



Scientific, Technical Assessment & Reporting Team Meeting

TOPIC: STAR Workgroup Work Plans & Watershed Trends

March 24, 2016

10:00AM – 1:00PM

Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)

Conference Line: 1-866-299-3188 Access Code: 410-267-5731

Adobe Connect: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/star>

Event webpage: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/23782>

AGENDA

10:00 AM **Welcome, Introduction, and Announcements** (*Bill Dennison, Scott Phillips and Mark Bennett – STAR Co-Chairs*)

Upcoming Conferences & Meetings

- [National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration](#) (NCER) – April 18-22, Coral Springs, FL.
- [National Water Quality Monitoring Council](#) (NWQML) – May 2-6, 2016, Tampa, FL- Registration now open.
- [American Society of Limnology and Oceanography](#), Sante Fe, NM – June 2016. (Notable, there is at least one Continuous Water Quality Monitoring session).
- [The International Society for Ecological Modeling \(ISEM\) Global Conference](#) – May 8-12, 2016, Towson University, MD
- [Chesapeake Modeling Symposium 2016](#) – June 1-2, 2016, Williamsburg, VA
- [Citizen Science Association](#) (CitSci2017) – February, Raleigh, NC
- [National Nonpoint Source Monitoring Workshop](#)- Aug 23-25, 2016, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- [Call for Speakers: Beyond Nutrients: Case Studies and Tools for Addressing TMDLs](#)- Conference on June 8, 2016. Linthicum Heights, MD
- [Annual Choose Clean Water Coalition Conference - Annapolis, MD](#)- May 24-25
- [First Investigation of Stream Health- A New Citizen Science Activity](#)- May 25, 2016 – Webinar- to explore how a new citizen science protocol, First Investigation of Stream Health (FISH) can be used to engage landowners and volunteers.

10:10 AM **Communications** (*All*)
STAR will notify the communications team of upcoming publications and projects.

10:30 AM **Recent STAC Activity Summary** (*Rachel Dixon CRC STAC*)
A summary of all ongoing and upcoming workshop activities from STAC

11:00 AM **Status and Trends - Update on Workgroup Formation** (*Laura Free, EPA*)

*ACTION: * 15 minute presentation and 15 minute discussion for this update to provide feedback on priorities for 2016.*

- 11:30 AM** **ITAT Workplan** (*Joel Blomquist, USGS*)
Presentations on the different work plans for STAR's workgroups will begin to be presented. Other workgroups will review their plans in upcoming meetings. STAR will be looking to provide guidance for workgroups as to how they can modify and add to work plans to better support the science needs identified among GITs for their respective management strategies.
- ACTION: * 15 minute presentation and 15 minute discussion for this work plan to provide feedback on priorities for 2016.*
- 12:00 PM** Lunch (Bring a lunch or \$10 cash for a Jimmy John's Box Lunch)
- 12:00 PM** **STAR Seminar Presentation- Targeting behavior changes in Chesapeake Bay: where to aim?** (*Caroline Donovan, UMCES-IAN*)
Who's willing to change their behaviors in the interest of Chesapeake Bay health? Limited by financial constraints, it may be ideal for watershed organizations to focus their stewardship and educational initiatives on actions most likely adopted by their constituents. The Bay Survey, hosted online between 2013-2015, asked participants questions about stewardship practices in and around their homes. The survey found that more people are likely to plant a rain garden if provided with help financially; most people do not have a rain barrel, but those who do have them installed and hooked up; and, there is an equal likelihood people will install rain barrels as rain gardens at their home. These are just a few of the results that will be presented during this seminar. This presentation looks at the results of The Bay Survey in Maryland and compares the counties with the best return rates (Anne Arundel and Dorchester).
- 1:00 PM** **Adjourn**

Next Star Meeting: April 28, 2016