



Climate Change Workgroup Meeting Minutes

May 4th, 2015, 10AM – 12PM

Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room

Webpage: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/22616/>

Introductions and Announcements

- The climate change workgroup is beginning to frame the work moving forward, outlined in the draft management strategy. The public comment period closed Friday, May 1. Tasks ahead for the workgroup include sorting through the comments provided and begin planning for development of the biennial workplan due in December.
- The Climate Change Workgroup did receive approval for a STAC workshop concerning climate change projections. This workshop will focus upon finding consistency in terms of how to best elect and utilize climate projections for the Bay Program. The timeline for this workshop is likely January 2016, and as this date approaches the workshops will begin inviting participants. More information about the STAC workshops can be found [here](#).
- **ACTION:** Send out STAC proposal to workgroup
- An update on the Climate Change Coordinator position: Interviews have been completed, a candidate should be known by the end of the week (May 8).

Review of Management Approach and Public Comments

[Attachment A](#), [Attachment B](#)

- The management strategy addressed outcomes for both monitoring & assessment and adaptation as part of climate resilience.
- Public comments submitted regarding the climate resilience management strategy were addressed by the workgroup. The comments will be incorporated into revisions for the management strategy, for which more information can be found at the webpage for revisions. This webpage will be posted once the strategies are released again following approval by the management board.
 - **ACTION:** USGS has offered to contribute information from studies regarding past drought, temperature extremes and rates of sea level rise.

NOAA Chesapeake Bay Sentinel Site Cooperative (*Sasha Land – MDNR, Maryland Coastal Training Program*)

[Attachment C](#)

- Sasha reviewed the structure and mission of the CB Sentinel Site Cooperative, as well as the cooperative's core functions throughout the Bay region.
- CBSSC will be considering applications through June 1 for a coordinator position.
- The Cooperative is primarily focused upon sea level and inundation. More information about the Cooperative can be found [here](#).

Climate Adaptation and Monitoring & Assessment 2 Year Workplans – Zoe Johnson, MDNR

[Attachment D](#), [Attachment E](#)

- The final management strategy is due to the management board by May 22
- June 30-Dec 30 is the timeline to complete the Biennial Workplan, for which there is a template provided by the management board.
- Workgroup members will need to take on key action steps because of limited time of workgroup leadership and there only being a single climate change coordinator position. Action steps may need to be specifically outlined to better explain how the management approach will be completed
- Further meetings may need to be a bit longer, with the possibility of a day long workshop to begin fleshing out the workplan with management actions. **ACTION:** Zoe to send out a poll for a workshop to be held in June.
- The first order of business is to finish addressing public comments and make final edits for submittal to the management board.