

STEAC MEETING REPORT

(11/19/2025)

The members of the STEAC met on November 19, 2025, with eight members attending (Kelly Aho, Ben Baiser, Kin Onn Chan, Jennifer Edmonds, John Kochendorfer, Sydne Record, Adrienne Sponberg, and Samapriya Roy). Nine NEON-Battelle staff attended (Keli Goodman, Darcy Gora, Paula Mabee, Chris McKay, Tanya Maslak, Courtney Meier, Hojun Song, Kate Thibault, and Chau Tran).

The meeting was virtual, and the following topics were discussed: I. Call to order, II. New member introductions, III. Data product considerations for AY26.

- I. **Approval of previous minutes for 09/17/2025:** Minutes from prior meetings were approved by STEAC with voice vote.
- II. **New member introductions:** New members, current members, and NEON staff in attendance introduced themselves to each other.
- III. **Data product considerations for AY26:** Background and challenges requiring NEON's Data Product Modification Proposal were presented. We reviewed the proposed discontinued data products. For the products proposed to be discontinued, support was strong across most products except for the Stream morphology map (DP4.00131.001) and Coarse downed wood bulk density sampling (DP1.10014.001) products. The STEAC agreed that Stream morphology maps did not require sampling at the current 5-year frequency and suggested that each stream be mapped at least one more time later in the lifespan of the Observatory, particularly if a major event caused dramatic changes. We will plan to work with the relevant TWG to refine the sampling frequency accordingly in the coming year. We did not complete the review of the entire proposal during this meeting.