



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)
Webex Chat Summary*
Thursday, June 3, 2021
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**Chat messages were edited to provide clarity and correct grammatical errors. Messages that were irrelevant to preserving the questions and discussion below were removed (ex. reminding people to mute phones, letting participants know of call interference, etc.). There may be overlap between the chat and the WTWG Meeting Minutes. Refer the WTWG June 3rd Meeting Minutes for more details and any Action and Decisions.*

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from Cassandra Davis, NYSDEC to everyone: 10:09 AM

<https://cast.chesapeakebay.net/Home/TMDLTracking#progressReportingSection>

from Jessica Rigelman, J7 Inc. to everyone: 10:27 AM

Default for harvested forest = 1.5% for forest land

from James Martin, VA DEQ to everyone: 10:30 AM

does anyone know if the new Land use data is adjusted for this nuance in federal lands? If the harvested area on federal lands now shows up as low veg class, is it defaulted back to forest on those federal lands?

from Vanessa Van Note, EPA to everyone: 10:31 AM

Is that something that the federal facilities workgroup working on currently? (The harvested forest issue). I ask because, B&C was gathering information on harvested forests from the USFS for the progress reporting effort in the group.

from James Martin, VA DEQ to everyone: 10:32 AM

the FFWG is looking at the bigger question of these missing LUs on federal lands

from Katie Brownson, USFS to everyone: 10:32 AM

Yes, the federal facilities workgroup has been revisiting this issue, but no decision has been reached yet

from Jessica Rigelman, J7 Inc. to everyone: 10:33 AM

Construction default = (Next Year Developed Acres - Current Year Developed Acres) * 1.29

2021 Construction = 1.29*(2022 developed acre - 2021 developed acres)

James: I believe the data Peter supplies for forest includes the harvested forest acres. I know he has a dataset that helps him define the harvested areas. We will need to confirm with him just to be sure.

from Matthew English, DOEE to everyone: 10:38 AM

Does the spreadsheet on CAST have the due dates listed for each? If not, could the due dates be added?

from Ted Tesler, PA DEP to everyone: 10:42 AM

Ted Tesler is the PA voting member, Lisa Beatty is the PA alternate

from Kevin Du Bois, DoD to everyone: 10:52 AM

What's the purpose of the resume if the member can nominate an alternative. Do you have to approve an alternate's resume? Is the ranking based on technical proficiency or the need to provide representation on the WG?

from Norm Goulet, NOVA to everyone: 10:57 AM

Same for Urban, at large typically don't have alternate and if do from same organization.

from James Martin, VA DEQ to everyone: 10:58 AM

The intent of the alternate is to cover meetings that the principal selected member is not able to make. It is not intended that the alternate would be a permanent stand in.

from Matthew English, DOEE to everyone: 11:12 AM

DC is standing aside for this vote

from Kevin Du Bois, DoD to everyone: 11:26 AM

Im just curious; what about conversion to tidal wetlands?

from Gregorio Sandi, MDE to everyone: 11:27 AM

Great, thank you for the clarification.

from Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting to everyone: 11:29 AM

@ Kevin. Tidal wetlands are not in the CAST model. Those are covered in the estuarine model.

from Kevin Du Bois, DoD to everyone: 11:29 AM

Thanks Olivia, that's what I was thinking.