



Chesapeake Bay Program's (CBP)  
Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)  
September 2025 Meeting | STAC Workshop Meeting  
September 16, 2025 | Hybrid  
Chesapeake Bay Program Office | Annapolis, MD  
Blue Crab Room, Oyster Room  
[Meeting Webpage](#)

[RSVP for in-person or virtual attendance](#)

**Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 am**      **Call to Order, STAC Business – Larry Sanford (UMCES, STAC Chair), STAC Staff**
- Introductions
  - Approval Requests:
    - June 2025 Meeting Minutes
    - July 2025 Executive Board Call Minutes
    - August 2025 Executive Board Call Minutes
    - Revisions to STAC Bylaws and Operational Guidelines
  - Membership Update
    - Membership terms ending September 2025
      - Kathy Boomer (FFAR)
      - Tess Thompson (VT)
    - Members on Temporary Leave of Absence
      - Valerie Were (CIRA)
    - Rotation of Leadership at end of meeting
      - Larry Sanford to Past Chair
      - Bill Dennison to Chair
      - Nomination of Erin Letavic to Vice-Chair
    - New Members
      - [Kevin Orner](#) (WVU), West Virginia Gubernatorial
  - Proposed 2026 Meeting Dates
    - February 10            Topical Meeting (*virtual, half-day*)
    - April 7                 Topical Meeting (*virtual, half-day*)
    - **June 15 – 17**         **Strategic Retreat (*in-person, multi-day*) at NCTC**
    - September 15        Workshop Meeting (*hybrid, full-day*)
    - November 10        Topical Meeting (*virtual, half-day*)
  - Member Announcements and Updates
- 10:20 am**      **STAC Expertise Gaps, Membership Self-Nomination Call**  
At the June 2025 Meeting, STAC discussed gaps in its expertise and what sciences it seeks in new members. STAC Staff will give overview of the appointment process for at-large membership (self-nomination, review, approval). STAC will discuss the Call for Self-Nomination document.
- 10:40 am**      **Letter to the Executive Council**  
STAC will begin drafting the annual letter to the Executive Council.
- 11:00 am**      **STAC Workgroups Updates**  
The STAC-led Social Science workgroup was formed in Winter 2025 and three ad-hoc workgroups were created during the June 2025 Strategic Meeting. Each workgroup will provide an update on their goals and current efforts.

- [Social Science Workgroup \(20 mins\)](#)
- [Inform Governance and Accountability Workgroup \(10 mins\)](#)
- [Phase 7 Model Review Workgroup \(10 mins\)](#)
- [CESR Impact Assessment and Application Workgroup \(10 mins\)](#)

**11:50 am**      **Living Resource Assessment Update – Kaylyn Gootman (EPA)**  
 Kaylyn Gootman (EPA) will provide an update on the Living Resource Assessment effort, including the workplan and the progress of the Habitat Suitability Model being created in partnership with VIMS.

**12:00 pm**      **Lunch**

**1:00 pm**      **FY24 Workshop Report-Outs**  
 Four workshops were convened with STAC FY24 Workshop funding. A representative from each workshop will give a report-out of the workshop structure, findings and implications, and preliminary recommendations.

- [Striped Bass Survey Assessment and Habitat Connections](#)
- [Leveraging Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning to Advance Chesapeake Bay Research and Management: A review of status, challenges, and opportunities](#)
- [Blueprint for Building Partnerships and Recommendations for Scaling Brook Trout Restoration in Stronghold and Persistent Patches \(PA, MD\)](#)
- [Advancing Market-Based Approaches in the Agricultural Sector to Support Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration](#)

**2:00 pm**      **FY25 Workshop Updates**  
 Three workshops were approved to received STAC FY25 Workshop funding. A representative from each workshop will provide an update on the purpose and anticipated outcomes of the workshops.

- [State of the Science of Salinity Risks in the Chesapeake Bay and Its Tributaries: Connecting Monitoring, Modeling and Management](#)
- [Challenges and Opportunities in Operationalizing Coupled Human and Natural Systems \(CHANS\) Research in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed](#)
- [Healthy Forests: Proactive Strategies for Managing Threats and Promoting Conservation](#)

**2:30 pm**      **STAC Workshop Process**  
 The Executive Board will propose revision to the STAC Workshop Process, and STAC will discuss the proposed edits.

**2:55 pm**      **STAC Chair Rotation and Thank You to Larry Sanford!**

**3:00 pm**      **Adjourn**

**4:00 pm**      **Socialization**  
 In-person participants are invited to gather at Boatyard Bar & Grill (400 Fourth St, Annapolis, MD 21403)