



**ST. ANDREW &
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ESTUARY PROGRAM
at FSU PANAMA CITY

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SASJBEP STC Meeting 1/16/2025

1-2:30pm CT

FSU PC Administrative Services Building Conference Room 108

Online/phone:

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December 2024 Meeting Summary:

This meeting covered the year in review, looked at the plan for 2025, and the STC provided feedback on the SOWR data viewer. Staff shared 2024 accomplishments and 2025 plans for the following grants: C-STARS, UWF-SAS, FDACS, Marine Debris, NCCA, and SOWR. Staff also discussed the 2025 STC meeting schedule with the first meeting 1/16/2025. STC meetings will be not occur in summer and will reconvene in August.

Find previous meeting materials [here](#).

January 16, 2025, Agenda:

1:00pm- Welcome

1:05pm- Guest Presentation: "Monitoring Waterbodies through Spatially Balanced Surveys: National, State, and Local Perspectives"

- Description: This webinar panel includes Hugh Sullivan, from EPA's Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, speaking on the National Coastal Condition Assessment, and Jay Silvanima, from Florida Department of Environmental Protection, presenting on that agency's design, implementation, and analysis of waterbodies using spatially balanced probabilistic surveys, and Mike McManus, from EPA's Office of Research and Development. Mike's presentation is on "Aquatic Surveys, Open Science & Participatory Science". His focus is on the local perspective as he will be using EPA's [Survey Design Tool](#) to compare a survey based on independent random sample (IRS) design to a spatially balanced probabilistic design. The later design gives a better geographic distribution of survey sites compared to an IRS design. Also, the spatially balanced survey tends





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to give more precise estimates than an IRS survey. He will use the tool to design a survey of a local estuary.

2:25pm- Group announcements and updates

2:30pm- Meeting adjourned

2025 STC Meeting Schedule:

January 16	Guest Presentation: "Monitoring Waterbodies through Spatially Balanced Surveys: National, State, and Local Perspectives"
February 20	Grant Update(s) (1 hour meeting)- virtual only
April 17	Guest Presentation: TBD
August 21	Guest Presentation: TBD
October 16	Grant Update(s) (1 hour meeting)- virtual only
December 18	Guest Presentation, Year in Review

