



Management Board March 10, 2022

Actions/Decisions

Funding Updates

Sally Claggett and Martha Shimkin provided the Status of Chesapeake Bay funding, fiscal year 2022 grant guidance and update on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

- **Action:** The Chesapeake Bay Program Office will distribute a link to the final table and supplemental information to Management Board members as soon as they are available.
- **Action:** CBPO staff will compile and provide a list of contacts for the various known funding sources.
- **Action:** CBPO staff will provide an estimated date for anticipated implementation guidance for the CBP funding being released.

Social Science Survey Updates

During spring 2021, the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) began a GIT-funded project to help assess the social science capacity of the CBP partnership with the intent to use the results to develop recommendations to advance our efforts in social science. Specifically, UMCES developed the survey to learn more about thoughts and ideas about the contributions that social science makes toward Watershed Agreement implementation across the partnership. UMCES sent a reminder to respond to the survey in December 2021. Lisa Wainger and Daniel Read provided a preliminary overview of the survey responses and general themes.

- **Action:** Lisa Wainger and Daniel Reed will return in the fall for another update and discussion about the final results. CBPO staff will work with them to identify an appropriate date.

Acceptance of Final SRS Materials for Aquatic Life Cohort

The Aquatic Life Cohort and Brook Trout Outcome prepared and submitted for review their final logic and action plans for public and Management Board feedback. The review and comment period ended on February 25 and the documents were presented to the MB for acceptance.

- **Decision:** The MB accepted as final the logic and action plans for the Aquatic Life Cohort outcomes (Blue Crab Abundance, Forage Fish, Oysters and Submerged Aquatic Vegetation) and the Brook Trout outcome, as well as the management strategies for the Blue Crab Abundance and Submerged Aquatic Vegetation outcomes.

Blue Crab Outcome QPM Follow Up

During the November 2021 Aquatic Life cohort progress review, the Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee (CBSAC) asked the partners to “support science and research needs for the blue crab population assessment and management needs identified in the Strategic Science and Research

Framework (SSRF).” Pursuant to that request, CBSAC was asked to report back to the Management Board on:

- a) their highest priority blue crab research, assessment, and workshop needs and timelines in order to achieve the Blue Crab Outcome (including CBSAC’s recommendation on the value of conducting a new blue crab benchmark stock assessment),
 - b) estimated costs and recommended jurisdictional contributions for each of the above including a new blue crab benchmark stock assessment (if recommended).
- **Action:** The Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee agreed to host a fall workshop focused on the updated needs assessment and whether a need exists for a full stock assessment. Dates for this workshop will be publicized once they are final.

Communication Workgroup Restructuring and 2022 Activities Update

The CBP Communications Office provided a brief overview of plans for restructuring the Communications Workgroup to better align its mission to meet the communications, outreach and engagement needs identified by the workgroup in its quarterly progress review meeting. In addition, the CBP Communications Director provided a brief outline of the Communications Office’s plans for 2022, including the completion of a new five-year strategic communications plan.

- **Action:** The CBP Communications Office will reach out to the partners to identify the appropriate communications experts across the watershed who can help with CBP communications, engagement and outreach activities.

Business Meeting

CBP Responses to Advisory Committee EC Recommendations

- **Action:** Management Board members are asked to submit by Monday March 14 any final comments or edits to the three response letters to the Advisory Committee recommendations to the Executive Council.