

# STORET User Call Minutes 5/26/2016

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## Agenda Topics

1. [WQX Web version 2.6 New Features Demo by Ryan Jorgenson \(Gold Systems\)](#)
  - a. No questions or comments.
  - b. EPA will try to have the presentation available for future use.
  
2. [Participants needed for Biological Monitoring Data Team](#)
  - a. Following up on the expressed need for assistance with Biological Monitoring data submittal to STORET via WQX.
  - b. Goals of the team:
    - i. Create user guides: 'Step by Step' instructions for submitting biological data via WQX, and 'Data Best Practices' document to advise data submitters on how to best document all appropriate metadata with their data submissions
    - ii. Identify and develop solutions for challenges and inconsistencies in documenting and sharing biological data
    - iii. Identify and implement immediate small changes to the WQX metadata requirements for data submissions without revising the schema
    - iv. Identify potential schema changes that could be incorporated into WQX 3.0 to support ideas from the guidance documents and additional suggestions developed by the data team.
  - c. Participants needed for:
    - i. **Data team:** Because there are many types of biological monitoring data, we want to establish a team to evaluate approaches for improving the consistency, documentation and sharing of biological data. The data team will discuss ideas and solutions for how best to describe biological data in WQX and develop a set of best practices to educate all WQX data partners on how to share biological data consistently and accurately.
    - ii. **Case studies:** Two of the organizations participating in the data team would also participate in a case study. These case studies would be a way to test approaches for documenting and sharing biological data, and to

provide examples for discussion among the rest of the data team. EPA will provide the technical support for these case studies, with the ultimate goal of loading some of the organizations' biological data to WQX.

### 3. Open discussion

- a. EPA made a request for Biological Monitoring Data Team participants outlining the need to form this team.