



Chesapeake Bay Program's (CBP)  
Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)  
Quarterly Meeting – March 4-5, 2025  
Virtual  
[Meeting Webpage](#)

**\*\*Exact Times Are Subject to Change\*\***

**Tuesday, March 4th**

- 9:00 am**      **Call to Order, Announcements** — *Larry Sanford (STAC Chair – UMCES)*
- Introductions
  - Recap of STAC December 2024 Quarterly Meeting
  - Approval Requests:
    - December 2024 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
    - December Executive Board Call Minutes
    - February Executive Board Call Minutes
  - STAC FY24 Workshops and Updates (2) — *STAC Staff*
    - Convened STAC FY25 workshops – AI and Striped Bass
    - Upcoming: Blueprint for Building Partnerships and Recommendations for Scaling Brook Trout Restoration in Stronghold and Persistent Patches, [webpage](#)
    - No-cost Extension to July 2025: Advancing Market-Based Approaches in the Agricultural Sector to Support Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration, [webpage](#)
  - Member Announcements and Updates
    - [Delmarva Land and Litter Collaborative](#) (DLLC) — *Bill Dennison (UMCES)*
- 9:20 am**      **Overview of January 29<sup>th</sup> Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) Meeting**  
— *Larry Sanford (STAC Chair – UMCES)*
- 9:40 am**      **Received FY25 Workshop Proposals** – *STAC Staff*  
Results of the initial RFP scoring will be presented to STAC. Received workshop proposals (6) for FY25 will be presented to STAC and discussed. STAC members identified in each proposal may be asked to provide further details as needed. Depending on the results of the discussion, additional scoring may be required.
- 11:10 am**      **20-minute Break**
- 11:30 am**      **April 3<sup>rd</sup> Advisory Committee Meeting on CBP Outcomes: Request for STAC Input on Proposed Structure** — *STAC Staff*
- 11:45 am**      **Short and Long-term Role and Opportunity STAC in Evaluating CBP Structure**  
— *Greg Noe (USGS) and Kathy Boomer (FFAR)*  
Greg Noe and Kathy Boomer will lead STAC in a discussion evaluating the role and opportunity for STAC in guiding short- and long-term considerations of program governance. Presenters will outline the current program structure and progress on the Beyond 2025 initiative in order to highlight key gaps in the process including the lack of re-evaluation of high-level goals, as well as places of leverage such as implications from CESR.
- 12:30 pm**      **Recess**

**Wednesday, March 5th**

**Meeting Theme: Synergy Between Social and Natural Sciences**

- 9:00 am**      **Framing the Challenges** — *Social Science Workgroup*  
**Objective:** Set the stage for the day by highlighting the importance of integrating social and natural sciences in addressing Chesapeake Bay Program goals.
- Why is synergy between social and natural sciences critical for the Chesapeake Bay Program?
  - What are the current gaps or challenges in integrating these disciplines?
  - Examples of successful collaborations between social and natural sciences in environmental management.
- 9:30 am**      **Social Science Workgroup (SSWG): Member Introductions**  
SSWG members will give brief presentations (5-7 minutes each) on their areas of expertise and how their disciplines can address Bay Program needs.
- 10:30 am**      **15-minute Break**
- 10:45 am**      **Breakout Structure and Guiding Questions**
- 11:00 am**      **Breakouts**
- 11:45 am**      **Report outs on High-level Takeaways from Small Groups Followed by a Large Group Discussion**
- 12:30 pm**      **Adjourn**