



**Management Board Meeting
November 14, 2019
Actions/Decisions**

Actions from the “Aquatic Life” Quarterly Progress Meeting

Upcoming actions for Management Board members highlighted in **blue**.

Request	Agreed Partner action	Due date and Responsible Party
Blue Crab Abundance		
Continue to support science and research needs for blue crab population assessment and management	<p>Signatories who are committed to the <i>Blue Crab Abundance</i> outcome will continue to support science and research needs for blue crab population assessment and management. Management Board members will ensure that appropriate decision makers within their jurisdiction are aware of the value of blue crab monitoring and research to continued management of the species.</p> <p>There may be alignment with the National Park Service in creating an e-reporting/mobile tracking app. There will be an initial meeting between the Sustainable Fisheries Executive Committee and NPS MB representatives. Since additional outcomes may be interested, this will also be a topic of discussion at a future GIT Chairs meeting.</p> <p>Cohort will discuss science needs at Dec. STAR meeting. Tom Miller (UMCES) will be invited to this meeting.</p>	<p>MB members committed to Blue Crab Outcome</p> <p>GIT 1 Executive Committee and NPS MB representatives</p> <p>December STAR meeting</p>

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Modeling and analytical training for staff <i>*See Common request #2 below</i>	EPA region 3 staff offer training and are interested in providing this training to CBPO staff. Bill Jenkins (EPA) will work with region 3 staff to schedule training. Bill Jenkins will first check with GIT 1 Executive Committee staff on specifics and then work with EPA to schedule appropriate training if available	GIT 1 Executive Committee and Bill Jenkins (EPA)
Identify future funding sources for analytical work		
Potential links with habitat and climate outcomes <i>*See Common Request #1 below</i>	CBPO modeling team interested in collaborating to investigate climate change and blue crabs.	Not assigned
Forage Fish		
Linking forage indicators to other relevant CBP workgroups/outcomes (e.g. habitat, water quality)	<p>There is concern that there is insufficient data on nearshore habitats in general, and forage use of those habitats in particular, but that there are a diverse variety of programs collecting additional nearshore data that could be useful to the Bay Program's efforts, if made available and better coordinated. To address this:</p> <p>STAR and the forage fish workgroup will</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. identify where there is monitoring, mapping, and nearshore data being collected outside of the forage fish workgroup efforts (for example, university, citizens and government monitoring programs). 2. based on the above, geographically identify priority action areas for nearshore monitoring. This could be accomplished through a mapping exercise. 3. STAR will then host a meeting which will include other Outcomes with interests in shallow water monitoring, especially those which act as habitat for forage species, present the above, and generate a list of recommendations back to the MB on next steps. 	Dec 12: STAR will report back to MB on proposed timeline
Prioritize and support monitoring of nearshore habitats to estimate forage fish productivity <i>*See Common request #1 below</i>	Addressed above	

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Analytical training opportunities <i>*See Common request #2 below</i>	December 17 STAR meeting: identify training needs and potential opportunities.	Jan. 6: share feedback with MB Jan 16: STAR will report back at MB meeting
Oysters		
The major barrier to success is funding	Sarah Diebel (DOD) will connect with Sean Corson (NOAA) to discuss how the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program could be used to aid oyster restoration.	Dec 12: Report back to MB on proposed timeline.
Continued commitment from both Maryland and Virginia to be successful	Signatories who are committed to the <i>Oysters</i> outcome continue to support the partnership's restoration goals.	N/A
Applaud GIT approval of restoration and aquaculture BMPs and encourage their use	Sean Corson (NOAA) will meet with Rachel Felver (CBP Communications Director) to identify "digestible, memorable bites" for sharing oyster success stories. These success stories could be tied to the CBP's current branding efforts.	Dec 12: Report back to MB on proposed timeline.
SAV		
SAV workgroup will provide the MB a summary of a GIT funding project review of policies, statutes and regulations that protect SAV in the Chesapeake Bay.	March or April presentation to MB. Before then, Matt Fleming (MD DNR) will organize a small meeting of PRFC, USACE, and the appropriate regulatory reps from DC, MD, and VA to review recommendations. MB members will provide appropriate contacts to Matt by January MB meeting.	March or April 2020 USACE, DC, MD, and VA MB representatives January MB meeting
Continue to support efforts to reduce nutrient and sediment pollution to the Bay.	SAV workgroup will identify resilient, long-term SAV beds for protection. Modeling Workgroup will then provide estimated watershed sub-basins that most influence the SAV beds. Lew Linker (EPA) and Brooke Landry (DNR) will report a plan of action to the Management Board at their December meeting.	December 12 MB meeting Lew Linker (EPA) and Brooke Landry (DNR) in consultation with SAV WG and Modeling WG
Consider the implications of competing goals related to shallow water uses.	Topic of discussion at future GIT Chairs meeting. Relevant workgroup chairs will be invited to this meeting.	March or June GIT Chairs meeting

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		Brooke Landry (MD DNR) and Kristin Saunders (UMCES)
Common requests		
#1: Nearshore habitat monitoring, shoreline hardening	Representatives from this cohort (and a few other workgroups) will meet with the SRS Planning Team to figure out next steps. This could be a topic of discussion at a future GIT chairs meeting.	November 21 SRS Planning Team meeting Dec. 12 MB meeting: Report out on proposed next steps
#2: Analytical training for staff	Discussion of training needs at December 17 STAR meeting.	December 17

Microplastic STAC workshop report presentation

- Decision: The Management Board (MB) decided that the STAC Microplastics Report should be elevated to the Principals' Staff Committee for their awareness of this emerging concern and to discuss plastics reduction strategies that states and/or local governments could enact.
- Action: The creation of a Management Board sanctioned microplastics action team will be discussed at a STAR meeting in early 2020. Available staff time to contribute to the action team should also be discussed at a future CBP GIT coordinators and staffers meeting. The action team will determine the scope of the microplastics ecological risk assessment.
- Note: DC will be the MB champion for microplastics.

Business Meeting

- Decision: Due to the high number of documents under review, the signatory and public review period for the following logic and action plans and management strategies has been extended to January 3, 2020.
 - Logic and action plans: brook trout, fish habitat, fish passage, healthy watersheds, stream health, wetlands, land use and methods
 - Management strategies: healthy watersheds, stream health, wetlands, land use and methods
- Action: Management Board staff are drafting a letter on the milestone workgroup products so that MB members may provide comments on the letter and then discuss the letter at the December meeting.