

Process to Address BMP Panel Policy Issues

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Key Agreements by WQGIT

- Separate out the policy issues from the technical/scientific issues
- Provide options to sector workgroup and GIT chairs for resolving policy issues from BMP Panels
- Preference for the sector workgroup to lead resolution of policy issues

Proposed Procedures to Address Policy Issues

1. Within the purview of the sector workgroup AND at the recommendation of the sector workgroup chair...
 - GIT chair charges sector workgroup to resolve identified policy issues

Proposed Procedures to Address Policy Issues

2. Not solely within the purview of sector workgroup OR straightforward policy issues involving two or more GITs...
- GIT chair(s) identify small group of sector workgroup/GIT members to resolve identified policy issues

Proposed Procedures to Address Policy Issues

3. More complex policy issues OR policy issues with implications for a wide cross-section of the Partnership...
 - GIT chair(s) seek Management Board's approval to convene a policy group
 - GIT(s) recommend members for policy group
 - Management Board reviews and approves GIT(s) recommended policy members

Decisions Requested

- Approval for applying proposed procedures to all BMP panels currently underway and those convened in the future
- Agreement to move forward with convening a policy group to develop recommendations for the identified policy issues associated with the Oyster BMP panel
- Approval for formally amending the BMP Panel Protocols to include the procedures for addressing BMP-related policy issues