



**Management Board Meeting
September 21, 2017**

Actions/Decisions

Introductions

- Note: October 18, 2017 is the deadline for providing data to be included in the Bay Barometer.
- Note: Communications workgroup requests better representation from the jurisdictions.
- Note: The Stream Health Workgroup has selected Neely Law from the Center for Watershed Protection and Matthew Meyers from Fairfax County Stormwater Planning Division as co-chairs.

Resolving Concerns on the Use and Simulation of Soil Phosphorus Data in the Phase 6 Model

- Action: DE “stood aside” with respect to their fatal flaw comments on this issue.
- Decision: The Management Board agreed to the near-term recommendations and approved the seven itemized actions in the *Incorporating Soil Phosphorus in the Phase 6 Model: Recommended Path Forward* document—with editorial revisions. The MB agreed to provide this document to the WQGIT for them to use it as the recommended process for moving forward. The WQGIT will inform the MB, if there are any significant changes to these actions.

Responding to Requests and Recommendations from August 10 Quarterly Progress Meeting

Outcome Completion

- Decision: The Management Board agreed that it has the authority to accept outcomes as complete. The completion of outcomes should be documented in Management Board meeting minutes and on ChesapeakeProgress.

Blue Crab

- Action: The Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team’s leadership team will share the *Blue Crab Management Outcome: Evaluation of Allocation-based Management Framework* document with the rest of their GIT members. Once GIT members approve the document, it will be submitted by the GIT to the Management Board. The Management Board can then approve the blue crab management outcome as complete.

Oyster

- Action: The oyster team will work with the CBP Communications Office on a communication strategy for distribution of the report on alternative substrate once completed and help message the over-arching success of oyster restoration in the Bay.
- Note: Oyster restoration success could be a potential Executive Council agenda topic.
- Update: Substrate paper compiled by NOAA intern will be part of the oyster discussions and will eventually be shared with the Management Board after review.

Forage Fish

- Update: The request to STAC for a shoreline threshold analysis will be completed through a GIT-funded study that will commence in January 2018 and likely be completed by January 2019.
- Update: The STAR request for a shallow water monitoring plan will be addressed following the Budget and Finance workshop. The Forage Fish action team plans to meet with STAR after the

Budget and Finance workshop to discuss how this monitoring plan can incorporate monitoring needs from other outcomes during this process.

SAV

- Update: The SAV team is working with the Budget and Finance team to address their financing/funding concerns. The Budget and Finance Workgroup will develop in 90-120 days a short paper that describes financing options for the SAV and Forestry workgroups to consider for including in their biennial workplans. The B&F Workgroup is also developing a financing workshop (with \$75k through GIT funding) for multiple outcome groups.
- Update: On August 30, members of the CBP Communications Workgroup met with members of the SAV Workgroup to discuss ways in which to expand communications about underwater grasses to different audiences. The Communications Workgroup agreed to draft a communications strategy this fall on how to change the perception of SAV in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and continue to work with the SAV Workgroup to put it into place. They will also consider how to communicate this challenge to the upstream audiences.

Quarterly Progress Meeting Materials Update

- Decision: The Management Board approved the revised logic table/workplan for outcome groups to use in preparation for their SRS reviews.
- Action: At the next Biennial meeting, the Management Board will discuss strengths and weaknesses of the current approach to managing Outcome progress. MB members requested when developing materials for the quarterly SRS meetings, Outcome leads track elements that were most helpful and least helpful in their analysis and management of their Outcome.

Updates

- Action: The small action team on Multiple Benefits and Phase III WIPs (led by Nicki Kasi) will send out a survey on WIPs and other outcomes to Management Board members. As Management Board members complete the survey, they are urged to reach out to their WIP developers and other key players to incorporate their perspectives into the survey response.
- Action: The Stream Health Workgroup is seeking additional representation from states and regulatory agencies, particularly USACE, EPA, New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. The purpose of the subcommittee is to streamline the permitting process for involved jurisdictions and agencies. The group hopes to bring together representatives from the jurisdictions and review their permit application checklists for common factors and opportunities to consolidate requirements. The group meets monthly.
Contact: Paige Hobaugh (hobaugh.paige@epa.gov)
- Action: The final EPA Discussion Paper on Interstate Trading Considerations will be transmitted to the Management Board. MB members also requested a presentation on the paper at an upcoming MB meeting.