



**STAC Quarterly Meeting
June 12 – 13, 2007
Action Items**

Membership

Any members who would like to submit additional nominations for the potential three at-large appointments should send suggestions to Doug Lipton, UMD (dlipton@arec.umd.edu), and Carl Hershner, VIMS (carl@vims.edu), by June 29, 2007.

Climate Change

Chris Pyke, CTG Energetics, Inc., and Ray Najjar, PSU, will have a draft of the Climate Change white paper available by August for the committee's review. Members who can contribute to the workgroup's efforts to identify current and on-going climate change research, priorities, and next steps should contact Chris Pyke (cpyke@ctg-net.com) or Ray Najjar (Najjar@meteo.psu.edu).

Social Science Discussion

Michael Paolisso, UMD, Gerrit Knaap, UMD, and other social scientists on the committee will organize a workgroup to identify a list of social science needs for the Chesapeake Bay Program and offer ways to advance these concepts.

STAC will invite the Chesapeake Bay Program's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) to the September meeting to discuss LGAC's plans for outreach and implementation directed towards local governments.

A social science caucus will be included on the agenda for the September meeting.

Strategic Implementation Plan

Gerrit Knaap, UMD, Mike Kemp, UMCES, and Don Weller, SERC, will form an ad-hoc review team to identify gaps in the Strategic Implementation Plan Report to enable the Chesapeake Bay Program to adequately address geographic targeting and management action assessment. Names of any additional members for the review team (from within or outside of STAC) should be e-mailed to Scott Phillips (swphilli@usgs.gov).

Workshop Proposals

Larry Sanford, UMCES and Dave Secor, UMCES, will work with Gary Shenk, EPA CPBO, to frame the Chesapeake Bay Program's Monitoring and Analysis Subcommittee's (MASC) workshop proposal for developing a 4-D Bay interpolator to ensure that future workshop discussions are well focused and structured.

Melissa Fagan, CRC, and Elizabeth Van Dolah, CRC, will contact workshop sponsors to review budgets and encourage co-sponsorships.

Nutrient Trading

STAC will make a formal request to Rich Batiuk, EPA CBPO, and Pat Gleason, EPA Region III, for input and guidance on how to more effectively communicate the committee's concerns on nutrient trading issues to various groups.

The Nutrient Trading Workgroup will contact Doug Parker, UMD, to request the Mid Atlantic Regional Water Quality Program's (MARWQP) assistance in drafting an evaluation framework that will provide comments and recommendations in response to the following questions:

- 1) What are the current discussions on the administration and legal ramifications of nutrient trading programs in coastal areas?
- 2) How can the model be used to evaluate nutrient trading programs and what would it tell us about the capacity of these programs to measure change?
- 3) What information on trading programs do we need to assess its success?

Once compiled, the Evaluation Framework will be circulated to the membership for additional comments. The workgroup will draft next steps by the September meeting.

Interested members who would like to provide comments on the Nutrient Trading Evaluation Framework should contact Doug Lipton, dlipton@arec.umd.edu.

Gary Matlock, NOAA, will contact the Sea Grant Law Center to identify the legal requirements on nutrient trading from state and federal governments.

Chesapeake Bay Program Update

Rich Batiuk, EPA CBPO, will submit a revised proposal for a second Phase Five Model review that will provide more specified details on the requested tasks.

As designated coordinator of the second Phase Five Model review, Saied Mostaghimi, Virginia Tech, will contact the previous Phase Five Model review team to request their participation.

Fisheries Ecosystem Management

STAC will revisit Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management at the September meeting for a more detailed update.

BMP Review

Jim Pease, Virginia Tech, Dave Hansen, University of Delaware, and Mary Beth Adams, USFS, will assess the BMP reviewers' logic, findings, and identify potential needs by July 27th, as requested by the BMP Review project coordinators.