



Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Meeting

June 27, 2024

If you are voting member on site at the Bay Program Office, please join the Teams Meeting before we begin the Consensus Process (@1:10p) 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.

Outcomes

- 1 Reach consensus on the final draft B25 Report so that it can be released for public feedback.**
- 2 Public feedback process is described and next steps are reviewed.**

Agenda

12:00p

Welcome and Opening Comments

12:30p

Overview of Public Feedback Release

12:50p

Overview of Draft B25 Report

1:10p

Consensus Review: B25 Report

- *Two, 10-min breaks*

3:45p

Remaining Actions and July/August Review

4:00p

Adjourn

Agenda

1:10p

B25 Report Consensus Review

- 1.Part I: Recommendation #1
- 2.Part I: Recommendation #2
- 3.Part 1: Any other language
- 4.Part II: Partnership
- 5.Part II: Restoration and Conservation
- 6.Part II: Science

Roughly 20 minutes per section, with two 10-min breaks when appropriate.

Preparation for Today



1. **Consolidated Steering Committee Report: A Critical Path Forward for the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership Beyond 2025**
 - Stored on June Meeting page and B25 Committee Homepage
 - Holds Part I – Critical Path Forward; Part II – High Level Recommendations (i.e., synthesis narrative)
 - Links to Part III [Source Materials] held on the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Homepage
2. **Summary of Revisions to the Synthesis Narrative (Part II)**
 - Beyond 2025 Small Groups Microsoft Teams / SharePoint holds tracked changes version.
3. **ERG's Final Report with tracked changes and, separately, Itemized Responses**
 - Final Report on Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Homepage and linked within the consolidated report.
4. **Overview of the partnership's Consensus Continuum and notes on how we will use it**

Materials emailed, but also held in “June B25 Meeting” on the Small Groups SharePoint / Teams

Integration

Part I: Critical Path Forward Beyond 2025 (pp.1-5)

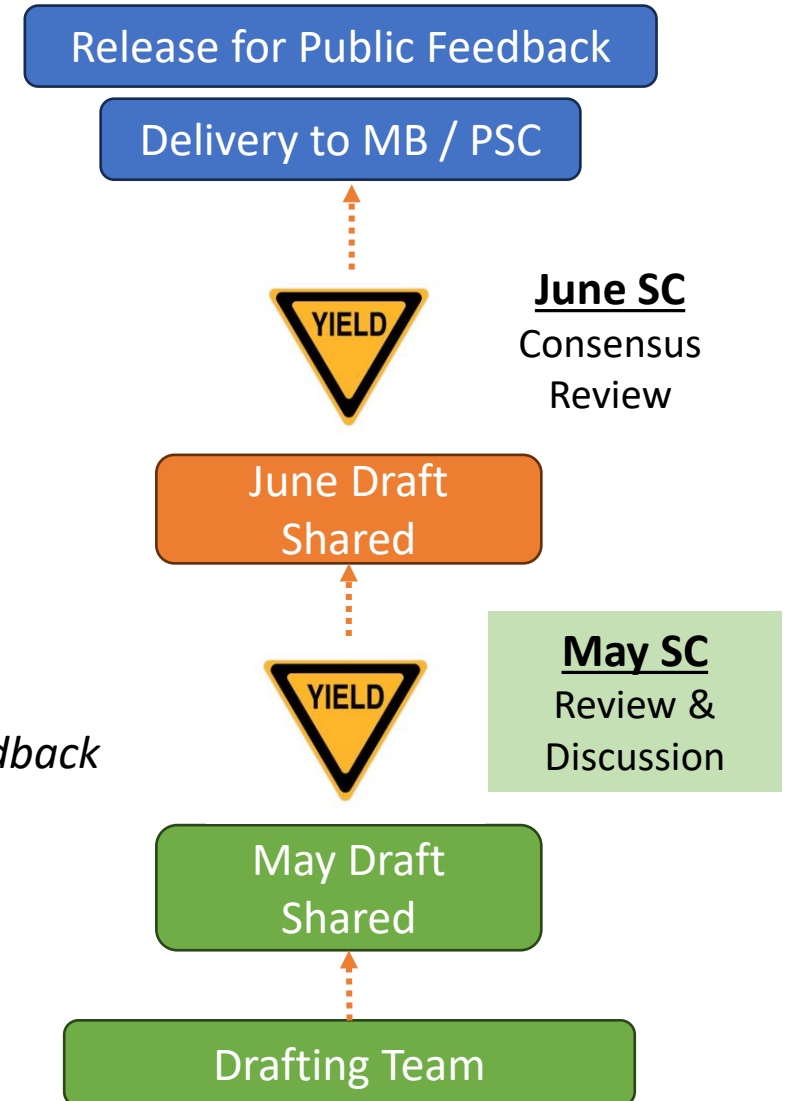
- EC Charge & Beyond 2025 Steering Committee
- Recommendations for the Executive Council's Consideration
- Additional Background
- Recognizing our Progress

