



**Joint Scientific, Technical Assessment and Reporting (STAR) Meeting/
Coordinator & Staffer Strategic Review System
Quarterly Progress Meeting**

Thursday, January 23, 2020
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Conference Line: 929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 649-555-639

Webinar*: <https://zoom.us/j/649555639>

Meeting Materials:

https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/scientific_technical_assessment_and_reporting_star_team_meeting_january_2020

Location: Fish Shack

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AGENDA

9:30 Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Bill Dennison (UMCES) and Scott Phillips (USGS)- STAR Co-Chairs, Peter Tango (USGS) and Emily Trentacoste (EPA), STAR Co- Coordinator

- STAC Workshop preliminary proposals are due February 10, 2020. More information can be found [here](#).
- Highlight of the survey about the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative data use/needed data – Peter Tango

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops, & Webinars-

- [Ocean Sciences Meeting](#), February 16 – 21, 2020. San Diego, CA.
- [Association of Mid-Atlantic Aquatic Biologists](#), April 1-3, 2020, Berkeley Springs, WV. Deadline for paper submissions is February 28, 2020.
- [National Watershed and Stormwater Conference](#), April 14-17, 2020, Austin Texas.
- [Choose Clean Water Conference](#), May 19 – 21, 2020. Richmond, VA.
- [Chesapeake Research Symposium \(ChesR20\)](#), June 8 – 10, 2020. Annapolis, MD. Abstracts are due March 15, 2020
- [Chesapeake Studies Conference](#), June 11 – 12, 2020. Salisbury, MD. Poster proposals are still being accepted.
- [The National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration](#) (NCER), August 2 – 6, 2020. Portland, Oregon.
- [World Seagrass Conference & International Seagrass Biology Workshop](#), August 9 – 14, 2020. Annapolis, MD.
- [The National Coastal and Estuarine Summit](#), October 4 – 8, 2020. Providence, RI. Call for Proposals is open until April 3, 2020.

- [A Community on Ecosystem Services](#) (ACES), December 14-17, 2020. Bonita Springs, FL.

9:35 – 10:40 STAR Topic: Plastics Pollution Action Team

Materials: STAC Microplastics Workshop Report Presentation, PPAT Draft Charge and Membership

At the November 2019 Management Board (MB) meeting, the MB decided to create an action team to carry out specific recommendations from the [STAC Microplastics Workshop report](#). The action team will be under the MB and will guide and oversee development of a microplastics ecological risk assessment for the Chesapeake Bay. The MB directed STAR to discuss the charge and membership of the action team for recommendations.

9:40 Update on Microplastics Report – Matt Robinson (DOEE)

Matt will report out on the STAC-sponsored workshop titled “Microplastics in the Chesapeake Bay and its Watershed: State of the Knowledge, Data Gaps and Relationship to Management Goals.” Report can be accessed [here](#).

9:55 Request for STAR’s input on Plastic Pollution Action Team charge - All

A draft charge has been developed for the action team, and STAR’s input is requested to finalize this charge for presentation back to the MB.

10:10 Discussion of action team members – All

STAR is looking for interested members for the Plastic Pollution Action Team. Membership can include representation from the scientific community, GITs, jurisdictions, agencies, etc.

10:30-11:45 SRS Topic: Dry Runs of Stewardship Cohort Presentations

Materials: Citizen Stewardship SRS Dry Run Presentation, Diversity SRS Dry Run Presentation, Public Access SRS Dry Run Presentation

There are 3 CBP outcomes, organized under the Stewardship Cohort, that will be reviewed by the Management Board on February 13, 2020. The dry run for STAR provides an opportunity for each outcome to provide their MB presentation and get suggestions for improvements. The presentations should follow the guidelines provided under the Strategy Review System, and on Chesapeake Decisions.

10:30 Citizen Stewardship – Amy Handen (National Park Service)

10:55 Diversity – Jim Edward (EPA), **Tuana Phillips** (EPA), **Francesca King** (CRC)

11:20 Public Access – Jackie Kramer (National Park Service)

11:45 Coordinator/Staffer Meeting

12:30 Adjourn

Next Meeting Dates: February 27th