

Shallow Water Habitats Small Group Update for the Wetlands Workgroup

DECEMBER 12, 2023

Agenda



BEYOND 2025
PROCESS



SCHEDULE



SMALL TOPIC
GROUPS



EXPECTATIONS/
OBJECTIVES



VISION/SCOPE



QUESTIONS
RECOMMENDATIONS



NEXT STEPS

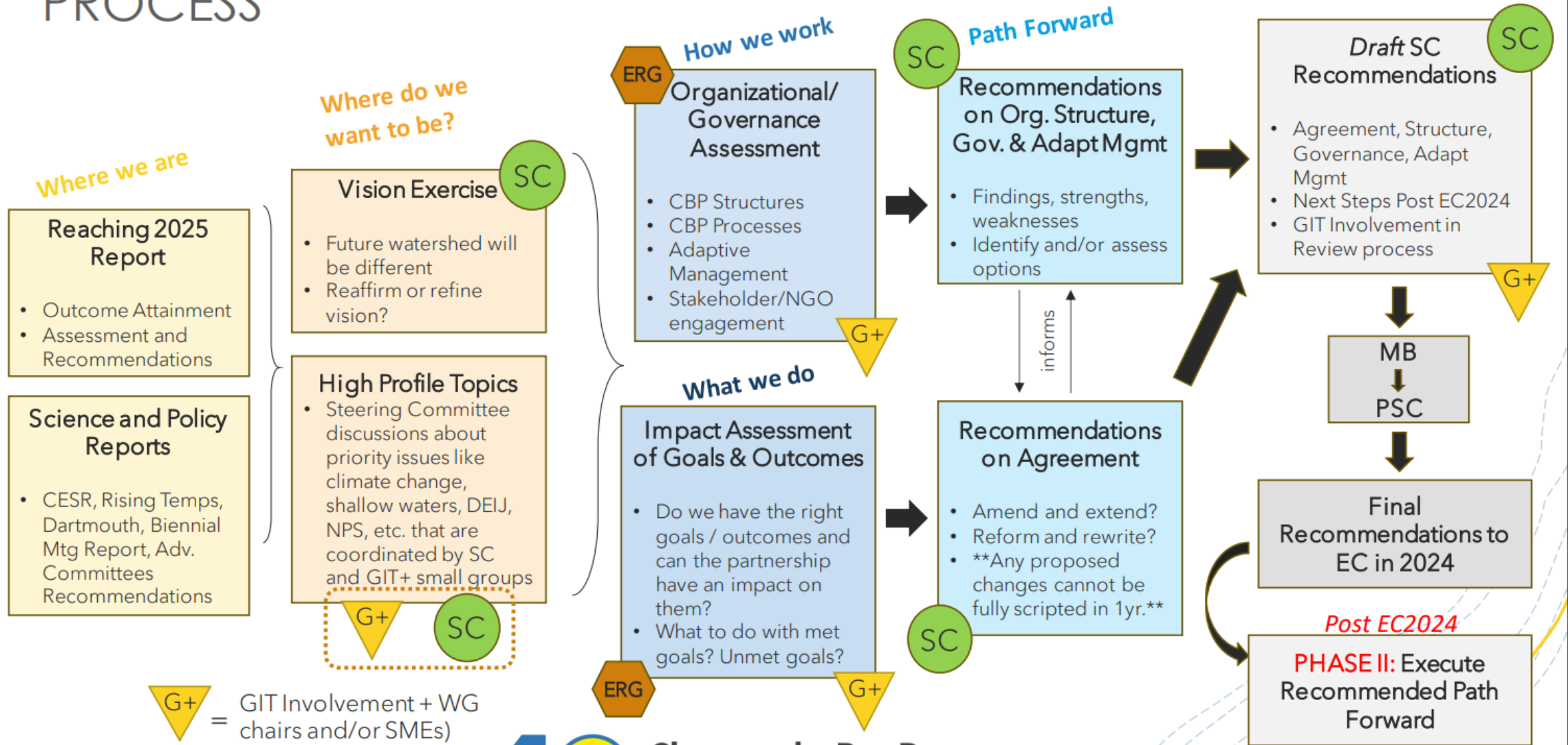
Beyond 2025 Steering Committee

The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee advises the development of recommendations to meet the Chesapeake Executive Council charge (October 2022) to the Principals' Staff Committee on charting a course beyond 2025.

