

Oyster Outcome Office Hours - March 2025

Friday, March 14: 10:00am - 11:00am EST

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Agenda

10:00am - 10:15am Introduction & recap

• Timeline:

o April 10: Outcome language draft due

o **TBD:** Final outcome language due

• May 7-8: MB reviews final outcome language

10:15am - 10:35pm

Discussion on Oyster Restoration Outcome Language

Draft Tidal Fish Habitat Outcome:

Continually increase finfish and shellfish habitat and water quality benefits from restored oyster populations. Restore and conserve at least 1800 acres of oyster reef habitat to achieve restoration success metrics while maintaining reefs established under the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

Outputs:

- Review and update (if necessary) reef success metrics
- Selection of focus areas
- Determine the extent to which Artificial Reef Programs can contribute to this outcome
- Focus area restoration plans/blue prints
- Oyster reef construction and seeding
- Implementation progress reports
- Oyster reef performance monitoring reports
- Explore contribution of restoration BMP to support restoration

Indicators:

- Oyster reef restoration (habitat success metrics)
- Continued evaluation of ecosystem services

10:35am - 10:55am

Discussion on Oyster Abundance Outcome Language

Continually maintain a sustainable bay-wide oyster abundance in harvest areas that supports the economy, water quality, and habitat for other species. Explore the development of abundance targets and fishery conservation measures using best available science to support sustainability.

10:55am - 11:00am