

Chesapeake Bay Program Management Board

Meeting Actions and Decisions

October 10, 2012

Meeting Schedule

- Action: confirmed the final MB/PSC meeting schedule for 2013-14. CBP staff will send meeting schedule invitations to MB members.

Health/Restoration Indicators and Communicating Assessment Information to the Public

- Action: CBP Communications Office will send a draft of the text of the “CBP End of Year Report” to the MB by early December for review and comment.
- Decision: Agreed that the CBP Communications Office should develop a more proactive plan for communicating stories in 2013. Story releases will not wait on indicator data not submitted in a timely fashion.
- Decision: Agreed that the CBP will make the decision regarding the embargo of data on a case-by-case basis. Generally data will not be embargoed unless leadership and the communications team decide there is a good reason to do so. If there is an embargo, no information will be shared either publicly or on the website until the embargo ends.
- Decision: Agreed that the CBP Communications Office—with the support of STAR as needed—should continue to communicate relevant stories and information on topics of interest to the public when the topic is not a focus for CBP or GITs (e.g. fish kills) .

Path Forward for CBP Governance

- Action – Agreed that GIT 6 will further investigate the effectiveness of the MB in meeting the objectives of the CBP governance document.
- Decision – Agreed that GIT 6 will serve as staff to the Management Board to propose options for a short-term decision-making body on CBP governance and how this body will make decisions. In addition, GIT 6 will develop options for such a body to consider in the following areas: (1) adopting final CBP Partnership Goals; (2) changes to governance structure and membership; (3) changes to rules and procedures; (4) protocols for voting responsibilities and decision making; (5) rules for conflict resolution; (6) fully engaging all partners. This work supports Stage 2 of the alignment process for determining whether a new agreement would provide added value to the future direction of the partnership.
- Action: MB members are asked to identify additional jurisdiction representatives (preferably from their policy departments) to participate on GIT 6.

STAC Review on the State of Science on Removal of Nitrogen by Oyster Aquaculture

- Action: The Management Board will request STAC review—in coordination with NOAA, USACE, Maryland and Virginia— on the state of science on removal of nitrogen by oyster Aquaculture and on oyster restoration.
- Action: NOAA, USACE, Maryland and Virginia will work together to clarify this request for review by refining the questions/parameters of STAC’s review.

Draft Toxic Contaminants Report

- Action: MB members are requested by Wednesday, October 17 to confirm and/or modify the list of reviewers for the draft Toxic Contaminants report to reflect that they are the correct conduits for representing MB partners.
- Action: USGS will provide an update on the draft Toxic Contaminants Report at the November MB meeting and present the final results, including partnership implications and implementation actions, at the December MB meeting.