Wetlands Outcome Update

April 15th, 2024

Current Wetlands Outcome

Continually increase the capacity of wetlands to provide water quality and habitat benefits throughout the watershed. Create or reestablish 85,000 acres of tidal and non-tidal wetlands and enhance function of an additional 150,000 acres of degraded wetlands by 2025. These activities may occur in any land use (including urban), but primarily occur in agricultural or natural landscapes.

Wetlands Outcome Shortcomings

- The Wetlands Outcome is not realistic as is.
- It should include conservation/protection, be split between tidal and nontidal wetlands, account for tidal wetland loss & marsh migration, and crosswalk with other habitat/fisheries outcomes.
- To come up with a value, a baseline of existing wetlands should be established, projected loss/gain from climate change should be accounted for, and the percentage of the current goal reached should be known.
- The outcome needs to be consistent with wetland goals/outcomes across jurisdictions and not only focus on agricultural land.

What's needed to revise the outcome with those concerns in mind?