

## Scientific, Technical Assessment and Reporting (STAR) Team Meeting 10:00AM-1:00PM June $27^{th}$ , 2013

Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack) Chesapeake Bay Program Office 410 Severn Ave Annapolis, MD

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## **AGENDA**

10:00 AM Welcome Introduction and Updates – Bill Dennison (STAR Chair), Mark Bennett (STAR Vice Chair), Peter Tango (STAR Coordinator)

STAR Leadership will give an introduction and request updates from the Goal Implementation Teams and STAR WGs.

10:10 AM Communications Discussion – All

STAR will discuss communication ideas including upcoming reports, studies, and videos to recommend to the Communications Workgroup.

10:20 AM Monitoring Budget Update – Peter Tango

Peter Tango will give a status update of the monitoring budgets – near term decision framework on funding work in progress, development of MRAT II through STAC.

11:45 AM Break for seminar and lunch set up

12:00 PM Seminar and discussion (lunch provided)

Enhancing the Chesapeake Bay report card with new indicators and new methods – Caroline Wicks, Integration and Application Network Program Manager UMCES

New indicators and new methods of analysis are being explored in the 2012 Chesapeake Bay report card. For the past six years, the Chesapeake Bay report card has included three water quality and three biotic indicators. In 2012, five water quality and two biotic indicators will be averaged into the Bay Health Index. Three fisheries indicators have also been evaluated and will be presented separately from the Bay Health Index. Flow adjusted scores and trajectories will be discussed. These new analyses help to provide a complete story of Chesapeake Bay health in 2012.

Caroline Wicks graduated from the University of Maryland with a Master of Science in Biological Oceanography in 2005. Since then she has worked for the Integration and Application Network (IAN) as a science communicator and Program Manager. Most of her projects focus on Chesapeake Bay health assessments, science communication, and most recently climate change mitigation and adaptation.

1:00 PM Adjourn

1:00 PM STAR planning session (STAR Leadership, Staffers)