

8-1-13 Joint DFIW/Coordinator/Staffer Mtg:

ATTENDANCE:

- Carl Hershner
- Jeremy Hanson
- Greg Barranco
- Mike Fritz
- Nita Sylvester
- Lauren Taneyhill
- Tim Wilke
- Lucinda Power
- Mike Land
- Emilie Franke
- Amy Handen
- Hannah Martin
- Greg Allen
- John Wolf
- Carin Bisland

Purpose of Mtg:

Discuss Adaptive Management article in the July/Aug Bay Journal to help frame a discussion of steps moving forward as we prepare to develop (and/or refine) management strategies for outcomes in the Bay Watershed Agreement.

Mtg Materials:

July/Aug Bay Journal article

http://www.bayjournal.com/article/adaptive_management_aims_to_take_ambiguity_out_of_cleanup_goals)

“Key Elements of CB Watershed Agreement Management Strategies” (document provided for the 7/10/13 MB retreat

[http://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/18756/management_strategies_draft_elements\(2\)_07_10_13_mb.pdf](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/18756/management_strategies_draft_elements(2)_07_10_13_mb.pdf)).

NOTES:

BAY JOURNAL ARTICLE DISCUSSION – ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

- Nita: The article was pursued by Carl Hershner in order for the broader community to have a better idea of what adaptive management and the decision framework is and how it is affecting and driving the CBP partnership. Karl Blankenship interviewed Carl, Carin and Nick to gather info needed to write the article.
- Nita: I think there is some stuff in that article that will motivate us and help clarify things for us. Here's what stood out in the article for me:
 - The suspicion that many of the outcomes are unrealistic and may need to be modified and adapted in coming years.
 - Carin's quote that we have lots of the pieces already. It's the way we manage those pieces that needs to change. It shows there needs to be more rigor in the documentation and follow-thru.
- Carin: Tough politically to get agreement on adaptive management
- Greg B: I'm afraid of future monitoring budgets.
- Carl: Greg I agree. And it highlights the necessity to quickly identify monitoring problems and address them. MB and PSC and all the stakeholder groups need to come to terms to a focus on monitoring.
- Carin: Good point, likely they will need to take money away from other functions and put more money toward monitoring.
- Carl: Monitoring is not just another category of activities that is ongoing. Monitoring will tell you if all your other work is having any value or affect. Help determine what to continue, what is most effective, and how often to do certain BMPs.
- Monitoring is so closely tied to outcomes. Crucial to operations here at CBP.
- Carl: in everything intended – the human factors are the ones that will be omnipresent. We haven't put a lot of intention to inform/educate/motivate various groups in order to allow a lot of these things to be achieved.
- Carl: that would be the primary reason we don't succeed in lots of areas – we need to focus on social and economic indicators
- Nita: October timeframe when that final draft is going out for public review?
- Nita: Once outcomes are mostly set in stone it's time to get serious and focus on developing the management strategies and during the management strategy development we should draw from decision framework and adaptive management.
- Nita: Members of the DFIW are available to aid groups with the development of their management strategies.
- On our website under DFIW click on projects/resources tab
(http://www.chesapeakebay.net/groups/group/decision_framework_implementation_workgroup)
- Carl: we were able to develop some strawman arguments, we would be more than anxious to work with the staffers when necessary to help advance the process.