

Forage & Fish Habitat Beyond 2025 Meeting - February 2025

Tuesday, February 18· 1:00 − 2:00pm EST

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Agenda

1:00pm - 1:10pm

Update on Beyond 2025:

- February 13th Management Board meeting update
- Timeline
 - February 13: Present outcome assessment to the MB
 - March 27: MB completes outcome assessment
 - March 28: PSC review outcome assessment
 - April 10: Begin revising outcome language
 - May 8: Final outcome language
 - o June: Prepare final outcomes for public review
- Living Resource tidal segment habitat assessment update

1:10pm - 1:20pm

Review outcome report summaries & example case studies

1:20pm - 1:55pm

Discussion on outcome structure & language

- Guiding questions
- Draft fish habitat outcome concept:

"Maintain suitable shallow water habitat area for striped bass and other key species through focused water quality, conservation and restoration improvements informed by a synthesis of fisheries science and habitat assessments completed by xxxx."

- Outputs:
 - Tidal segment Living resource habitat assessment
 - Status and trends of structured habitat (oysters, SAV, tidal wetlands, shoreline condition) linked to fish



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productivity if possible to define habitat objectives (how much habitat is needed to sustain x level of productivity)

- Strategies to build habitat and fish resilience as temperature increases
- Assessment of forage availability, trends and projections of change. Is there enough food now and going forward for key predators
- Evaluation of movement and behavior of striped bass and other species relative to habitat conditions

o Inputs:

- Forage abundance for key species
- Habitat use and movement patterns (spatial indicators at local, bay and regional scales)
- Juvenile index

1:55pm - 2:00pm Next Steps

• Office hours with CBP tomorrow 2-4pm