

SASJBEP STC Meeting Notes

4/17/2025

1-2:30pm CT

Meeting Summary:

The STC was joined by two guest speakers with an overall focus on oysters. Matt Davis from FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute presented on the "Florida Trustee Implementation Group (FL-TIG): Oyster Data Gaps Project Update" and Whitney Scheffel with the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program presented on the "Pensacola Bay Oyster Restoration Initiative". The committee then discussed announcements and future STC meeting schedules.

Access the meeting recordings [here](#).

Access meeting materials [here](#).

Attendance: SASJBEP staff (Ryann Rossi, Jessica Graham, Tim Lee, Rose Horn), Matt Davis, Carrie Jones, Christina Cantrell, Darryl Boudreau, Janelle Johnson, Joy Brown, Katie Konchar, Laura Geselbracht, Megan Christopher, Melanie Kaeser, Melody Ray-Culp, Norm Capra, Whitney Scheffel, Mark Hyman, Mike McManus

Guest Presentations:

Matt Davis, FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute: "Florida Trustee Implementation Group (FL-TIG): Oyster Data Gaps Project Update". See presentation slides [here](#).

Whitney Scheffel, Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program: "Pensacola Bay Oyster Restoration Initiative". See presentation slides [here](#).

Links to shared resources from the presentations:

zu Ermgassen, P. S. E., Gair, J. R., Jarvis, B., Geselbracht, L., Birch, A., Scheffel, W. A., Smith, K., & DeAngelis, B. (2024). Using an ecosystem service model to inform restoration planning: A spatially explicit oyster filtration model for Pensacola Bay, Florida. *Conservation Science and Practice*, 6(2), e13061. <https://doi.org/10.1111/csp2.13061>

TNC Tools:

<https://oceanwealth.org/applications/seagrass-saltmarsh-calculator/>

<https://oceanwealth.org/tools/oyster-calculator/>



Announcements:

- The last Tides and Talks event is May 8 at Destination Panama City from 3-4pm and will be a SASJBEP open house
- Save the date for Race for the Bays. The race is scheduled for 9/27/2025
- Ryann will be going on maternity leave in the fall so communication for STC meeting will shift to Jessica for the October and December meetings.

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: Oysters
August 21	Guest Presentation: TBD
October 16	Grant Update(s) (1 hour meeting)- virtual only
December 18	Guest Presentation, Year in Review

