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## Management Board Meeting

March 27, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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### Agenda

\*Breaks will be occur at natural pauses within the meeting\*

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this meeting is for the Management Board to make consensus-based decisions on the disposition of each outcome. Presentations on three novel outcomes, as well as options for the outcome/output/indicator framework will be shared for discussion prior to decisions on the April 10<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting. Finally, GIT 6 will present the top, high-level 3-5 priorities for streamlining and simplifying the Chesapeake Bay Program's governance, structure and processes for Management Board consideration.

#### **I. Meeting Introductions (9:00 – 9:05)**

Lee McDonnell, MB Acting Chair, will kick-off the meeting and facilitate agenda topics. Amy Handen, EPA, will administer roll call.

Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.

*Presenters: Lee McDonnell, EPA; Amy Handen, EPA*

Materials: NA

#### **II. Novel Outcome Presentation and Discussion (9:05 – 9:45)**

A brief presentation will be shared followed by discussion on the three novel outcomes proposed: oyster abundance, soil health, non-tidal fish habitat and braiding knowledge streams. (Consensus agreement for these three outcomes will be requested at the April 10<sup>th</sup> MB meeting.)

Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.

*Presenters: Kevin Schabow, NOAA; Gina Hunt, MDDNR; WQGIT representative; Denice Wardrop STAC*

Materials:

- a. II.a. Novel Outcomes Consolidated – March 27 2025
- b. II.b. Non Tidal Fish Habitat Novel Outcome
- c. II.c. Oyster Abundance Novel Outcome
- d. II.d. Soil Health Novel Outcome
- e. II.e. Braiding Knowledge Streams Outcome

**III. Consensus Agreement Process**

(9:45 – 9:55)

The outcome consensus decision making process that will be utilized in the day's meeting will be reviewed.

Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.

*Presenters: Sarah Brzezinski, EPA; Sherry Witt, GDIT*

Materials:

- a. Administrative Slides: Consensus and Voting Process

**IV. Outcome Consensus: Outcomes Where There IS Agreement**

(9:55 – 10:45)

All MB members will use the consensus continuum to affirm the disposition of outcomes that received unanimous support through the final pulse check.

Requested Action: Decisional. Affirmation on the individual outcome dispositions that received unanimous support through the final pulse check.

*Presenters: Sarah Brzezinski, EPA; Sherry Witt, GDIT*

Materials: TBD

**V. Outcome Consensus: Outcomes Where There Is NOT Agreement**

(10:45 – 12:00)

Where unanimous agreement was not reached through the final pulse check, each outcome will be individually presented to the MB to gauge agreement using the consensus continuum. dissenting member will supply an alternative proposal, which will be discussed by the full MB. Following the discussion, if consensus is still not reached, an outcome disposition recommendation will be determined by signatory MB member supermajority voting, which will be conducted based on the majority pulse check disposition preference of signatory MB members.

Requested Action: Decisional.

- a. Affirmation on the individual outcome dispositions that received ultimate consensus by the MB.
- b. Affirmation of the list of outcomes to be elevated to the PSC because supermajority vote was used.

*Presenters: Sarah Brzezinski, EPA; Sherry Witt, GDIT*

Materials: TBD

**VI. Lunch**

(12:00 – 12:30)

**VII. Outcome Consensus: Outcomes Where There Is NOT Agreement (cont'd)**

(12:30 – 2:25)

**VIII. Outcome Consensus - Summary of Results for PSC Presentation**

(2:25 – 2:55)

MB will confirm the outcomes where supermajority voting was utilized and will be reviewed by the PSC on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The MB will identify key messages for these outcomes for PSC consideration as they develop their recommendations and feedback.

Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.

*Presenters: Lee McDonnell, EPA*

Materials: TBD

**IX. What does an outcome look like? (2:55 – 3:15)**

A presentation summarizing the framework and definitions of outcome, output, and indicator will be shared, along with options for consideration of how these terms can be consistently applied when drafting updated outcome, output, and indicator language. (Consensus agreement on the framework and associated definitions will be requested at the April 10<sup>th</sup> MB meeting.)

Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.

*Presenters: Anna Killius, CBC*

Materials:

- a. Presentation: Outcomes and Outputs

**X. Public Input Summary (3:15 – 3:25)**

A presentation summarizing the input that has been received during the outcome review process will be shared.

Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.

*Presenters: Rachel Felver, ACB*

Materials:

- a. Presentation: Public Input Summary

**XI. GIT 6 Governance, Structure, Process Group Updates (3:25 – 3:50)**

GIT 6 Co-Chairs will share the top, high-level 3-5 priorities that could be used to inform the scope of work for the Partnership to address the governance, structure, and process components of the 2024 Executive Council Charge. The Management Board will be asked to provide further direction to GIT 6 or select an alternative path forward in meeting this component of the 2024 Executive Council Charge.

Requested Action: Decisional. Further direction to GIT 6 or the selection of an alternative path to meet the EC charge.

*Presenters: Lucinda Power, EPA; James Martin, VA DCR*

Materials:

- a. GIT 6 Materials: Presentation
- b. GIT 6 Materials: 1 Pager

**XII. Announcements, Wrap Up and Adjourn (3:50 – 4:00)**