

Overview of the Midpoint Assessment Outlook Calendars

Schedule for PSC Decisional Meetings

The following three PSC decisional meetings are the primary drivers of the decision-making schedule for the Management Board and the WQGIT on key Midpoint Assessment priorities. Webinars (see pages 2-3 of this document) and additional briefings will be scheduled in preparation of these decisional meetings. Please refer to the more detailed outlook calendar for additional information on specific topics and dates.

December TBD 2016 Principals' Staff Committee Meeting

Based on recommendations from the WQGIT and the Management Board at their October and November 2016 meetings, we are seeking **DECISIONS** from the PSC members on the:

- Proposed **Phase III WIP planning targets methodology**;
- Recommended **allocation of the additional nutrient and sediment loads coming over Conowingo Dam** due to the Conowingo Reservoir reaching its capacity to trap nutrients and sediments;
- Proposed **climate change assessment procedures**;
- Proposed **ranges of options for if, when and how to factor climate change considerations into the jurisdictions Phase III WIPs** with decisions in spring 2017 informed by the outcomes of the proposed climate change assessment procedures; and

A **presentation** will also be provided by the Co-Chairs of the Partnership's Local Area Planning Targets Task Force on preliminary recommendations for expressing local planning goals in the jurisdictions' Phase III WIPs.

Late May TBD 2017 Principals' Staff Committee Retreat

Based on recommendations from the WQGIT and the Management Board at their March and April 2017 meetings, we are seeking **DECISIONS** from the PSC members on:

- Management Board's proposed **draft Phase III WIP planning targets**;
- **Approval of the Phase 6 suites of Partnership models** and other decision support tools for management application by the Partnership and the individual partners based on resolution any identified fatal flaws in the Phase 6 suite of modeling tools;
- Partnership's **Local Area Planning Targets Task Force recommendations** on options for developing local area targets in the Phase III WIPs and what will be factored into the final Phase III WIP expectations;
- How to fully **offset the additional nutrient and sediment loads coming over Conowingo Dam** due to the Conowingo Reservoir reaching its capacity to trap nutrients and sediments; and
- **If, when, and how to incorporate climate change considerations into the Phase III WIPs** as the partners work on the draft Phase III WIP planning targets due in June 2017.
- Proposed **approach to ensuring all future new pollutant loads are offset**.

A **presentation** will also be provided on the Management Board's recommended final feedback to EPA on the draft final Phase III WIP expectations and EPA's proposed final Phase III WIP expectations.

December TBD 2017 Principals' Staff Committee Meeting

The Partnership will have six months to review the draft Phase III WIP planning targets between when they are released in June 2017 and when they are finalized in December 2017. During this 6-month period, the Partnership will have the opportunity to request and see the results of model scenarios and programmatic

analyses that will inform the development of the final planning targets. We are seeking a **PSC decision** on the **final Phase III WIP planning targets in December 2017**.

Presentations will also be provided to PSC members from (1) each jurisdiction on their progress in developing and conducting local engagement strategies as part of their Phase III WIP development; and (2) the WQGIT chair on the final sets of jurisdictional and source sector Midpoint Assessment Profiles.

[Midpoint Assessment Webinars](#)

[September 2016 Webinar topics for Upcoming Partnership MPA Decisions](#)

- **WEBINAR** by the WQGIT's Land Use Workgroup Chair and Coordinator on the rolling review of the Phase 6 land use dataset, including the overall schedule of when state and local jurisdictions can expect to receive their specific datasets and the tools available to assist them in their review.

[October 2016 Webinar Topics for Upcoming Partnership MPA Decisions](#)

- **WEBINAR** by a team of Conowingo experts, convened by the STAR Team and its Modeling Workgroup, on the lower Susquehanna River watershed and Conowingo Dam and Reservoir monitoring trends and early model scenario results to more fully understand the impacts to Chesapeake Bay water quality changes from the loss of the Dam's trapping capacity. A presentation from the Modeling Workgroup on the proposed further assessment of Bay water quality impacts from Conowingo infill using the Partnership's Phase 6 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model and Chesapeake Bay Water Quality/Sediment Transport Model. This combination of enhanced modeling capability and explanation of long term monitoring trends will help inform upcoming Partnership decisions on Phase III WIP planning targets and expectations to offset additional loads from Conowingo Dam. This webinar is in preparation for the October 24-25, 2016 WQGIT meeting.
- **WEBINAR** by the STAR Team's Modeling Workgroup and Climate Resiliency Workgroup Co-Chairs and Coordinators on recent climate change analyses for sea level rise projections, projected changes in water column temperatures, estimates for tidal wetland inundation, and the changes in the climatology and hydrology in the watershed. These analyses will help inform future Partnership policy decisions on if, when, and how to factor climate change considerations into the jurisdictions' Phase III WIPs. This webinar is in preparation for the October 24-25, 2016 WQGIT meeting.

[January 2017 Webinar Topics for Upcoming Partnership MPA Decisions](#)

- **WEBINAR** by the Modeling Workgroup on the Partnership's full suite of Phase 6 models and other supporting decision support tools.
- **WEBINAR:** Review of the BMPs approved by the Partnership during 2015-2016, the BMP expert panels scheduled for 2017, and the remaining Partnership proposed and prioritized BMPs waiting to be assigned to expert panels.
- **WEBINAR** by the STAR's Integrated Trends Analysis Team Co-Chairs presenting the latest findings from the ongoing work on explaining the long terms water quality trends observed throughout the Bay's watershed and the Bay's tidal waters.
- **WEBINAR** by EPA presenting the draft Phase III WIP expectations.

[February 2017 Webinar Topics for Upcoming Partnership MPA Decisions](#)

- **WEBINAR** by the Modeling Workgroup on how the Partnership is simulating and assessing lag times related to nitrogen in groundwater and phosphorus storage in soils.

- **WEBINAR** by the Local Area Planning Targets Task Force Co-Chairs on the Task Force's final recommendations on options for local planning goals in the Phase III WIPs.
- **WEBINAR** by the WQGIT's Land Use Workgroup Chair and Coordinator on the potential use of 2025 forecasted conditions for use in development the Phase III WIPs to ensure new pollutant loads continue to be offset through 2025 and beyond. This also includes a discussion of the forecasting methodology that is currently in place for the two-year milestone process and that would be used for establishing the 2025 forecasted conditions. This webinar is in preparation for the October 24-25, 2016 WQGIT meeting.

March 2017 Webinar Topics for Upcoming Partnership MPA Decisions

- **WEBINAR** by the Modeling Workgroup Co-Chairs on the fatal flaw review period of the Phase 6 suite of Partnership modeling tools.
- **WEBINAR** by the STAR Modeling Workgroup Co-Chairs presenting the findings from the further analyses of the effects of lower Susquehanna River watershed, Conowingo Dam and reservoir nutrient and sediment loads on upper Chesapeake Bay water quality.
- **WEBINAR** by the STAR Climate Resiliency Workgroup Co-Chairs presenting the findings from the full suite of climate change scenarios run following the Partnership approved assessment procedures.

July 2017 Webinar Topics for Upcoming Partnership MPA Decisions

- **WEBINAR** by the STAR's Integrated Trends Analysis Team Co-Chairs presenting the latest findings from the ongoing work on explaining the long terms water quality trends observed throughout the Bay's watershed and the Bay's tidal waters.

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