**Evaluating Preliminary GIT Goal Statements**

GIT 6 developed the following evaluation questions to allow for the MB to provide specific feedback to GIT chairs at the June 13th Management Board meeting.

The MB will review these questions and suggest any additions or modifications. Final questions will be used to guide the discussion of GIT goal statements at the next Management Board meeting.

1. **Is the Goal Statement Clear? (Explanation would refer to the DFIW guidance on goal statements)[[1]](#footnote-1)**
2. **Is it important to my jurisdiction/fed agency/advisory committee and how? (e.g. jurisdictional priority, EC commitment, EO outcome)**
3. **Is it more easily achieved through partner collaboration? (Does it require multiple partner collaboration/ commitment or would it benefit from exchange of information?)**
4. **Are additional goal statements needed for a fully restored bay?**
5. **Other questions? (based on MB feedback & discussion)**
1. **Note: Articulating Program Goals**
Purpose: Without an explicit, unambiguous goal it is impossible to know precisely what is being sought and therefore whether any of the planned activities are justified.
Key characteristics: The goal statement should identify a measurable outcome. Preferably it should be realistic and attainable within a practical time period. But there is no reason it cannot be aspirational. The key is that it must be explicit. Terms like “healthy” or “sustainable” or “natural” are open to endless debate, and therefore not particularly useful in goal statements. If they are used, it is essential that there be an accompanying statement that defines them in terms of measurable parameters. For example, “clean” waters might be defined as those meeting all water quality standards, “natural” conditions might be defined as specific parameters matching those in a particular reference site.
The goal statement should be sufficiently explicit, or well enough defined, that anyone reading it would have no doubt about what the aspiration is. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)