Part II: High-Level Recommendations for the Chesapeake Bay Program (pp.6-14)

- Introduction & Steering Committee Process
- High-level considerations related to Science
- High-level considerations related to Restoration and Conservation
- High-level considerations related to Partnership
- *Summary of public engagement and outreach (to be added after public feedback period)*

Part III: Source material

- One-page briefs of Small Group Findings
- ERG report
- *Other Partnership Reports*



Schedule for Public Release

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 JUNE
2	3	4 SC → Feedback Due on Synthesis Narrative Partnership BLUF Released → SC	5 Revisions by Drafting Team / Co-Chairs	6	7	8
9	10	11 SC → Feedback Due on Partnership BLUF Revisions by Drafting Team / Co-Chairs	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Release Final Draft EC Charge Response → SC	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 PSC Meeting	26	27 B25 SC Meeting WE ARE HERE	28	29
30	1 JULY Release ASAP	2	3	4	5	6

Proposed Timeline

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Timeline for Report Review and Delivery:

June 27 th	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 17 th	Update to PSC, guidance from PSC
Sept 26 th	SC consensus on final report
Oct 1 st - 3 rd	PSC briefing on final report
October	PSC makes any necessary edits to report & drafts EC Action
Oct 10 th	MB Meeting – decision point for submitting B25 Report to PSC
Oct 25 th	PSC approves EC Action & submission of report to EC
Dec 10 th	EC Meeting, EC approval of Action

Feedback From June's PSC Meeting



- Clear context should accompany any dissemination of the Steering Committee's report. Any recommendation should be considered provisional and reflective of only the Steering Committee's thoughts, thus far.
- Acknowledged highly constrained timeline in September and October. Requested to consider changing budgeted time for Public Feedback.
- Concern on re-affirmation language in Recommendation 1. Believes the EC Charge provides affirmation beyond 2025.
- Management Board's role in review must be determined, particularly between September and October PSC meetings.



Overview of Public Feedback Release

Rachel Felver, CBPO (Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay), Communications Director

Rollout of B25 Document

On July 1:

- Posted to **chesapeakebay.net** at:
<https://www.chesapeakebay.net/who/group/beyond-2025-steering-committee>
- **Web article** laying out the document and how to submit public feedback.
- Amplification on Chesapeake Bay Program **social media**.
- Accompanying **FAQ document**.
- **Email announcements** sent to Steering Committee and Management Board with request to amplify.

Week of July 1:

- Posted in Chesapeake Bay Program **daily and weekly newsletters**.

Public Feedback Process

Public feedback period will open July 1 at 9:00 a.m. and close on **Friday, August 30th at 11:59 p.m.**

Anyone is welcome to provide feedback.

Public feedback will only be received through email to comments@chesapeakebay.net. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your feedback.

