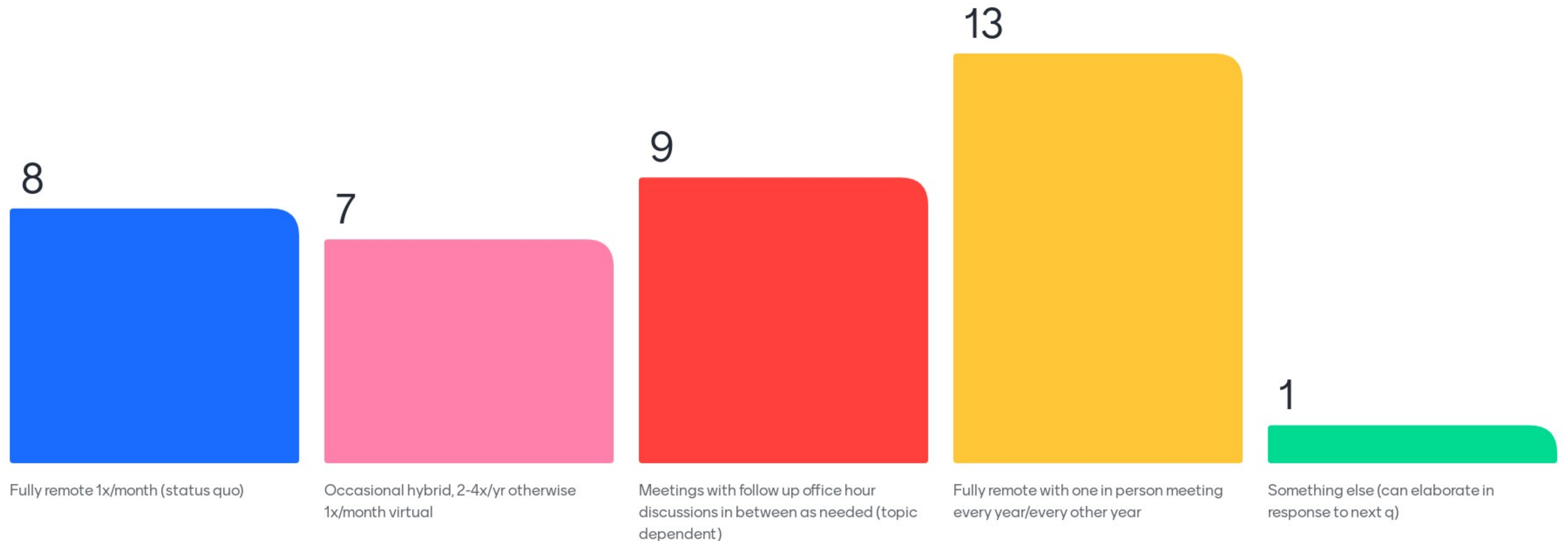


# WQGIT CYOA

## AUGUST

### 2024

# Please select your preferred meeting format for the WQGIT in future years

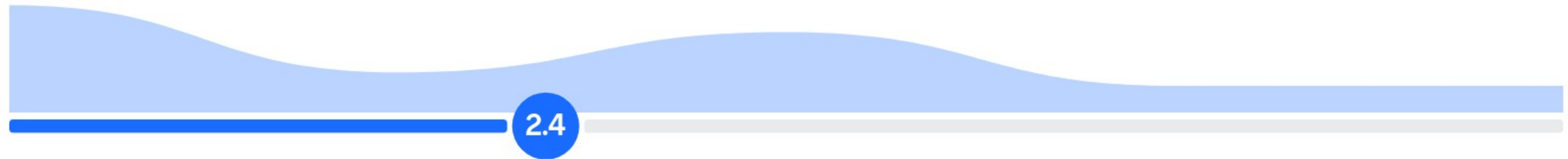


If you said 'something else' in the previous question please tell us what you felt was missing



- In Nov 2023 the WQGIT ranked the following as the ideal balance of WQGIT meeting time over the course of a year for 2025 and 2026:
  - 26% - Cross-partnership issues, priorities, tools, policy, or implementation
  - 23% - Model updates, inputs or development
  - 20 % - Monitoring & verification
  - 16% - Planning, adaptive management, or governance
  - 15% - Emerging or misc science

# Do you still agree with the balance of topics for our meetings? Yes or No.



Agree

Disagree



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# What's missing that you would want to rank in a survey for WQGIT TOP priorities? (E.g., consider topics from other B25 Small Groups, etc.)

