**GIT 6 – Implementation of Decision Framework**

**Goal**

* Implement effective adaptive management throughout CBP using the decision framework

**Factors influencing goal**

* Program-level commitment to implementation
* GIT-level understanding of framework
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Current management efforts

* Variable understanding of adaptive management across CBP components
* Inconsistent and incomplete efforts to implement adaptive management across program
* Insufficient technical resources for comprehensive application of decision framework
* No examples of benefits of effective implementation of adaptive management

**Strategies**

1. Develop standard/generic protocol to guide adaptive management development in all CBP elements (addresses variable understanding and inconsistent efforts)
2. Develop program-level commitment
   1. Get PSC approval
   2. Demonstrate early benefits
   3. Establish use of decision framework as SOP
3. Develop technical resources
   1. guidance for decision framework use
   2. train CBP/GIT staff
   3. develop mentor/facilitators to work with GITs
   4. develop Chesapeake Stat as reporting and communication tool
      1. facilitates use
      2. promotes consistency
4. Work with early adopters to generate successful applications of decision framework
   1. Provides useful models
   2. Generates peer pressure
5. Use early applications of decision framework to develop
   1. Examples of transparency/accountability benefits of explicit articulation of goals
   2. Examples of factor analysis benefit for vetting practicality of goals
   3. Examples of strategy evaluation for comprehensive/effective management of key factors, and avoidance of efforts not clearly linked to goals
   4. Examples of monitoring design consequences of clearly linking to goals and strategy objectives
   5. Examples of accountability benefits of time-bound performance expectations
   6. Examples of opportunities to link and prioritize across goals and strategies created by consistent methodology

**Monitoring**

1. Promulgation of decision framework description and other guidance documents as needed
   1. Description available within first month
   2. Additional guidance as needed during first year
2. Formal adoption of decision framework by PSC
   1. Within four months of first proposal
3. Comprehensive application of decision framework to all CBP goals and activities with documentation on Chesapeake Stat
   1. At least one goal developed in framework for each GIT by April 2012
   2. All extant goals developed in framework by September 2012
   3. Future goals developed in framework at time of proposal
4. Management Board and PSC discussion and decisions framed by Decision Framework output
   1. Initial examples from early applications by April 2012
   2. Routine use of framework by September 2012

**Assess Performance**

Evaluation of progress should occur at least monthly by DFIW and GIT 6.

Failure to get all GITs and comprehensive application should lead to re-evaluation of technical resources and training, and adequacy of benefit examples. If these are all adequate, then evaluate commitment of GIT leadership and seek programmatic enforcement of expectation for implementation.

Overall effectiveness of program-level implementation should be evaluated at least annually, by examination of MB and PSC decisions for evidence of rationale based in decision framework logic.

After one year there should be evidence of beneficial coordination across GITs and development of goals and strategies that seek to fill identified gaps in overall program.

**Manage adaptively**

During first year, attention needs to be on adequacy of technical resources and evolution of broad-based understanding and skills within CBP.