



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
  - STAC Budget Update
  - 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.

<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>STAC Workgroups Updates</b> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Social Science Workgroup (20 mins)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Inform Governance and Accountability Workgroup (10 mins)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Phase 7 Model Review Workgroup (10 mins)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">CESR Impact Assessment and Application Workgroup (10 mins)</a></li> </ul>
<b>11:50 am</b>	<b>Living Resource Assessment Update – Kaylyn Gootman (EPA)</b> 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.
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>FY24 Workshop Report-Outs</b> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Striped Bass Survey Assessment and Habitat Connections</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Leveraging Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning to Advance Chesapeake Bay Research and Management: A review of status, challenges, and opportunities</a></li> <li>• Blueprint for Building Partnerships and Recommendations for Scaling <a href="#">Brook Trout</a> Restoration in Stronghold and Persistent Patches (<a href="#">PA</a>, <a href="#">MD</a>)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Advancing Market-Based Approaches in the Agricultural Sector to Support Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration</a></li> </ul>
<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>FY25 Workshop Updates</b> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">State of the Science of <u>Salinity Risks</u> in the Chesapeake Bay and Its Tributaries: Connecting Monitoring, Modeling and Management</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Challenges and Opportunities in Operationalizing Coupled Human and Natural Systems (<u>CHANS</u>) Research in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Healthy Forests: Proactive Strategies for Managing Threats and Promoting Conservation</a></li> </ul>
<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>STAC Workshop Process</b> The Executive Board will propose revisions to the STAC Workshop process and Request for Proposals (RFP). STAC will be given time to suggest further revisions. The committee will discuss the proposed edits and formally approve of the workshop guidelines and RFP
<b>2:50 pm</b>	<b>Wrap-Up</b>
<b>2:55 pm</b>	<b>STAC Chair Rotation and Thank You to Larry Sanford!</b>
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Socialization</b> In-person participants are invited to gather at Boatyard Bar & Grill