



Management Board Conference Call

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Agenda

- I. **Getting Started: Order of the Day and Introductions** (10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.)
Dana Aunkst, CBP Director, will review the Actions and Decisions from the March 12, 2020 Management Board meeting.
Materials:
I. Management Board Actions & Decisions, March 2020

- II. **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Strategy** (10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.)
As a follow-up from the February Quarterly Progress meeting, leaders of the Diversity Workgroup will present to the MB the final Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) Strategy and its key recommendations. They will seek feedback from MB members on how the DEIJ Strategy should be formally endorsed and what should be included in the CBP DEIJ Statement (one of the key recommendations in the strategy). In addition, they will present the Diversity Workgroup's recommendation on a revised leadership target for the diversity outcome and share the workgroup's draft list of existing internship and entry career programs and opportunities.
Requested actions and decisions:
 1. MB input on how to endorse the CBP DEIJ Strategy.
 2. MB input on what should go in the CBP DEIJ Statement for adoption at the Executive Council meeting in August.
 3. MB discussion and approval of the revised diversity leadership target.
 4. MB to review draft list of internship and entry career programs and submit additional opportunities within their organizations.

Discussion lead: Jim Edward (EPA), Wendy O'Sullivan (NPS), Tuanna Phillips (EPA) and Francesca King (CRC); Diversity Workgroup Chair, Vice Chair, Coordinator and Staffer

Materials:

 - II.a. Guidelines for reviewing DEIJ Strategy
 - II.b. CBP DEIJ Strategy
 - II.c. Draft DEIJ Strategy endorsement to be signed by PSC
 - II.d. Presentation

- III. **Wetland and Stream Mitigation Action Team Proposal** (11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

The Chesapeake Bay Program partnership instituted a policy in the 1990's whereby wetlands and streams restored under voluntary measures can be recognized toward meeting Chesapeake Bay water quality goals, but those restored under compensatory mitigation and mitigation banking cannot be accounted for in the modeling tools. Pennsylvania DEP contends that the ineligibility of these projects is not reflective of current comprehensive Chesapeake Bay Program partnership strategies, and Pennsylvania DEP advocates for the inclusion of these projects as recognized BMPs across all jurisdictions

Action/Decision requested: Support for the formation of an action team to deliberate and report on current stream and wetland mitigation accounting and reporting procedures. This action team would provide options and potential changes to Partnership policies for MB decision by December 2020.

Discussion lead: Jill Whitcomb and David Goerman (PA DEP)

Materials:

III.a. Memo

III.b. Presentation

Lunch break

(12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

IV. Approval of a New Non-TMDL Land Use Classification Scheme (12:30 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.)

The Water Quality Goal Team recently approved a proposed “land use classification scheme” to help: improve mapping of floodplain and tidal wetland zones; correct over-estimation of ag land and turf grass in some counties; and correct errors and inaccuracies. The new scheme is based on updated decision rules and additional ancillary data to better translate land cover into land use. The proposed classification will not adversely impact the Phase 6 land uses nor impact the WIPs, Milestones, or annual progress runs.

Action/Decision requested: Management Board approval of the proposed new Land Use Classification Scheme.

Discussion lead: Peter Claggett, USGS

Materials:

IV.a. Proposed Land Use Classification Scheme

IV.b. Presentation

V. Place-Based Strategy: Middle Peninsula of Virginia (12:50 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.)

The Middle Peninsula region of Virginia is known for its early American heritage, abundant wildlife, and working farms and waterfronts that characterize its rural nature. Recently, the area has also become known for flooding, sea level rise, and erosion causing hazardous conditions for businesses and residents. The NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office is working closely with federal, Commonwealth and local partners to support habitat restoration and advance coastal community resilience of the Middle Peninsula by strengthening blue-green infrastructure.

Requested action/decision: The NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office invites MB members to consider collaborating to support habitat, water quality, resilience, and the rural economy of the Middle Peninsula.

Presenter: Sean Corson, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office Director, Fisheries GIT Chair

Materials:

IV. Presentation

- VI. Blue Crab Management** (1:20 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.)
During the Aquatic Life cohort SRS review, the Chesapeake Bay Commission requested a presentation on blue crab management. Dr. Thomas Miller will give a presentation on the current blue crab status in the Chesapeake Bay.
Presenter: Dr. Thomas Miller, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science
Materials:
V. Presentation
- VII. Business Meeting** (1:50 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.)
Management Board discussion about future agenda items, key issues and program updates.
 - Communications Workgroup updates – *Rachel Felver*
 - Program updates
 - Other Partner issues/updates*Discussion Lead:* Dana Aunkst, CBP Director
Materials:
VI. Program update
- VIII. Wrap Up and Adjourn** (2:10 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.)