



Strategy Review System

4th Cycle SRS Process Review &
QPM Preparations for Riparian Forest Buffers

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meeting slides!



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What is the Strategy Review System (SRS)?

The process of adaptively managing and implementing Management Strategies for the outcomes that support the Watershed Agreement goals

Forestry Workgroup Outcomes that complete the SRS:

- Riparian Forest Buffers (last Management Board meeting December 2022, completed Workplan April 2023)
 - Urban Tree Canopy (last Management Board meeting March 2023)
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4TH CYCLE SRS PROCESS

Revised 9/18/23



Calendar of Cohorts: Annual/Biennial Schedule with 4 Cohorts

- Outlook Uncertain
- Outlook Off Track

2023	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
					Biennial Meeting			4 th Cycle Starts			Living Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAV• Wetlands• Brook Trout• Black Duck• Oysters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bl. Crab Abundance• Fish Passage• Fish Habitat• Forage Fish
2024	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		People <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stewardship• Diversity• Stud. Env. Lit.• Env. Lit. Planning			Watersheds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy Watersheds• Tree Canopy• Forest Buffers• Climate Adaptn• Climate Mntr			Clean Water <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toxics Policy /Prevention• Toxics Research			Living Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAV• Wetlands• Brook Trout• Black Duck• Oysters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bl. Crab Abundance• Fish Passage• Fish Habitat• Forage Fish
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2026	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR QPM UPDATE OPTIONS

Full Update

- 30-45 minutes total
 - 15-minute update or presentation, including introduction of any MB request or decision
 - 15-minute Q&A or discussion with MB
 - Optional: 15-minute “ask” or problem-solving/ brainstorming discussion
 - Discussion of request, problem, or decision
 - Identification & agreement on follow-up actions

Brief Update

- 15 minutes total
 - 5-minute update or presentation
 - 10-minute Q&A or discussion with MB

Pass

- Don't provide a QPM update to the MB

Note: These times are recommendations only. Contact the SRS Coordinator to customize the QPM update to meet the needs of your workgroup/action team.

MB = Management Board
QPM = Quarterly Progress Meeting

Options for the Riparian Forest Buffer SRS “Update”

- Provide updated data on the RFB indicator
 - Increased planting rates in 2022
 - Net loss of riparian forest 2013/14-2017/18
- Remind the Management Board of our “asks” from the last Quarterly Progress Review meeting (Dec 2022)
 - 1. Commit to a tracking and accountability framework for the state Action Strategies: a. Report on progress in 2-year programmatic milestones. b. Provide annual updates on plan implementation at MB meetings between now and 2025.
 - 2.a Support investments in effective standalone flexible buffer programs (existing and new programs). 2.b Improve grant and Funding Provisions to better support building capacity in staff, contractors and outreach
- Share highlights from states focused on progress towards implementing state Riparian Forest Buffer Action strategies (would likely require additional agenda time)
- Other ideas?

