

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape during the golden hour. The scene features a mix of green and brown fields, dense forests with autumn-colored trees, and a small pond on the right. Long shadows are cast across the fields from the left, indicating the sun is low in the sky. The overall tone is warm and serene.

The Healthy Watersheds SRS Process

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2/12/24

Goal: Sustain state-identified healthy waters and watersheds recognized for their high quality and/or high ecological value

Outcome: 100 percent of state-identified healthy waters and watersheds remain healthy.



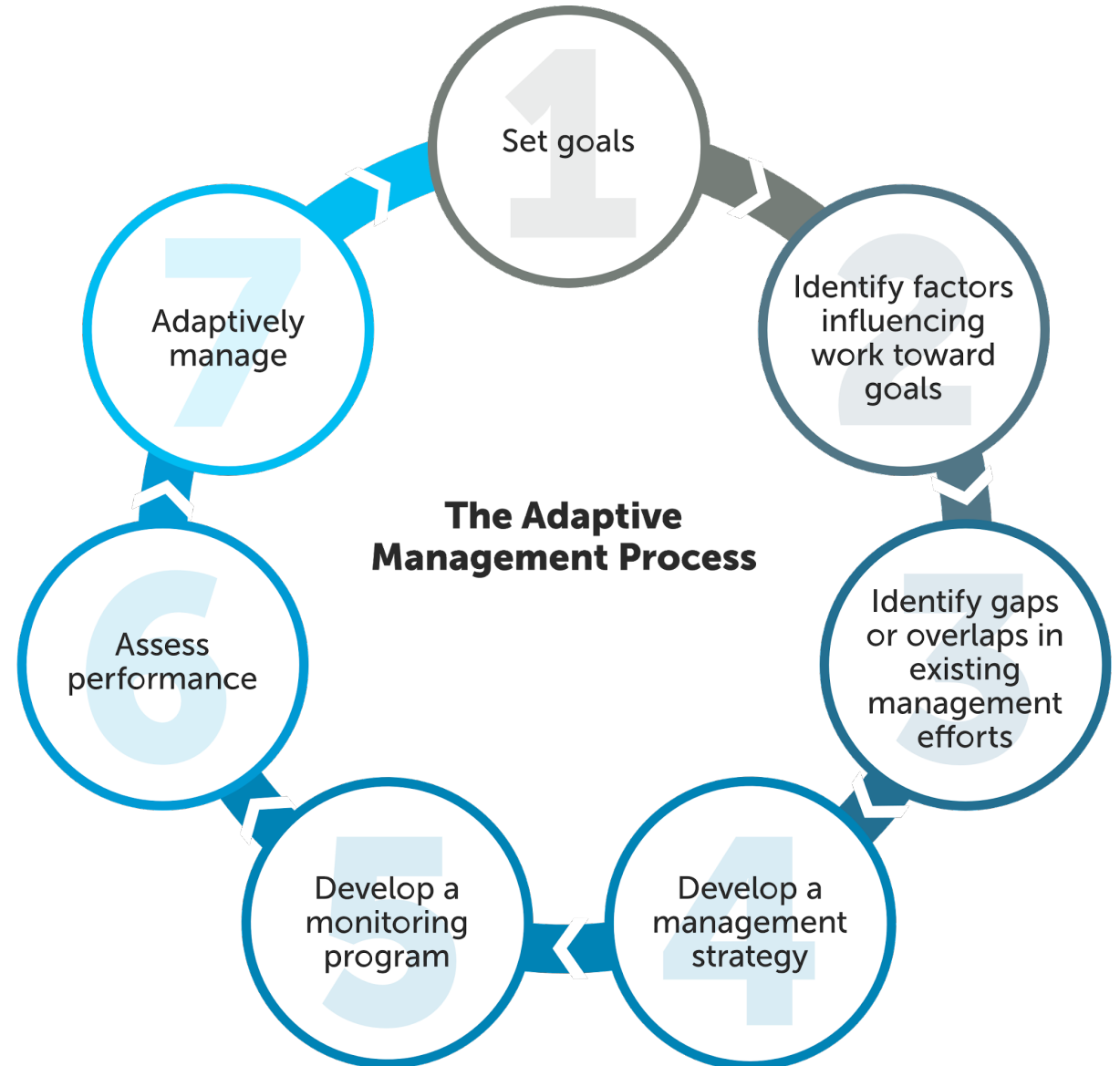
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What is SRS?



