



Outcome Assessment Round One Preparation

Thursday, February 6th, 2025

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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AGENDA

10:00 – 10:05 AM Welcome, Introductions & Announcements

Meeting Background:

The Executive Council's (EC) Charge for Phase 2 activities directs the Principal Staff Committee (PSC) to complete "[r]evisions to the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement (Agreement) with modifications to the existing vision, principles, preamble, goals, and outcomes...", and to do so by December 1, 2025. To address this charge, the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) modified its Strategy Review System (SRS) process for Workgroups (WGs) and Goal Implementation Teams (GITs) to answer an overarching question ("Big Question") as means to provide advice to the Management Board (MB) on the next step to take with each Agreement Outcome. There are three MB meetings to discuss the Big Question, and the schedule for each outcome is available [here](#). During the MB meeting, each outcome will have three minutes to provide an elevator pitch in response to the Big Question. This will follow seven minutes for a Round Robin from the signatories and 10 minutes for Advisory Committee and MB members comments and facilitated discussion.

Meeting Objectives:

- Opportunity for Outcome leads to educate participants on their outcome assessment
- Opportunity for participants to familiarize themselves with major points prior to Outcome Assessment Meeting
- Discuss connections between outcomes
- This meeting is not mandatory and no decisions will be made during it

10:05 – 11:25 Outcome Assessment:

Each outcome will provide their three minute elevator pitch presentation, and there will be seven minutes between outcomes to provide feedback. If discussion is completed before the seven minutes is over, we will move on to the next outcome.

Oysters: Continually increase finfish and shellfish habitat and water quality benefits from restored oyster populations. Restore native oyster habitat and populations in 10 tributaries by 2025 and ensure their protection.

Blue Crab Abundance: Maintain a sustainable blue crab population based on the current 2012 target of 215 million adult females. Refine population targets through 2025 based on best available science.

Forage Fish: Continually improve the Partnership's capacity to understand the role of forage fish populations in the Chesapeake Bay. By 2016, develop a strategy for assessing the forage fish base available as food for predatory species in the Chesapeake Bay.

Fish Habitat: Continually improve effectiveness of fish habitat conservation and restoration efforts by identifying and characterizing critical spawning, nursery and forage areas within the Bay and tributaries for important fish and shellfish, and use existing and new tools to integrate information and conduct assessments to inform restoration and conservation efforts.

Fish Passage: Continually increase access to habitat to support sustainable migratory fish populations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed's freshwater rivers and streams. By 2025, restore historical fish migration routes by opening an additional 132 miles every two years to fish passage. Restoration success will be indicated by the consistent presence of alewife, blueback herring, American shad, hickory shad, American eel and brook trout, to be monitored in accordance with available agency resources and collaboratively developed methods.

Local Leadership: Continually increase the knowledge and capacity of local officials on issues related to water resources and in the implementation of economic and policy incentives that will support local conservation actions.

Climate Adaptation: Continually pursue, design and construct restoration and protection projects to enhance the resiliency of Bay and aquatic ecosystems from the impacts of coastal erosion, coastal flooding, more intense and more frequent storms and sea level rise.

Climate Monitoring and Assessment: Continually monitor and assess the trends and likely impacts of changing climatic and sea level conditions on the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem, including the effectiveness of restoration and protection policies, programs and projects.

11:25 – 12:00 Discussion

Open discussion on connections between outcomes, how these outcome responses may influence other outcomes in their outcome assessment, how these responses influence the future structure conversations with the partnership, etc.

12:00 PM Adjourn

Next Meeting – Based on feedback from this meeting we may restructure the agenda, so we are still waiting to finalize the times.

- *Feb 20th* (Afternoon so to not overlap with Wetland Workgroup meeting): meeting for second group of outcome assessment ([link](#)).
- *March 7th*: meeting for third group of outcome assessment ([link](#)).