



Chesapeake Bay Program's (CBP)
Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)
STAC Topical Meeting | Virtual
February 20th, 2026

Integration of Social Science in Other Programs

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Friday, February 20th

- 9:00 am Meeting Introduction – STAC Chair Bill Dennison (UMCES)**
Welcome and brief introduction of Meeting Facilitator, Lara Fowler (PSU), and the [Social Science Workgroup](#) (SSWG).
- 9:05 am Setting the Stage – SSWG Co-Leads Christine Kirchoff (PSU) and Ellen Kohl (UMBC)**
The SSWG Co-Leads Christine Kirchoff (PSU) and Ellen Kohl (UMBC) will provide a brief background of the SSWG and its ongoing efforts in holistic integration of social science into STAC. They will frame the expert panels by providing context behind rationale of panel topics.
- 9:20 am Expert Panel 1: Sister Programs**
Panelists from programs similar to the Bay Program will examine how they have integrated social science.
- Puget Sound – David Trimbach (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife)
 - Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta – Xoco Shinbrot (Delta Stewardship Council)
 - Western Lake Erie Basin – Michelle Selzer (Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development)
- Expert Panel 2: Aspirational Co-Production**
Panelists will share examples of efforts that have incorporated co-production.
- [NERRS Science Collaborative](#) – Julia Wondolleck (University of Michigan)
 - [Shrimp Futures](#) – Carissa Gervasi (University of Miami)
 - [Maryland Oyster Futures](#) – Taylor Goelz (Aspen Institute)
- 10:10 am Break**
- 10:20 am Panel Q&A – Facilitated by Lara Fowler (PSU)**
- 10:50 am Breakout Groups**
Participants will meet in small groups to reflect on the insights shared by panelists and brainstorm ways to apply these understandings to STAC.
- 11:20 am Breakout Group Report-out & Synthesis**
- 11:35 am Facilitated Plenary Discussion**
- 11:55 am Wrap-Up and Next Steps**
- 12:00 pm Topical Meeting Adjourns**