Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Meeting

September 25, 2024

*For each Steering Committee representative, **PLEASE ENTER IN THE CHAT**, the individual that will be participating in the consensus process. Level of consensus can be supplied by video, audio, or chat.*

Outcomes

1 **Revisions from public feedback are reviewed and discussed.**

2 **Steering Committee reaches consensus on the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Report.**

Agenda

12:00p Welcome and Opening Comments

12:15p Revision Summary

12:45p Consensus Review

Consensus Review Schedule	
12:45-12:55p	Consensus Review Process & Ground Rules (10 min)
12:55-1:25p	BLUF, Recommendation #1 (30 min)
1:25-1:55p	BLUF, Recommendation #2 (30 min)
1:55-2:10p	Break (15 min)
2:10-2:40p	All other components on Executive Summary (30 min)
2:40-3:05p	Synthesis Narrative: Science (25 min)
3:05-3:30p	Synthesis Narrative: Restoration & Conservation (25 min)
3:30-3:55p	Synthesis Narrative: Partnership (25 min)

3:55p Recap and Closing Remarks

4:00p Adjourn

Recap of Major Actions

Since July's meeting…

- Public Feedback was shared with Steering Committee as it was received and is still accessible from the Beyond 2025 Small Group SharePoint.

- Complete set of feedback was shared on September 5th and also publicly posted to CBP's Beyond 2025 webpage.

- Final Draft Revisions were shared with the Steering Committee by September 20th

- From July's SC meeting, breakout discussion and chat comments on scoping an Outcome Impact Assessment were synthesized and posted to July's meeting page.

Timeline for Report Review and Delivery:

June 27th   SC consensus to release draft report for 60-day public input period

July-Aug   Public Feedback Period, individual briefings for PSC members

September   SC reviews feedback and revises report

Sept 17th   Update to PSC, guidance from PSC

Sept 26th   SC consensus on final report

Oct 2nd   PSC briefing on final report

October   PSC considers report and drafts EC Action, in coordination with MB

Oct 10th   MB Meeting – discuss draft EC Action and submitting B25 Report to PSC

Oct 25th   PSC approves EC Action & submission of report to EC

Dec 10th   EC Meeting, EC approval of Action

Overview of Final Proposed Revisions

Anna Killius, Co-Chair, Chesapeake Bay Commission

Martha Shimkin, Co-Chair, EPA

Julie Lawson, Stakeholders Advisory Committee, DOEE

Feedback Summary

Comment Statistics

- 81 total commenters (500 orgs/representative individuals); ~48,000 words
- 1,900 individual emails from two actions alerts (Chesapeake Bay Foundation & Waterkeepers Chesapeake)

Scope of Comments

- Notably, over a quarter of all relevant comments were most relevant to Phase 2 and the "how" of implementation. Important considerations and necessary to retain and utilize as Phase 2 initiates.

Comment Themes

- **Enhanced accountability and evidence-based** restoration practices.
- **Conservation as a focal area** and integration into pillars of restoration and science.
- **Address local and regional priorities** of climate resilience, env. justice, & "emerging" issues.
- **Importance of collaboration** and balancing needs across all partners.
- **Inclusive public engagement** to foster greater transparency and trust.
- **Technical assistance and financial support** to sustain and grow local implementation activities.

Guiding Principles for Revisions

Overarching philosophy…

- Strive to ensure the Steering Committee's intent was properly and clearly communicated.

Initial review of comment scope….

- Is it credible?
- Is it relevant to this process and the Bay Program?
- Is it related implementation / Phase 2?

Advancing for further consideration…

- Is it editorial?
- Was the matter discussed by the Steering Committee?
- Are there multiple comments that speak to the matter?
- Source of comment

Part I – Recommendations to the EC

EC #1
- Maintain momentum
- Adherence to Governance and Management Framework
- Timing of Agreement amendments [**For SC Discussion**]

EC #2
- Effective coordination, collaboration, inclusion when streamlining.

Additional Background
- Consideration of SMART approach
- Acknowledged existing challenges to accompany progress
- Emphasized land use and population growth

Part II – High Level Recommendations for CBP

Science

- Explicit mention of toxics and emerging contaminants
- Added language towards nutrient imbalances and non-point source issues.
- Revised language and additions for social science

Restoration & Conservation

- Conservation revised using NRCS's definition as well as SC feedback.

