

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND WORKGROUP
REPORT OUTS &
FEEDBACK SESSION
NOTES**

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, Bateman Education Center, Chincoteague, Virginia
1422-1530

- Executive Committee and Workgroup Report Outs combined in one session.
- 2027 Workplan
- 2026 workplan objectives mostly completed.
 - Make website more user friendly.
- CHER next goals: Tribal focus meeting, F&W annexes
 - Discussion regarding oil wildlife response. What can we do to have responsible party (RP) pay for wildlife rehabilitation, or give them guidance?
 - Tri-state thinks they have some information.
- Spill Countermeasures:
 - Achieved developing countermeasure strategies.
 - New members and co-chairs
 - New objectives: reviewing/updating pre-authorizations.
- Training & Exercise:
 - Coordinate T&E opportunities.
 - Populate calendar.
 - Keep same objectives, figure out tabletop goal for next year.
- Information Management:
 - Survey for GIS response-based products and who would be willing to work with moving forward.
 - I will continue to meet virtually.
 - Continue making progress.
- RCP
- Meeting Date:
 - First full week of December; December 8-10
 - Brian will check for Harrisburg location.
 - Downtown location
 - Penciling in Chincoteague for May meetings for further notice
- Question regarding training opportunities from Mike Towle:
 - Calendar shares training
 - Kelly mentions keeping theme of RRT meetings, maybe loop training into that.
 - Kevin Gaynor – record trainings to make them webinars and upload to website.
 - Weave in case studies
- Workgroup will be facilitator for framework of training.
 - Establish sub-group.
 - Beth

- Letter of designation
- Themes for next session
 - Safe refuge
- The most common dispersant chemical used in industry is produced in Dover, DE. That could be a good presentation.

Meeting Attendance Roster	
Attendee Name	Attendee Organization
Anderson, Ben	DNREC
Banda, JoAnn	DOI - FWS
Bartos, Myles	US EPA
Bastias, Sabina	US EPA
Ciani, Lydia	START – Tetra Tech
Cook, Elisha	USCG D5
Csulak, Frank	DOC - NOAA
Gawarzewski, Joey	USEPA
Gaynor, Kevin	USEPA
Lohman, Elizabeth	VDEQ
Moore, Brian	PADEP
Nelson, John	DOI
Pillow, Lauren	VDEQ
Smith, Jessie	START – Tetra Tech
Thorkilson, Kelly	USCG D5
Towle, Micheal	US EPA