



Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee
September 8-9, 2015
Retreat Agenda

Location: Herrington on the Bay
7151 Lake Shore Drive, Rose Haven, MD 20714

Meeting Website: http://www.chesapeake.org/stac/meeting.php?activity_id=241

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Webinar Website:

<https://chesapeakeresearch.webex.com/chesapeakeresearch/onstage/g.php?MTID=efa26de3047559a1e038889f392ab64f1>

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Toll-Free Number: 1-877-668-4493

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9:30 am Breakfast (Provided)

10:00 am Call to Order - Kirk Havens (STAC-VIMS)

- Introductions
- Announcements
 - 2016 Quarterly Meeting Dates
 - Announce new STAC Vice-Chair
 - Announce Election Results for STAC member vacancies and reappointments
 - Approval of June quarterly meeting and EB meeting minutes
 - Federal Reappointment – *Marc Ribaud* (USDA-ERS)
 - New Member Introduction – *Chancee Lundy* (Nspiregreen LLC – D.C. appointee)
- Workshop Protocols: Discuss and respond to approval request

STAC Business Meeting

10:45 am Briefing on the High Resolution Land Cover/Phase 6 Watershed Model Land Use Data – Peter Claggett (USGS-CBPO) and Jeff Allenby (Chesapeake Conservancy)

11:30 am Climate Change Session: New Climate Change Coordinator – Zoe Johnson (NOAA-CBPO)

12:00 pm Lunch (Provided)

1:00 pm Panel Discussion – A Bay Program perspective of STAC Effectiveness
Rich Batiuk (EPA-CBPO)
Mike Slattery (USFW-CBPO) (Habitat GIT Chair)
Peyton Robertson (NOAA-CBPO) (Fisheries GIT Chair)

2:00 pm Break - STAC enters closed session

STAC Retreat, September 8-9

2:15 pm Retreat Introduction & Identification of Lurking Issues – Lisa Wainger (UMCES) and Lara Fowler (PSU)

- Wainger will introduce the main retreat goals, objectives, and desired outcomes. Followed by Q&A.
- STAC members will discuss the following questions. (Fowler facilitates or we use World Café approach).

- If you had to pick one key challenge for the Bay, that is not being fully addressed, what is it and what can STAC do to help address it?
- Group will select 3-4 themes for further discussion in breakout groups

3:45 pm Break (Provided)

4:00 pm Self-selected Breakout Groups

Workgroups will meet separately to discuss the 3-4 themes selected by large group.

Example themes suggested by Retreat committee:

- Making adaptive management real in the Bay Program
- Innovative approaches to improving the science and implementation of restoration/pollution reduction
- Making better connections between management actions and living resources.

5:15 pm Report out from Group Discussions

6:00 pm Hors d' oeuvres & Informal Discussion

7:15 pm Dinner (Provided)

7:30 pm Dinner Presentation: CRC Director and Staff – Bill Ball (CRC)

CRC Director and Staff priorities, informal discussions

9:00 pm Recess

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8:00 am Breakfast (Provided)

8:30 am Overnight Developments

Members have the opportunity to share any overnights thoughts. Wainger will present the results of the STAC effectiveness survey.

9:00 am Facilitated Breakout Groups – Strategic use of STAC resources

- How can STAC best implement priorities raised on Retreat Day 1?
- Should STAC establish research priorities to guide workshop topics?
- What other mechanisms (besides workshops) might STAC develop to increase access and communication with larger scientific communities and CBP clients?

10:15 am Break

10:30 am Discussion of strategic uses of STAC resources / Next Steps

- **Report out from breakout groups**
- **Group discussion**
 - What are priority effort areas?
 - How might STAC improve the reach of STAC products to 1) larger scientific community and 2) CBP clients?
 - How should STAC interact with the GITs?
 - STAC/STAR discussion on collaboration.

11:00 am Thinking Ahead to the Mid-Point Assessment

- Havens reviews process
- What are some specific steps to reduce the workload?
 - Consider streamlined report on cross-cutting big picture issues
- Assign chairs to each activity

11:45 am Moving Forward/Next Steps/Retreat Wrap-up

- Final thoughts
- Summarize action items

12:30 pm Lunch (Provided)

1:30 pm Adjourn

Retreat Goals

Desired Results

1. Raise critical scientific issues that are not currently being addressed.
Critical = key to the success of Chesapeake Bay restoration.
2. Consider how STAC can engage with Partnership, scientific community, and other stakeholders to make a difference.
3. Establish priorities for allocating scarce STAC resources (workshops, volunteer time, and meeting time) to respond to the needs expressed by the Bay Program and STAC.
4. Provide an opportunity for STAC to learn from the past and enhance effectiveness moving forward.
5. Provide an opportunity for new STAC staff to meaningfully engage with members on big picture issues.
6. Streamline the upcoming review process to work smarter not harder.

Desired Products

1. Deepen our understanding of the Bay restoration issues and STAC capacities.
2. List of priority topics for next year's workshop funding (for the RFP).
 - a. How much responsiveness to GITs?
 - b. How best to work with STAR?
 - c. Pro-active priorities.
3. Devise an organizational structure for the mid-point assessments.
4. Create suggestions for quarterly meetings.