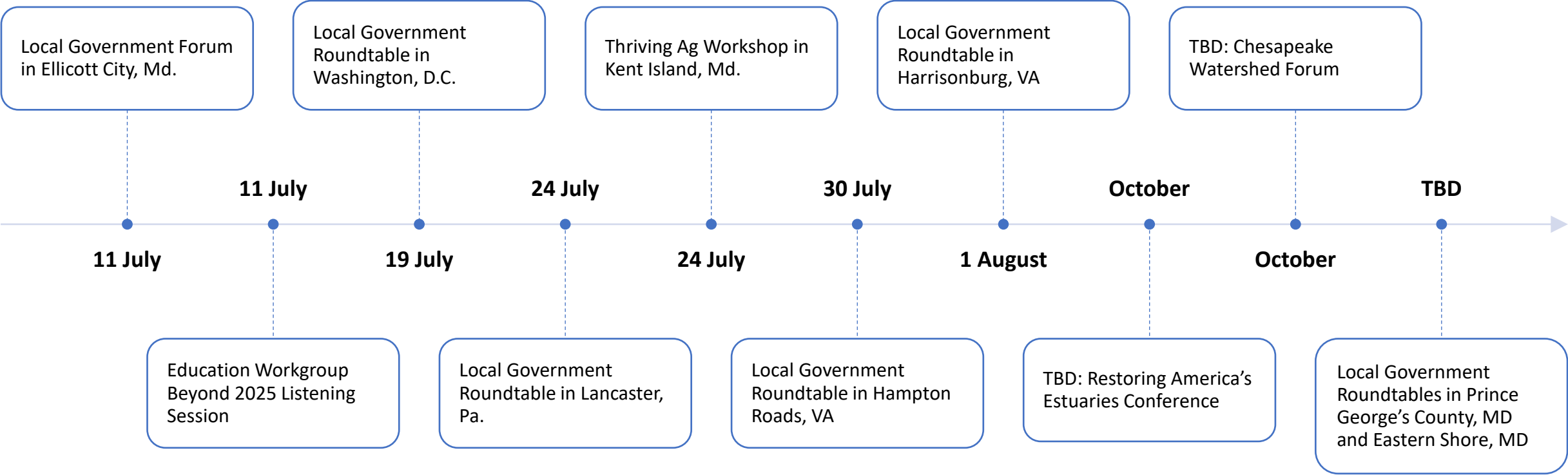
All comments will be posted on the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee page on chesapeakebay.net but will not be responded to individually.

Comments will be categorized and reviewed by a team of subject matter experts from the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee.

A red-lined version of the document will be posted online after the public feedback period.

After the public feedback period, a final revised document will be submitted to the Management Board and Principals' Staff Committee in preparation for the Executive Council meeting.

Planned and pending public engagement opportunities



SC Role in Response to Public Feedback

- Steering Committee role – determine what is necessary to adopt from public feedback and reach consensus on those revisions [September B25].
- Co-chairs propose to convene a team for processing public feedback and will be reaching out individually to determine availability and interest.
 - Response team would work with SMEs to address as needed.

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Overview of Draft B25 Report

Martha Shimkin, CBPO/EPA, B25 Committee Co-Chair

Anna Killius, CBC, B25 Committee Co-Chair

Outline of Report

Shared on June 18th

1. Consolidated Steering Committee Report
2. Summary of Revisions for Part II: Synthesis Narrative
3. ERG's Final Report with track changes and Itemized Responses

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Updates Since June 18th Release

- Prior to the BLUF Recommendations, we have clarified that “*the Steering Committee’s recommendations should be considered provisional and reflective of the Steering Committee’s thoughts alone.*”
- Several phrasing adjustments for Recommendation 1.
- Phrasing adjustment for Ag conservation practices within the Partnership Accomplishments subsection of Part I.
- Strengthened and/or clarified language in the Part II: Science.