Partnership
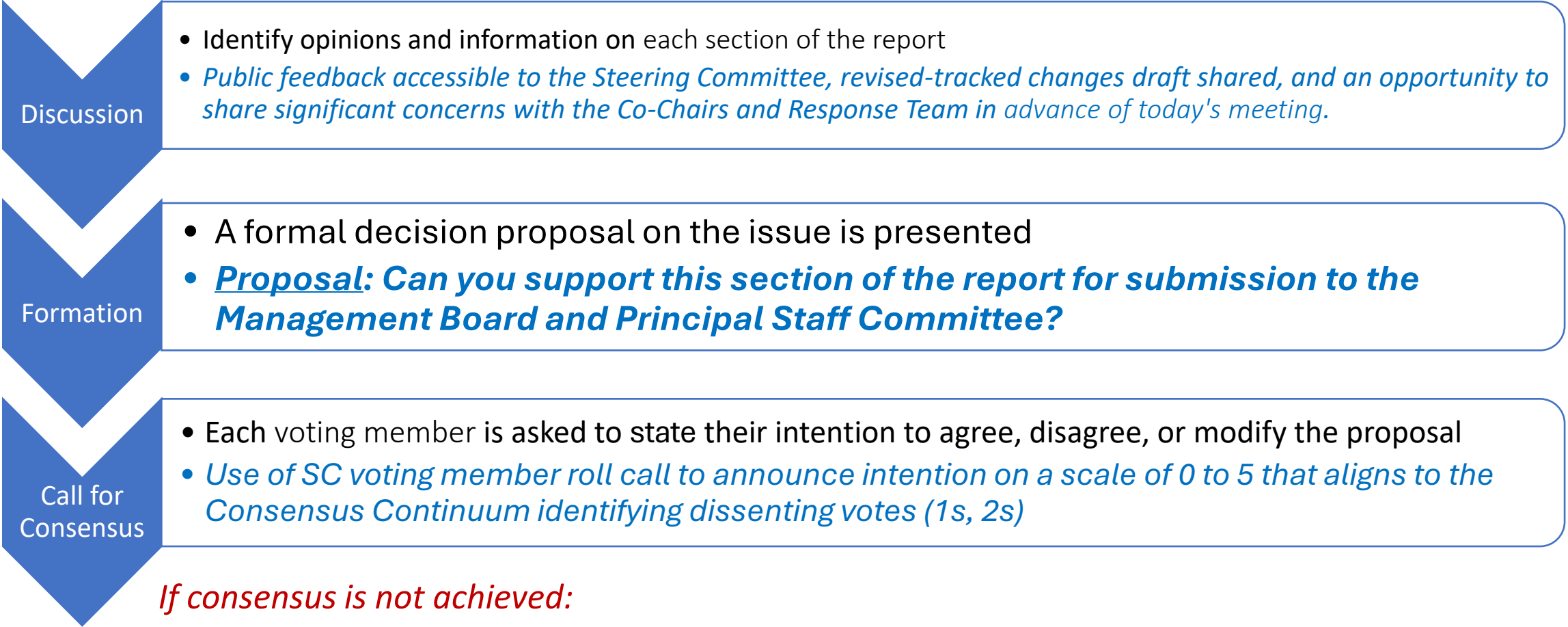
- Clarified "systems" approach.

Consensus Review: Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Report

Sherry Witt, GDIT, B25 SC Facilitator

*If you are **voting member on site at the Bay Program Office**, please join the Teams Meeting before we begin the Consensus Process so that you can turn your videos on. **Remember to mute and turn your sound off**.*

This is NOT a requirement for voting, which can be taken through chat or audio, but just advanced notice.

Consensus-building Process

Discussion
- Identify opinions and information on each section of the report
- *Public feedback accessible to the Steering Committee, revised-tracked changes draft shared, and an opportunity to share significant concerns with the Co-Chairs and Response Team in advance of today's meeting.*

Formation
- A formal decision proposal on the issue is presented
- ***Proposal: Can you support this section of the report for submission to the Management Board and Principal Staff Committee?***

Call for Consensus
- Each voting member is asked to state their intention to agree, disagree, or modify the proposal
- *Use of SC voting member roll call to announce intention on a scale of 0 to 5 that aligns to the Consensus Continuum identifying dissenting votes (1s, 2s)*

If consensus is not achieved:

Identify & Address Concerns	• Dissenter(s) presents their concern(s), starting another discussion to address the concern. • Dissenter(s) supply an alternative proposal(s) or a process for generating one.
Modify Proposal	• The proposal is amended to address concerns. Process returns to a call of consensus. • If consensus again is not reached, or if time runs out, we will discuss options at the end of meeting.

Consensus Continuum

Stop	Hold	Stand Aside	Agreement with Reservations	Endorsement
"I do not agree and feel the need to stand in the way of this decision"	"I believe more work is needed before we make a decision"	"I trust the group and will not block this decision but need to register my disagreement"	"I can live with it"	"I like it"

Alignment with the Consensus Continuum

Consensus Voting (during September meeting)		Consensus Continuum (per Governance Document)	
0	I wish to **abstain** from this decision.	Abstain	I am not registering agreement or disagreement, but consciously determining to not influence the decision.
1	I **do not agree** and feel the need to **stand in the way** of <u>releasing this part of the report to the Management Board and PSC</u>	Stop	I do not agree and feel the need to stand in the way of this decision
2	I believe **more work is needed** on <u>this part of the report</u> **before we make a decision** to <u>release it to the Management Board and PSC</u>	Hold	I believe more work is needed before we make a decision
3	I trust the group and **will not block the decision** to release <u>this part of the report to the Management Board and PSC</u> but need to register my disagreement	Stand Aside	I trust the group and will not block this decision but need to register my disagreement
4	**I can live with** <u>this part of the report being released to the Management Board and PSC</u>	Agreement with Reservations	I can live with this
5	**I like it and endorse** <u>this part of the report for the Management Board and PSC</u>	Endorsement	I like it

Consensus Review Process

Consensus Review Periods (~25-30 min each)

1. BLUF, Recommendation #1
2. BLUF, Recommendation #2
3. All other components of the Executive Summary
4. Synthesis Narrative: Science
5. Synthesis Narrative: Restoration & Conservation
6. Synthesis Narrative: Partnership

Call of Consensus

- SC voting members (or alternates) register your support using a consensus continuum scale 0 to 5, with option to skip/no vote
- If we meet consensus , we move on to next review
- If we have dissent (1's or 2's), we will use remaining time to discuss concerns, offer modifications, and work through consensus again

If we cannot get to consensus

- Those that registered a [1] or [2] raise their concerns and offer a modification; SC voting members register their support of the modification(s)
- If time runs out and we are still not at consensus, a volunteer works on a modification on the slide lines, or we consider removing the conflicting text from the report.