



Management Board Meeting

January 16, 2020

Location: Chesapeake Bay Program Office
410 Severn Ave. Suite 109, Annapolis, MD 21403
Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)

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Agenda

- I. **Getting Started: Order of the Day and Introductions** (10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.)
Dana Aunkst, CBP Director, will review the Actions and Decisions from the December 12, 2019 Management Board meeting.
Materials:
I. Management Board Actions & Decisions, December 2019
- II. **Management Board Acceptance of Logic and Action Plans and Management Strategies** (10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)
An overview and discussion of revised and updated Logic and Action Plans and Management Strategies pursuant to their SRS progress reviews.
Decision Requested: MB acceptance of the following Logic and Action Plans:
Brook Trout, Fish Habitat, Fish Passage, Healthy Watersheds, Stream Health, Land Use Methods and Metrics, Wetlands

Decision Requested: MB acceptance of the following Management Strategies:
Healthy Watersheds, Stream Health, Land Use Methods and Metrics, Wetlands
Discussion lead: Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair
- III. **Documenting Changes to Outcomes** (10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)
An overview of a draft approach/process for how changes to Outcome language would be reflected and documented in partnership web materials.
Decision Requested: MB acceptance and recommendation of a revised Fish Passage Outcome language. Revised language:
“Continually increase available 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 ~~1,000 additional stream miles~~ **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.”

Discussion lead: Doreen Vetter (EPA) **and Dave Goshorn**

Materials:

III. Presentation

IV. Executive Council Directive Process (11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

An overview of a draft approach/process for issuing Executive Council Directives.

Action requested: A MB recommendation for PSC approval on an approach.

Discussion lead: Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair

Materials:

IV. Directive Decision-making Process

V. Executive Council Meetings: 2019 Actions and 2020 Meeting (11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

An overview and discussion on a process for addressing outstanding actions from the 2019 Executive Council (EC) meeting and a request to begin planning the 2020 EC meeting.

Discussion lead: Rachel Felver (CBP/ACB)

Materials:

V.a. Presentation

Lunch (12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

VI. Two-year Water Quality Milestones (12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

An overview and discussion about the refined language to measure and report progress on state and federal numeric milestones.

Decision requested: Approve revised language for state and federal numeric milestones.

Discussion lead: James Martin, WQGIT Chair

Materials:

VI.a. For approval: Draft Numeric Milestones language

VI.b. Draft 2020-2025 Milestones schedule

VII. Achieving Water Quality Goals in the Chesapeake Bay: An assessment of system response and science needs (1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

STAC will present their effort to identify areas where the CBP should improve our understanding of the Bay’s response to our management efforts.

Discussion leads: Brian Benham and Kurt Stephenson (STAC, Virginia Tech)

Materials:

VII. Presentation

VIII. Forest Buffer Action Team update (1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

An update from the Forest Buffer Action Team on their progress towards recommendations to promote greater forest buffer implementation.

Discussion lead: Sally Claggett (USFS) and Matt Keefer (PA DCNR), Action Team Co-chairs

Materials:

VIII. Presentation

IX. Conowingo Updates: Progress on WIP Development and MDE/Exelon Settlement

(2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

An update from the Conowingo Steering Committee on development of the Phase III Conowingo WIP, financing strategy and other progress. In addition, in October 2019, Exelon and MDE reached a tentative settlement deal on the Conowingo Dam. The settlement, if approved, would require Exelon to make a \$200 million investment in restoration and clean water practices to obtain a 50-year licensing agreement to operate the dam.

Presenters: Matt Rowe (MDE)

X. Business Meeting

(2:30 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.)

Management Board discussion about future agenda items, key issues and program updates.

- Requested action: Approve Wendy O’Sullivan (NPS) as the Stewardship GIT Chair.
- Requested action: Approve new WQGIT members and leadership.
- Future agenda items suggested by partners:
 - Region 3 engagement of agricultural community/Ag MOUs? (PA)
 - Blue Crab management presented by Tom Miller (CBC)
 - How to address where the partnership is falling behind (buffers, wetlands, etc.)
- Communications Workgroup updates – *Rachel Felter*
- Program updates
- Other Partner issues/updates

Discussion Lead: Dana Aunkst, CBP Director

Materials:

X. Program update

XI. Wrap Up and Adjourn

(2:55 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)