



Wetland Workgroup Meeting

December 15, 2020 | 2 pm – 4 pm

Conference Call

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This meeting will be recorded and used internally to ensure the accuracy of meeting notes.

- 2:00 pm** **Welcome and Introductions**
Pam Mason (VIMS) and Todd Lutte (EPA), Workgroup Chairs
- 2:10 pm** **Beaver Management as a Wetland Restoration Practice**
Scott McGill, Ecotone Inc.
Scott will give a presentation on the ecological value of beavers and their role as partners in watershed restoration.
- 2:50 pm** **Wetland Classification and Mapping Efforts**
Peter Claggett, USGS and Labeeb Ahmed, USGS Lower Mississippi-Gulf Water Science Center
As a follow-up from their presentation at the October meeting, Peter and Labeeb will provide an update on the CBP's wetland classification and mapping efforts.
- 3:20 pm** **Wetland Restoration Fact Sheets**
Kevin DuBois, DoD Chesapeake Bay Program
Kevin will talk about the joint effort between the workgroup and the CBP communications team to develop state-specific fact sheets that highlight how wetland restoration benefits other state programs, plans, and initiatives. A draft factsheet for Virginia has been completed and Kevin will be soliciting feedback from the workgroup before the factsheet design and content is finalized.
- 3:30 pm** **STAC Workshop Proposal: A Systems Approach to BMP Crediting**
Pam Mason, VIMS/Co-chair
Pam will lead a discussion revisiting the idea for a STAC workshop regarding a systems approach to BMP crediting. This 2021 STAC workshop would address emphasizing the habitat co-benefits associated with certain BMPs, such as wetland restoration, in addition to their impact on water quality. The discussion will include a process for forming a steering committee and suggestions for engaging other GITs and workgroups.
- 3:55 pm** **The Way Forward**
- Next meeting date: February 16th, 2021
 - Any other business
- 4:00 pm** **Adjourn**