



Management Board Meeting April 12, 2018

Actions/Decisions

Welcome and Introductions

- Updates from the March Management Board meeting:
 - Lorna Rosenberg (EPA) agreed to chair the Sustainable Schools workgroup.
 - After incorporating recommended edits from the Management Board, the sustainable schools team completed the letter in support of the Green Ribbon schools program, which is in transit to the PSC. The letter should be on the June 1 PSC agenda.
 - The twelve “Multiple Benefits” fact sheets are final and posted on the CBP website, along with a presentation for all partners to use.
- Note: EPA plans to issue an expectations document for the jurisdictions’ Phase III WIPs by the end of April [note: this date changed since the meeting]. The document will be transmitted to the PSC and Management Board and then posted on the Bay website with a blog post. There will not be a press event, but CBPO staff will be available to answer questions. EPA will issue a separate expectations document for the federal agencies in the next few weeks.
- Note: A date for finalizing local area planning goals has not been set; however, jurisdiction representatives indicated a fall deadline would likely be feasible.
- Note: Congress passed an omnibus funding bill for fiscal year 2018. EPA received \$73 million (the same level as FY17) for support to the Bay Program. The budget includes language emphasizing that the CBP federal agencies continue to be co-located in Annapolis. Federal agencies other than the EPA have not received their final budgets but in many cases expect their funding to remain the same.
- **Action:** Kristin Saunders will share the calendar invitation for a May 7 USACE meeting on their Comprehensive Plan and the webinar recording for the previous meeting. Public comment on the USACE Comprehensive Plan will open on May 31. The plan could be a good Management Board agenda item in June.
- **Action:** Scott Phillips (USGS) will share with the Management Board a recently-published USGS published report: The Potential Effects of Unconventional Oil and Gas Development on Eastern Brook Trout (April 2018). (<https://chesapeake.usgs.gov/sciencesummary-brooktroutandUOG.html>)

Environmental Education Directive Adoption

- **Decision:** The Management Board recommended the Environmental Education Directive to the PSC for Executive Council (EC) consideration and signature at the 2018 EC meeting. Following precedent, EPA’s signature will be on behalf of all the federal agencies.
- Note: Shannon Sprague and others will work with West Virginia and New York representatives to develop language amenable to those states that would make it possible for their EC members

to sign the directive even though they do not participate on the Environmental Literacy outcome.

Diversity Update and EJ Screen-*Chesapeake* Demonstration

- **Note:** As requested during their Quarterly Progress Meeting, the Diversity Workgroup received updates on DEI/EJ efforts from all the jurisdictions except Pennsylvania and Virginia (those updates are expected soon). These updates helped the Diversity Workgroup assess opportunities for progress towards achieving their outcome. Darius Stanton, CRC, walked through pilot projects for the EJ-Screen-*Chesapeake* tool. For example, the tool could help determine where public access signs should be displayed in multiple languages and where coastal vulnerability intersects with a high density of underserved communities.
- **Action:** The Chesapeake Research Consortium (CRC) and Diversity Workgroup are currently seeking candidates for summer internships. Please share with your networks.

Status of Final Workplans and Management Strategies

- **Decision:** The Management Board accepts as complete the following revised workplans: Forage Fish, Brook Trout, Fish Habitat, Oyster, Citizen Stewardship, Healthy Watersheds, Public Access, and SAV.
- **Action:** Management Board members agreed to update their jurisdictions'/federal agencies' Outcome Participation Table entries for those outcomes that have completed their SRS reviews and for which the Management Board accepted as revised. A participation chart will be distributed for completion by the May 10 Management Board meeting.
- **Decision:** The Management Board charged GIT 6 to work with the Diversity, Blue Crab, Stream Health, Protected Lands, and Fish Passage workgroups to finalize revisions to their management strategies and workplans no later than July 1 and return to the Management Board with a recommendation for acceptance.
- **Decision:** The Management Board agreed that all management strategies need to be updated and revised so they are consistent with their new workplans. Specifically, the following changes should be made: 1) update to "version 2"; 2) add a "lessons learned" section; and 3) update "factors, gaps and approaches" (and other sections as needed).
- **Note:** GIT 6 will work with the Outcome leads to update strategies as per description and come back by July 1 with recommendation for acceptance. Management strategies will not undergo public review, since all changes will be based on revisions already observed during public review of the workplans.

Challenges facing the Communications Workgroup

- **Decision:** To help the Management Board gain a better understanding of the issues and challenges facing the Communications Workgroup and to better engage MB members in communications issues, the Workgroup will begin to highlight (at the beginning of MB meetings) needed partner input or support for challenges and communication rollouts.
- **Action:** The Management Board charged GIT 6 with evaluating the Communications Workgroup's eligibility for receiving GIT funding without being sponsored by an outcome workgroup.

Program Update

- **Action:** The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), as required by their EPA grant agreement, recently initiated an independent third-party evaluation of the Small Watershed Grants Program (SWG), whose focus is to advance community-based conservation efforts across the watershed in support of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. NFWF is seeking to reengage the SWG Evaluation Advisory Committee (comprised of GIT Chairs and jurisdictions' MB leads) at an initial Milestone Meeting in early May to further refine the specific methods and approaches for the evaluation. The next meeting will provide an opportunity to influence the key questions and methodological approaches. It is NFWF's intention that the outcomes and recommendations from the evaluation will frame not only NFWF's ongoing administration of the SWG program, but also complementary efforts of GITs and jurisdictions to advance community-based approaches to WIP and Watershed Agreement implementation. NFWF will send a scheduling email to solicit availability of Advisory Committee members in mid-April and asks that recipients respond quickly with availability to participate.