

“Bins” for IRC Review of Public and Partner Comments on Draft Agreement

BIN #1: IRC Recommendations to the PSC for possible inclusion in the Final Agreement (require issue papers)

1. Toxic Contaminants
Champion: Adhoc Toxics Team: Greg Allen, EPA; Scott Phillips, USGS; & Russ Baxter, Va & others. **Discussion at IRC:** April 2
2. Climate Change - resiliency, adaptation, preparedness
Champion: Md. **Discussion at IRC:** April 2
3. Participatory Language - must sign up as part of agreement or develop management strategies in advance of signing the agreement. Report annually.
Champion: WV, NY, Md, EPA. **Discussion at IRC:** April 9
4. TMDL/WIPs – address agriculture, stormwater, and atmospheric deposition in agreement. (The issue of whether to keep TMDL/WIP goals & outcomes in the agreement was decided on the 3/26/14 IRC call, refer to recommendations chart 4.a.)
Champion: EPA & GIT 3 (Jenn Volk). **Discussion at IRC:** April 2
5. Impervious surface – related to land use goals and outcomes
Champion: CBC & GIT 3. **Discussion at IRC:** April 9
6. Stewardship – add goal/outcomes
Champion: D.C., GIT 5. **Discussion at IRC:** April 9
7. a. Environmental Justice
b. Diversity – goals for committee structure
Champion: Md. **Discussion at IRC:** April 9
8. Conowingo Dam
Champion: Md. **Discussion at IRC:** April 2
9. Governance – the EC should make all changes to outcomes, not the PSC. Can’t change goals and outcomes without public comment period
Champion: CBC. **Discussion at IRC:** April 9

Bin #2: Issues raised that need further consideration/analysis by IRC, GITs, Editorial Board and/or Management Board prior to making recommendations to PSC.

(NOTE: For possible consideration at April 9 IRC if issue is ripe for raising at PSC Retreat)

1. Urban Tree Canopy Outcome – increase (or decrease)
Assignment: GIT 2
2. Land conservation Goal – increase to 2.5 million acres (or decrease)
Assignment: GIT 5
3. Public Access Goal & Outcome
 - a. Increase the number of sites
 - b. Recognize private partners**Assignment:** GIT 5
4. Environmental Literacy Outcomes – strengthen & broaden
Assignment: GIT 5
5. Fish Passage Outcome – highlight dam removals and focus on hydro electric dams
Assignment: GIT 2
6. Freshwater Fisheries Outcome – add new outcome
Assignment: GIT 1
7. Forage Fish Outcome – management should follow study results
Assignment: GIT 1
8. Oyster Outcome – protect existing oyster reefs
Assignment: GIT 1
9. Wetlands Outcome – needs a no net loss commitment
Assignment: GIT 2
10. Trash – refer to citizen stewardship group & water quality sections
Champion: D.C. & Md. **Discussion at IRC:** Post PSC retreat.
11. Water Quality Standards Attainment Outcome – add new outcome, tabled issue from Fall PSC meeting
Assignment: EPA
12. Funding/Financing
 - a. Emphasize technical/funding assistance to local governments
Assignment: LGAC, MB, IRC, EB
 - b. Integrated affordability concepts into management strategies
Assignment: Goal Implementation Teams
 - c. Create a Financial Advisory Committee
Assignment: Management Board. **Discussion at IRC:** Post PSC retreat.

13. Accountability/Verification/Independent Evaluation

Assignment: GIT 6, IRC

14. Explanation needed for how numeric goals, outcomes and baselines were developed (including net increase issue).

Note: A public document associated with the agreement should be released in tandem, but explanation should not be included within agreement. Notice of associated document *should* be worked into the agreement.

Assignment: Editorial Board/GITs

15. STAC comments

Note: GITs should consider potential revisions to their outcomes based on STAC recommendations if possible at this stage, and consider STAC's recommendations in developing the Management Strategies.

Assignment: Goal Implementation Teams

16. Numerous comments on Principles to be considered by IRC and Editorial Board

Assignment (text): Editorial Board; **Assignment** (policy): IRC. **Discussion at IRC:** Post PSC retreat.

BIN #3: Issues raised in comments that the IRC recommends do not necessitate changes or additions to the Final Agreement.

- Some issues in Bin #1 or #2 will be moved down into Bin #3.
- Additional issues will be included in Bin #3 from both public and partner comments.
- This Bin would include issues raised that Partnership believes could be considered in developing Management Strategies and/or revising CBP Governance Document.

1. Fracking

Decision: The IRC decided at the March 26, 2014 conference call that fracking should not be included in the final Agreement because each affected state is already addressing it and the Land Use Workgroup is exploring the issue for possible consideration as part of the Midpoint Assessment. IRC representatives also did not want such a topic to detract from the importance of decision-making on issues they believe the PSC can reach agreement on for the Final Agreement.