



Chesapeake Bay Program
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Management Board Meeting July 12, 2018

Actions/Decisions

Getting Started: Order of the Day and Introductions

- **Note:** The Management Board thanks Michael Slattery for his time on the Management Board as he transitions to a new role focusing on the Delaware River Basin at the Fish and Wildlife Service. Looking forward, Genevieve LaRouche and Jennifer Greiner will represent the Fish and Wildlife Service at the Management Board.
- **Note:** Kevin Du Bois is the new Chesapeake Coordinator at DOD and will be the alternate DOD representative on the Management Board.

Review of Draft PSC Actions & Decisions

- **Action:** Management Board members reviewed and provided suggestions on the draft July 9 PSC actions and decisions. The revised document will be sent to the PSC chair for approval and then distributed to the PSC for concurrence.
- **Action:** EPA will work with the PSC chair to close the loop with New York on their “stand aside” position (per the Consensus Continuum) on the Phase 6 model.
- **Action:** Barry Frantz and CBPO management will work together to discuss and resolve USDA’s request to remove the word “federal” from the EC Agricultural Directive.

Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative MOU

- **Note:** The draft Monitoring Cooperative MOU was not ready in time to share with the MB review for the July meeting. So, the CMC team will return to the MB in August to seek final approval of the MOU and advance it to the PSC in the fall.

Responding to Requests from May Quarterly Progress Meeting

- **Action:** Jurisdiction MB members want to understand availability of mercury data before committing to trend analysis and synthesis of information. Therefore, the jurisdictions will work with the TCW and STAR to inventory mercury data and potential for trend analyses.
- **NOTE:** In May, the Toxics Contaminants Workgroup requested a new management strategy for the Toxics Contaminants Policy and Prevention outcome. The Toxics Contaminants Workgroup requested: a PCB consortium approach that would explore the feasibility, value and sustainability of the consortium; a CBP Partnership decision on whether and how to support the consortium; and if supported, map out an approach. If approved, the exploratory team will summarize its findings and report back to the Management Board approximately December 2018. A few MB members expressed concern that they needed more time to review the resources and staffing that would be required to move this forward. The Toxics Contaminants Workgroup could, if requested, provide more detail on the resources required.
- **Action:** The Management Board agreed to give jurisdictions two weeks to review the PCB Consortium Development materials with their appropriate staff and colleagues. CBPO staff will

follow up with the MB for any additional questions/comments. By July 26. If time allows, a short discussion will be added to the August MB meeting agenda.

Status of Final Workplans and Management Strategies

- **Decision:** The Management Board accepts as complete the following revised *workplans*: Protected Lands, Fish Passage, SAV, Blue Crab (Abundance & Management), Environmental Literacy Planning, Student, and Sustainable Schools. The Diversity workplan is still resolving some jurisdictional comments. The Stream Health workplan is still under review with their workgroup chair.
- **Decision:** The Management Board accepts as complete the following revised *management strategies*: Protected Lands, Oyster, Diversity, Environmental Literacy Planning, Student, and Sustainable Schools. The following revised management strategies have been received and are pending review: Fish Passage, Blue Crab, Forage Fish, Citizen Stewardship, and Public Access. The following revised management strategies are expected to be submitted soon: Healthy Watersheds, Fish Habitat, Stream Health, Brook Trout, and SAV.

Update on CBP Communications Office Strategic Plan

- **Note:** Rachel Felver, CBP Communications Director, provided the Management Board with an update on the activities taken by the CBP Communications Office in the past year to meet the goals and recommendations laid out in the 2016 – 2021 CBPO Strategic Communications Plan. Challenges include staffing concerns, the midpoint assessment, planning for the Phase III WIPs, as well as normal business including the Bay Barometer and the Executive Council meeting. Goals center around internal communications, outreach and communications, and public knowledge and perception.

Changes to Watershed Agreement Goals and Outcomes

- **Decision:** The Management Board agreed that the previously approved process for changing goals and outcomes should be made with the utmost respect for maintaining the integrity of the 2014 Watershed Agreement and that: changes to goals are ultimately taken to the Executive Council; changes to outcomes are taken to the PSC. The MB also recognized that EC Directives can be used to further develop policies and actions that support the goals and outcomes of the current agreement.
- **Action:** The SRS Planning Team will reconvene to revise the process graphic and address MB members' feedback, including changing "public comment" to "public input" to match the language used in the Watershed Agreement.
- **Action:** If MB members have suggestions on revisions to the Changes to Goals and Outcomes graphic, they should send them by August 3 to Dave Goshorn (david.goshorn@maryland.gov).

Governance of the Partnership

- **Action:** Final revisions to the Governance Document will be made between July 12 and September 5. A copy of the revised Governance Document, with a single set of track changed revisions, will be distributed to MB members by July 30 for comments. The final, revised Governance Document will be shared with Management Board members on September 5 and approval of the revisions will be requested at the September 13 MB meeting.