



Management Board Meeting

September 5, 2023

Purpose: Advancing partnership priority issues leading up to the September Principals Staff Committee and 2023 Executive Council meetings.

Final Recommendations in Response to PSC Charges on CAST

The Water Quality Goal Team presented its recently approved recommendations in response to the Principals' Staff Committee's August 2022 charge to resolve actions related to the updates to the Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST)2023. The WQGIT approved: 1) Option 1 for the Phase 6 CAST update schedule; 2) the short-term, interim resolutions to fertilizer data concerns that were developed by the Fertilizer Expert Group in response to the PSC Decision #2; and 3) the Watershed Technical Workgroup's (WTWG) recommendations in response to PSC Decision #3 charge regarding illogical results (data abnormalities) and safeguards to prevent data analysis errors. Lee and team reviewed recommendations and sought final concurrence. The MB provided comments, edits and questions prior to this meeting.

- **Decision: The Management Board** agrees to the short-term interim resolutions to be moved forward to the PSC for concurrence with the manure and fertilizer eligibility concerns identified by the jurisdictions to be addressed by the Chesapeake Bay Partnership at the Ag Workgroup level prior to finalizing and releasing CAST23 with the timeframe by December 15th, 2023.
- **Decision: The Management Board** provided concurrence with the WQGIT's recommendations and to send forward to the PSC for final resolution.

Reaching 2025: Consensus on draft Report Recommendation

The Reaching 2025 Steering Committee provided a high-level overview of the comments provided to the committee's draft report and allowed for a discussion on the revised draft and next steps for this body of work.

- **Action: The Reaching 2025 Team** will seek PSC approval of the recommendations at the September 26 PSC meeting.
- **Action: Rachel Felver and Jeff Lerner** will refine the critical path forward and share the track changes version with MB based on MB feedback prior to sending the Charting the Course to 2025 Report to the PSC.

Beyond 2025: Steering Committee Updates

The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee provided an update on recent work and allowed for discussion about the stakeholder proposal.

- **Decision: The Management Board** approved the decision for a final arrangement for public and NGO participation in the Beyond 2025 work.
 - **Note:** All voting Management Board members voted a “5” on the consensus scale.
- **Action: The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee** will remove the word “co-chairs”* from the Public Stakeholder Membership and Engagement Proposal.
 - *“Delegate to the Steering Committee Co-Chairs responsibility for selecting 2 members from among the volunteers based on expertise”*
- **Action: The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee** will develop a list of products and deliverables that will come out of the Steering Committee by 2024 and share the list with the Management Board ahead of the October Management Board meeting.

Update on Revisions to the SRS Process in Advance of the start of the Fourth Cycle

The team presented an overview of the revised preparation process, materials, cohort groupings and schedule changes.

- **Action: Management Board members** will provide feedback to Sarah Brzezinski and Jeff Lerner on the revisions to the SRS process.