



Science and Technical Advisory Committee
Delaware Estuary Program
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STAC Meeting (Number 51)

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

9:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Partnership for the Delaware Estuary - Wilmington, DE

GoToMeeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/939112685>

Conference Line: 401-283-2275, Access Code: 77662

9:30 Call to Order & Introductions (10 minutes)

- Danielle Kreeger (STAC Advisor) will summarize agenda and initiate introductions
- Lunch pizza poll

9:40 Installation of new STAC Chair (10 minutes)

- Danielle will summarize vote responses to emailed ballot for new Chairperson
- New STAC Chair will be handed the gavel and will preside over meeting

9:50 STAC Business (20 minutes)

- Chair will ask for edits/approval of draft minutes¹ from STAC/EIC meeting on 10/21/19
- Danielle will summarize current STAC membership status²
- Chair will facilitate discussion and planning for spring elections

10:10 CCMP Monitoring Assessment Project (20 minutes)

- Emily Baumbach will summarize outcomes from the 2018-2019 Monitoring Assessment Project and next steps for completion of a Monitoring Plan White Paper to serve as a CCMP appendix

10:30 Delaware Estuary Science and Environmental Summit 2021 (45 minutes)

- Danielle will summarize planning to date and invite suggestions from the STAC regarding the theme, venue, speakers, and session topics.

¹ Draft minutes from 10/21/19 (STAC-EIC) – attached to email

² Current STAC membership: <http://www.delawareestuary.org/science-and-technical-advisory-committee/science-technical-advisory-committee-membership/>

³ MuCWI fact sheet – attached to email

⁴ STAC Charter: https://s3.amazonaws.com/delawareestuary/scienceandresearch/STAC/STAC_Charter_v9-18-09.pdf

⁵ CCMP-TREB comparison matrix v5 – attached to email

11:15 Micro-Seminars (~15 minutes each)

- Erin Penzelik (ORISE), “The Relationship between shoreline characteristics and SAV Health in the Tidal Delaware River”
- Danielle, “Status of the Mussels for Clean Water Initiative³”

12:00 Pizza lunch (30 minutes)

12:30 STAC Futures Discussion (90 minutes)

- Danielle will summarize the main DELEP responsibilities of the STAC (as per the Charter⁴) and additional past activities (e.g. white papers)
- Emily will summarize 2017 TREB actions & needs and their nexus to 2018 CCMP strategies⁵
- Chair will lead a discussion of whether and how the STAC might be more effective for DELEP and the watershed. Some questions to prompt this discussion are:
 - Are there any TREB or CCMP needs that the STAC might directly fill, via subcommittees, task forces, or other means?
 - Do we want to do more focal white papers?
 - Should we host outside seminar presentations?
 - Should the STAC (or STAC-affiliated work groups) develop teams to convene workshops or apply for funding to directly fill data gaps?
 - Should we update the Charter?
 - Do members have the capacity and what resources would be needed?

2:00 Roundtable Updates (40 minutes)

- Workgroup updates:
 - Regional Sediment Management Work Group, Water Quality Advisory Committee, Monitoring Advisory Coordinating Committee, Toxics Advisory Committee, DE River F&W Coop, DE Living Shoreline Committee, Wetland Workgroup, Freshwater Mussel Advisory Group, others?
- Open Roundtable sharing and updates – all

2:40 Upcoming Events and Notices (10 minutes)

Delaware Wetland Conference, Wilmington, DE, January 29-30
Atlantic Estuarine Research Society, Monmouth University, March 26-29, 2020
National Shellfisheries Association, Baltimore, MD, March 29-April 2
Meeting announcements - all

2:50 Wrap-Up (10 minutes)

- Review action items
- Future meetings

3:00 Adjourn

For additional information, please contact **Danielle Kreeger**, Phone: 302-655-4990 x104,
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Current STAC Members:

Sue Kilham (Chair) – Drexel
Dave Bushek – Rutgers HSRL
Lance Butler – PWD
Laura Craig – American Rivers
Jeff Fischer – USGS
Dorina Frizzera – Getting to Resilience LLC
Kevin Hess – PADEP
Desmond Kahn – Fishery Investigations
Jerry Kauffman - Univ of Delaware
Danielle Kreeger – PDE
Daphne Munroe – Rutgers HSRL
Kristin Regan – EPA Region 3 (EPA alt 1)
Alison Rogerson - DNREC
Peter Rowe – NJ Sea Grant
Kelly Somers – EPA Region 3 (EPA alt. 2)
Kari St. Laurent – DNERR
Ken Strait, PSEG
Namsoo Suk – DRBC
Elizabeth Watson - Drexel
David Wolanski – DNREC
Metthea Yepsen - NJDEP