- Discussing/Developing a tiered approach to the Bay TMDL
  - Revising the Accountability Framework
- Better using water quality monitoring and assessment info to document performance/progress
- Exploring NPS management/implementation and nutrient imbalances
- Expand support for local government capacity
  - Something else



# What's missing that you would want to rank in a survey for WQGIT TOP priorities? (E.g., consider topics from other B25 Small Groups, etc.)

Identify where Clean Water Small Group recommendations overlapped with other Small Groups to prioritize.

Consideration of projects w/ multiple-benefits/ecosystem services benefits

Getting 'credit' beyond nutrients for projects that do more than just reduce TN/TP.

Didn't the B25 SC do a bucketing exercise for overlapping small group recommendations. It would be helpful to review that bucketing exercise. Was that done by Greg Barranco?

Clearly focus in on where "priority science needs" align with Beyond 2025 Phase 2 Implementation

I think what we need is more prep materials from the staff.  
Example: If we are digging in to co-benefits and working with other GITs, provide a crosswalk of the opportunities for members to vote on.

An authentic commitment to applying the strength of the partnership to other high risk pollutants beyond N&P

Hydrologic period



# What's missing that you would want to rank in a survey for WQGIT TOP priorities? (E.g., consider topics from other B25 Small Groups, etc.)

Climate change topics as both a multigenerational Chesapeake restoration/TMDL challenge and also as a cross cutting science and implementation issue.

Intersection of conservation and water quality

PFAS

Reassessment of P7 needs to build usefulness across outcomes, Improving Sediment Targets,

PFAS - drinking water/surface water interfaces

Remote sensing opportunities for BMP verification



# What do you think is missing from our current list of science needs for the WIP outcome?

- Variable scale watershed modeling
- Continue updating CAST BMP cost info as needed for new and existing BMPs.
- Incorporation of monitoring and trends data into assessment of jurisdictions' progress in achieving the Bay TMDL planning targets.
- Support for additional multiple tributary models (MTMs) for Phase 7
- Compilation of best practices and case studies of effective capacity-building and retention of technical assistance providers
- Improve the spatial and thematic accuracy of agricultural land use and BMPs in Chesapeake Bay Program's suite of models.
- \*External review of BMP verification framework (Source: BMPVAHAT)
- \*Compilation and analysis of BMP inspection and longevity data from state programs (Source: BMPVAHAT; BMP Climate Synthesis)



# What do you think is missing from our current list of science needs for the WIP outcome?

Remote sensing and verification of BMPs

Mercury deposition trends

The list needs to align with Beyond 2025 focus areas.

Having a framework to quantify ecosystem services and the ecosystem service impacts of BMPs

If practices are even counted accurately and appropriately.

Translating the work of the GIT to PEOPLE so they understand and can support that work.

Optimization based on maximizing a more holistic set of ecosystem service benefits rather than just water quality alone

Science needs should be "value add" that only the Partnership can bring, and not redundant to what states already are focused on



# What do you think is missing from our current list of science needs for the WIP outcome?

Look at fertilizer sales vs. actual application to try and resolve the assumption that b/c fertilizer is purchased, doesn't mean it gets thrown on the ground all in one year.

Quantification of qualitative observations, considerations, etc. (e.g. ecosystem services)

How are innovative practices (i.e. those not approved by the Partnership and not in the model) going to be accounted for? Jurisdictions need that and B25 calls for it too. This is the GIT for it!

Local Leadership Wkgrp



# What other GITs or WGs do you want to learn more about and/or want WQGIT to collaborate more directly with in the next 1-2 years?

Habitat!

Healthy Watersheds and  
Vital Habitat GIT

Climate workgroup.

STAR-Modeling  
WorkgroupHabitat  
Workgroup so we can better  
link water quality with living  
resources.

Fish GIT

Stream Health and  
Healthy Watersheds

Local Leadership WG &  
LGAC

Modeling



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Agriculture WG

Local Leadership Wkgrp

Healthy Watersheds

Healthy waters

vital habitats

Habitat GIT

Criteria assessment  
procedures under STAR