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Strategy Review System: a structured process that applies **adaptive management** to the Chesapeake Bay Program's work toward the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*.



Calendar of Cohorts: Annual/Biennial Schedule with 4 Cohorts

- Outlook Uncertain
- Outlook Off Track

2023	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
					Biennial Meeting			4 th Cycle Starts			Living Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAV • Wetlands • Brook Trout • Black Duck • Oysters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bl. Crab Abundance • Fish Passage • Fish Habitat • Forage Fish
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PROPOSED 4TH CYCLE SRS PROCESS

Revised 9/18/23



Materials





NOTE: Delete all notes in this blue color prior to finalizing your Outcome Review Summary. These comments are intended to help you draft your Outcome Review Summary.

NOTE: The Outcome Review Summary document will help you prepare for your Quarterly Progress Meeting (QPM) and will provide the Management Board with the information they need to discuss progress toward your outcome. Finalized responses to all questions in this document will be submitted to the Management Board at least two weeks prior to your QPM (Step 5 of the Strategy Review System process). You may use this document for your Dry Run in Step 4 and in your optional presentation to the MB in Steps 5b and 6.

[OUTCOME NAME]
[MONTH YEAR] QUARTERLY PROGRESS MEETING

LOOKING BACK: LEARNING FROM THE LAST TWO YEARS

NOTE: Answer the following questions three months before your QPM.

NOTE: Materials needed include your Current Logic & Action Plan/Work Plan

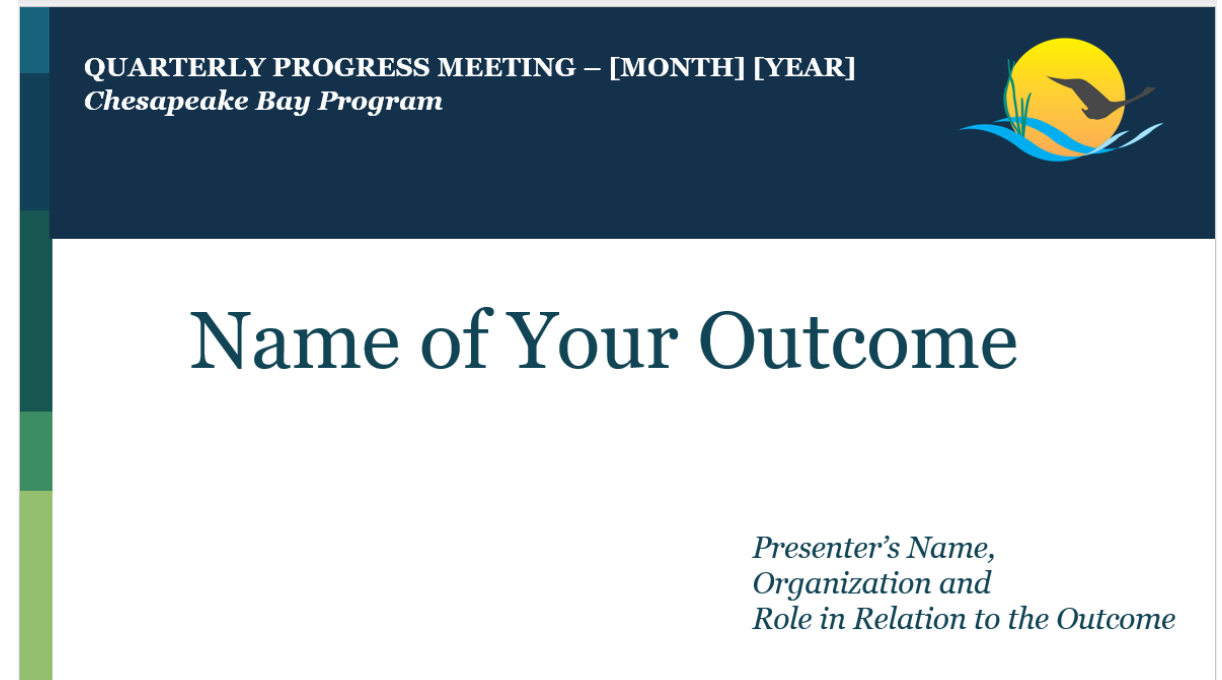
NOTE: In preparation for Step 3, review the actions in your current Logic & Action Plan and highlight each as Green/Yellow/Red according to its status. Next complete the “Looking Back: Learning from the Last Two Years” section below. It is recommended that you provide your responses to the Looking Back questions and the G/Y/R activity to STAC/STAR representatives prior to your meeting with them. This background material will inform the conversations that take place in STEP 3 (strongly recommended).

