



Chesapeake Bay Program  
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## Management Board Meeting January 16, 2020

### Actions/Decisions

#### Logic and Action Plans and Management Strategies

- **Decision:** The Management Board (MB) accepted as complete the following Logic and Action Plans: Brook Trout, Fish Habitat, Fish Passage, Healthy Watersheds, Stream Health, Land Use Methods and Metrics, Wetlands.
- **Decision:** The MB accepted as complete the following Management Strategies: Healthy Watersheds, Stream Health, Land Use Methods and Metrics, Wetlands.
- **Action:** CBP staff will send out an email asking each partner to verify their intention to participate in each of these outcomes in the next two-year period.

#### Documenting Changes to Outcomes

- **Decision:** The MB approved the change in Fish Passage outcome to, “Continually increase available access to habitat to support sustainable migratory fish populations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed’s freshwater rivers and streams. By 2025, restore historical fish migration routes by opening ~~1,000 additional stream miles~~ **an additional 132 miles every two years to fish passage**. Restoration success will be indicated by the consistent presence of alewife, blueback herring, American shad, hickory shad, American eel and brook trout, to be monitored in accordance with available agency resources and collaboratively developed methods.”
- **Note:** GIT 6 has agreed to document the decision to change an outcome on ChesapeakeDecisions, reflect the change on ChesapeakeProgress and Chesapeakebay.net, provide links to the relevant decision, and include record of the original outcome language.

#### Executive Council (EC) Directive Process

- **Decision:** The MB recommended the following language to the Principals’ Staff Committee (PSC):

##### **Process for Issuance of Executive Council directives:**

EC directives specify the will of the EC on future actions that the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership should undertake. EC directives do not necessarily represent a commitment of resources by any individual EC member, but rather define the collective desire of the EC for work by the partnership.

Proposed EC directives are first submitted to MB for approval. If approved by the MB, the directive is then forwarded to the PSC for approval. The proposed directive must be received by the PSC at least 2 weeks in advance of the PSC meeting at which it will be discussed. After discussion, all PSC members will be polled for the record on a) their EC member’s position on issuance of the directive as per the CBP Consensus Continuum and, b) their EC member’s commitment to sign the directive no less than one month in advance of the EC meeting.

In all cases, EC member signatures only are permitted on EC directives. Designee signatures are not allowed.

If the PSC approves the directive ***unanimously***:

- If at least seven of the nine EC member signatures have been obtained one month in advance of the EC meeting, the directive may still be issued at the EC meeting without all nine signatures. The missing signature(s) may be obtained either at the EC meeting or up to two months after the meeting. If the missing signature(s) are still not obtained two months after the EC meeting, the directive will be considered final and the unsigned signature lines will be struck from the document.
- If less than seven of the nine EC member signatures are obtained one month in advance of the EC meeting, the directive will ***not*** be issued.

If the PSC approves the directive ***without unanimity*** as per the Consensus Continuum (i.e. not all members support the directive, but no member “Holds” or “Stops” the directive) with a minimum of seven EC members willing to sign the directive, the directive may still move forward for signature by those members who support its issuance at the EC meeting. Signatures of all seven or eight EC members who agreed to sign it must be obtained one month in advance of the EC meeting or the directive is not issued.”

#### **Executive Council Meeting**

- **Decision**: The MB recommended the PSC approve the request to begin planning for the 2020 Executive Council meeting.

#### **Two-year Water Quality Milestones**

- **Action**: The MB approved the revised language for state and federal numeric milestones and recommended the language and schedule to the PSC for their approval.

#### **Forest Buffer Action Team update**

- **Action**: The MB recommended the Forest Buffer Action Team present their ideas to the PSC at the January 24 meeting and then return to the PSC with more specific detail on their plan.

#### **Business Meeting**

- **Decision**: The MB approved Wendy O’Sullivan (NPS) as the Stewardship GIT Chair.
- **Decision**: The MB approved the new Water Quality GIT leadership and members, which includes James Martin (VA DEQ) and Ed Dunne (DC DOEE) as co-chairs and Jason Keppler (MDA) as vice-chair.
- The Communications Workgroup is in search of new leadership and is seeking a representative for West Virginia.
- The CBP is offering webinars on Community-Based Social Marketing training on February 26, March 25, and April 22. Contact Rachel Felver (rfelver@chesapeakebay.net).
- As a follow-up to the Aquatic Life SRS cohort Quarterly Progress Meeting:
  - STAR discussed near shore monitoring needs. While all the needs are nearshore related, STAR discovered there is little overlap between the distinct needs.
  - GIT 1 and DOD continue to work on ways to integrate REPI funding into oyster recovery.
- The MB thanks Sarah Diebel (DOD) for her dedication to advancing the work of the CBP.