- ▶ Prioritize and outline the next steps for meeting the goals and outcomes of the Watershed Agreement leading up to and beyond 2025.
- ▶ Report back to the Executive Council at its 2024 annual meeting (October) with recommendations that continue to address new advances in science and restoration, along with a focus on our partnership for going beyond 2025.

Subsequently the CBP established a Beyond 2025 Steering Committee consisting of partner signatories, federal agencies, advisory committees, and GIT representatives.

PROCESS



Schedule

- ▶ Nov. – Jan. 2024: Topical groups convene, discuss, and develop recommendations to be considered by the Beyond 2025 SC.
 - ▶ Fish Habitat Action Team Meeting December 4
 - ▶ Wetlands Workgroup Meeting (Tidal & Nontidal) December 12th
 - ▶ Stream Health Workgroup Meeting December 15th
- ▶ Feb. 2024: 2-day SC Meeting to discuss small group recommendations.
- ▶ Mar. 2024: SC Meeting and review the first draft of recommendations.
- ▶ April 2024: Adoption of the Beyond 2025 SC recommendations.
- ▶ May – June 2024: Solicit public feedback on the Beyond 2025 SC recommendations.
- ▶ July 2024: Revise and affirm the Beyond 2025 SC recommendations based on public input.
- ▶ Aug. – Sept. 2024: Seek approval of Beyond 2025 SC recommendations from the Management Board and Principals' Staff Committee.
- ▶ Oct. 2024: Present and request approval of Beyond 2025 SC recommendations from the Executive Council.



Small Groups

Small Group Teams

- Climate
- Healthy Watersheds
 - Land conservation
 - Habitat
 - Living Resources
- Clean Water
 - NPS pollution
 - TMDL
- People
 - Public Engagement
 - DEIJ
- Shallow Water Habitats

Shallow Water Membership

Larry Sanford, STAC
Bruce Vogt, GIT 1
Gina Hunt* GIT 2
Stefanie Tallion, VA
Chris Guy, FWS
Adrienne Kotula, CBC
Jessica Blackburn, SAC
Brooke Landry* SAV WkGP

Expectations-

- ▶ Defining the Scope of the Topic
- ▶ Coordination: Engage other partnership groups in addressing the guiding questions and cross-cutting considerations and team derived questions.
 - ▶ Workgroup meetings like this, and we will engage SME in topic specific meetings
- ▶ Cross-Cutting Considerations
 - ▶ Climate
 - ▶ People
 - ▶ Living Resources
 - ▶ Cross-Program Coordination
- ▶ Deliverable = Five Recommendations that are broad and include a solid rationale for Steering Committees final product to the Executive





VISION-

Healthy and sustainable shallow water habitats that support resources, communities, and economies that are resilient to long-term changes in watershed conditions.

SCOPE-

Edges and Nearshore Waters of 3 ecological zones:

- Non-tidal Fresh
- Tidal Fresh
- Tidal Estuarine.

Issue Topic Areas-

Input to the Shallow Water Team

Guiding Principals-

- Issues or topics that the Bay Program can influence
- High level recommendations/topics
- We are not recommending new Outcome goals (if needed, that is Phase 2).
- Recommendations on partnership structure and coordination are welcome

Jamboard Questions-

- What are we doing well that we should keep doing or strengthen?
 - How does the Bay Program help with this effort?
- What do we need to do differently?
 - What do we need for infrastructure to make this happen?
- What vanguard idea could change the way we move forward?
- Is there other shallow water research or information we need to cite/review for these recommendations?
 - Other than CESR, Reaching 2025, SRS Biennial Meeting, Rising Water Temperatures Reports?



Next Steps



In December seek input from Shallow Water Workgroups-
Fish Habitat, Stream Health (Dec. 15th) and Wetlands(Dec. 12th)

Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/5b9BA4tsnQT6d6447>



January – Include topic area experts