Outcome Review Summary

The Outcome Review Summary document helps outcome prepare for the Quarterly Progress Meeting (QPM) and will provide the Management Board with the information they need to discuss progress toward our outcome.

Presentation

The use of slides is optional
but can be helpful in highlight
key topics from the SRS
process



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR QPM UPDATE OPTIONS

Full Update

- 30-45 minutes total
 - 15-minute update or presentation, including introduction of any MB request or decision
 - 15-minute Q&A or discussion with MB
 - Optional: 15-minute “ask” or problem-solving/ brainstorming discussion
 - Discussion of request, problem, or decision
 - Identification & agreement on follow-up actions

Brief Update

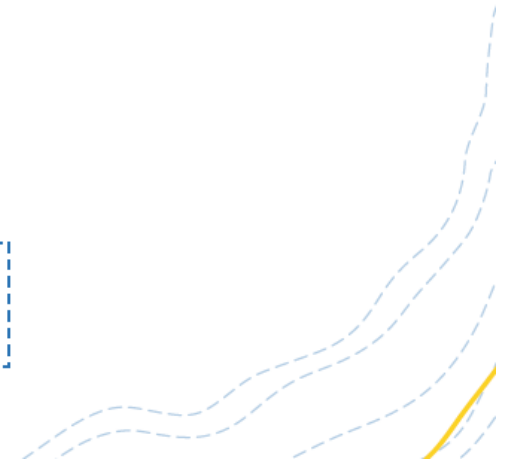
- 15 minutes total
 - 5-minute update or presentation
 - 10-minute Q&A or discussion with MB

Pass

- Don't provide a QPM update to the MB

Note: These times are recommendations only. Contact the SRS Coordinator to customize the QPM update to meet the needs of your workgroup/action team.

MB = Management Board
QPM = Quarterly Progress Meeting



Post Management Board



Illustrates the link between the factors that could impact the partnership's ability to achieve our outcome and the actions it is taking to manage them.

OUTCOME:

Long-term Target:

Two-year Target:

MANAGEMENT APPROACH 1: (Insert management approach)				
Action #	Description of Step	Responsible Party or Parties	Geographic Location	Expected Timeline
	How do we expect the action to fill the priority factor or gap? What do you expect to happen when the action is completed?	What are the goals or metrics you will use to determine the impact of your action?	How will we collect and assess the data that we want to monitor and how will we use the data?	How will we communicate the results?

Management Strategy

Update your Management Strategy if:

- your workgroup is considering a direction not currently reflected in this document
- The Management Board has provided direction that significantly changes its content (if neither of these conditions applies, the GIT should decide whether a strategy needs to be updated).
- If a strategy is updated, use the “Lessons Learned” section to highlight the changes and save as a new version.

SRS Timeline with Workgroup Engagement (Watersheds Cohort)



April 8, 2024



(Cohort notifications received in Dec and Mar)

Participate in SRS Check-In Meeting

Begin to prepare SRS documentation:

- (1) Outcome Review Summary
- (2) Assessment of current Logic & Action Plan



May 30, 2024

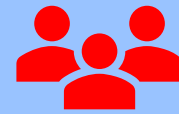
Submit SRS documentation 2 weeks before QPM



Post June 13, 2024

Develop new Logic & Action Plan for the coming 2 years

Revise Management Strategy and Workplan



Participate in optional C/S dry run

May 16, 2024



Quarterly Progress Meeting

June 13, 2024



Post revised MS and Workplan

September 5, 2024