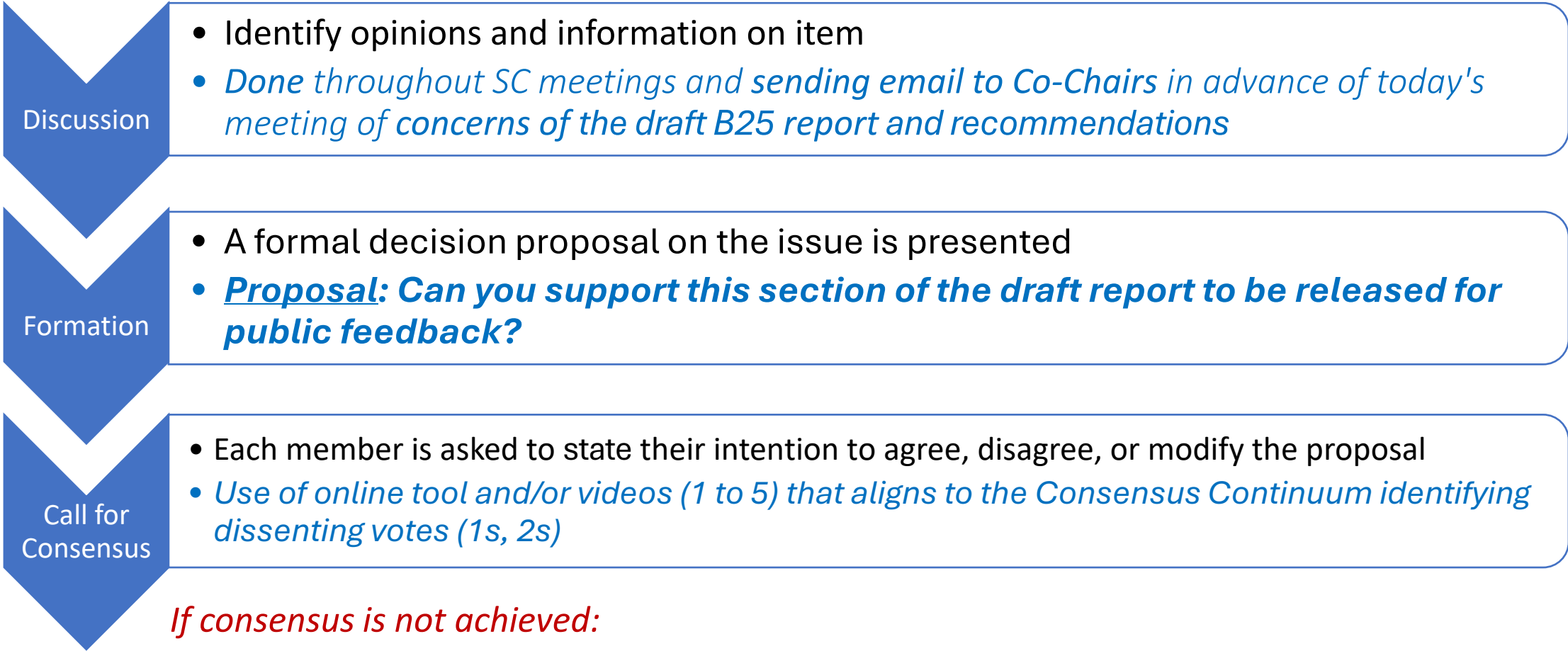
You will see these adjustments while we review the document during the Consensus Process.



Consensus Review: Draft B25 Report

Sherry Witt, GDIT, B25 SC Facilitator

Consensus-building Process



Identify & Address Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

"I do not agree and feel the need to stand in the way of this decision"



Hold

"I believe more work is needed before we make a decision"



Stand Aside

"I trust the group and will not block this decision but need to register my disagreement"



Agreement with Reservations

"I can live with it"



Endorsement

"I like it"

Alignment with the Consensus Continuum

Consensus On-line Voting (during June 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 draft report for public feedback</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 draft report</u> before we make a decision to <u>release it for public feedback</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 draft report for public feedback</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 draft report being released for public feedback</u>	Agreement with Reservations	I can live with this
5	I like it and endorse <u>this part of the report for public feedback.</u>	Endorsement	I like it

Consensus Review Process

Consensus Review Periods (~20 min each)

