



Scientific, Technical Assessment and Reporting (STAR) Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2021

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

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Meeting Materials:

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AGENDA

10:00 Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Bill Dennison (UMCES) and Scott Phillips (USGS)- STAR Co-Chairs, Peter Tango (USGS) Co-Coordinator

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops, & Webinars-

- [National Monitoring Conference](#) - April 20 – 22, 2021 (Virtual)
- [Atlantic Estuarine Research Society & New England Estuarine Research Society-](#) Joint Conference - April 27-30 (Virtual)
- [Mid-Atlantic Climate Change Education Conference](#) - June 28-July 1 (Virtual)
- [CERF](#) - November 1-4 and 8-11 2021. ABSTRACTS DUE- May 5, 2021.
- [American Fisheries Society](#) - November 6 - 10, 2021. ABSTRACTS DUE - April 22, 2021
- [A Community on Ecosystem Services](#) – December 13 – 16, 2021. Bonita Springs, FL.

10:05 CBP Communications Update – Marisa Baldine (CRC)

10:10 Improving Monitoring Networks: PSC Request - Lee McDonell (EPA) & Peter Tango (USGS)

Lee and Peter will provide an overview of the PSC request for information and guidance on solutions and support needed to improve capacity to meet management decision-support needs with our CBP monitoring networks (Tidal, Non-tidal, SAV, Benthic, Citizen Monitoring). Peter will provide detail on addressing the request and expectations for support across CBP workgroups. *Materials: Improving Monitoring Networks Presentation, Briefing Document*

11:00 **Strategic Science and Research Framework (SSRF): Improvements for 3rd Strategy Review System Cycle – Emily Trentacoste (EPA)**
Emily will provide background on the SSRF. STAR attendees will participate in mentimeter questions to gain feedback from Cohorts on the process.
Materials: SSRF Presentation, Mentimeter

Discussion questions:

- How well has the integration of SSRF into SRS worked? (Hi, Med. Low)
- What have you found most useful about SSRF?
- What improvements would you like to see in the SSRF process?
- When in the SRS process do Cohorts feel their science needs are “finalized” to be put in the database?
- Are you using the SSRF information to target projects, generate proposals, or launch discussions with potential partners to fulfill your science and research needs?

11: 45 **Environmental Justice Indicators - UMCES**
CBP affirms our commitment to embrace DEIJ following the Executive Council's DEIJ Statement and associated action plan. Application of indicators will help the CBP track DEIJ change in all areas of the CBP. UMCES MEES students will provide examples of indicators that may further be useful to CBP in tracking progress including proximity to hazards, management and governance, green space distribution, and distribution and application of environmental restoration funding. The students are looking for STAR feedback on the indicators and recommendations going forward for the class.
Materials: Compilation of pre-recorded indicator presentations

12:30 **Adjourn**

Next Meeting Dates: May 27, 2021