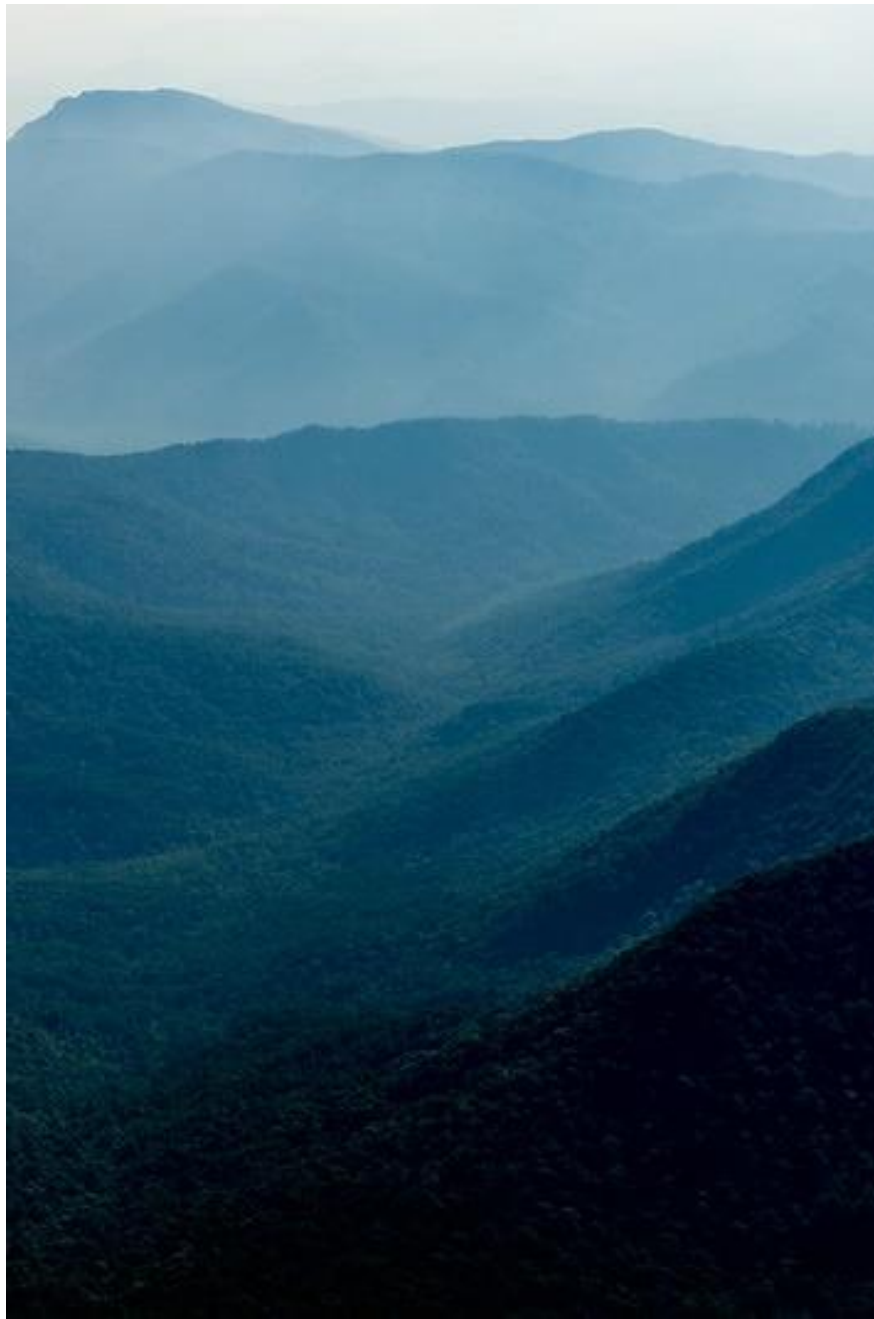
1. BLUF, Recommendation #1
2. BLUF, Recommendation #2
3. All other components of the Executive Summary
4. Synthesis Narrative: Science
5. Synthesis Narrative: Restoration & Conservation
6. Synthesis Narrative: Partnership

Call of Consensus

- SC voting members (or alternates) register your support using a consensus continuum scale 1 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] will raise their concerns and offer a modification which will be captured on shared screen
- If time runs out and we are still not at consensus, we will discuss options at the end of the meeting



Actions from Today *[Placeholder]*

Topic

- Text

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Next Meetings

For July

- Establish Comment Response Team.
- Discuss Phase 2 Requirements

For August

- Cancel before rigorous September.