



## Chesapeake Bay Partnership Meeting of the Management Board

October 10, 2012  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Conference Line:**

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### Agenda

#### **I. Welcome, Introductory Remarks and Updates (10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)**

- *Nick DiPasquale, CBP Director*, will review progress on actions from the September MB meeting and provide programmatic updates.
- **Requested Action:**
  - Approve final 2013-14 MB/PSC meeting schedule

Materials:

- Attachment I.a: Actions/Decisions from September MB meeting
- Attachment I.b: Program Update
- Attachment I.c: Updated 2013-14 MB/PSC meeting schedule

#### **II. Update on Health and Restoration Indicators and How CBP Communicates Assessment Information to the Public (10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**

- Update on STAR/GITs/CWG's progress on implementing the-plan for "Communicating Assessment Information to the Public in 2012."
- Status of indicator updates, revisions and new indicator development
- Discuss recommendations from CWG and STAR for developing a revised plan for how CBP will communicate assessment information to the public in 2013 and communicate information about the Bay that is not related to current GIT goals but of high public interest
- *Presenters:* Nita Sylvester, Chair, STAR's Indicators Workgroup; Margaret Enloe, CBP Communications Director
- **Requested Actions:**
  - Approve development of a revised plan for 2013 for presentation to the MB at its next meeting.

Materials:

- Attachment II: Presentation

#### **III. A Path Forward for CBP Governance (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**

- Presentation and discussion about the results of the Management Board survey on CBP governance issues.
- *Presenter:* Darrell Brown, GIT 6
- **Requested Action:** Provide direction to GIT6 on framing a path forward

Materials:

- Attachment III.a: Presentation
- Attachment III.b: Summary of comments

**Lunch (12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.)**

**IV. Interstate Trading and Offset Programs (12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.)**

- Preview and discussion of draft white paper developed pursuant to the Executive Council direction. The paper discusses possible challenges associated with interstate nutrient trading within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
- *Presenter:* Darrell Brown, GIT 5

**V. Request STAC Review on the State of Science on Removal of Nitrogen by Oyster Aquaculture (12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.)**

- Overview of the recent UMCES/VIMS report on Shellfish Aquaculture and discussion of possible policy development recommendations.
- *Presenter:* Anthony Moore, Virginia Deputy Secretary, Chesapeake Bay Restoration
- **Requested Action:** Request STAC review of report and determine if:
  - 1) The nutrient removal efficiencies of nitrogen by oyster aquaculture and oyster reefs as described in reflect the current state-of-the-science?
  - 2) Does current science support using oyster aquaculture or oyster reefs as a best management practice in the Chesapeake Bay model?
  - 3) If so, what would be the most appropriate nitrogen removal efficiency based upon the current science?

Materials:

- Attachment V: Report: “Shellfish Aquaculture: Ecosystem Effects, Benthic–Pelagic Coupling and Potential for Nutrient Trading” (UMCES, VIMS)

**VI. Draft Toxic Contaminants Report (1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)**

- Overview of STAR action team progress to prepare report, preliminary findings, and decision rules for draft recommendations
- Next steps to obtain CBP partner and technical review
- *Presenter:* Scott Phillips, USGS
- **Requested Actions:** Identify report reviewers from CBP partnership

Materials:

- Attachment VI.a: Presentation
- Attachment VI.b: Draft list of CBP reviewers for Toxic Contaminants Report

**VII. USGS Report on Suspended Sediment in Lower Susquehanna River (2:00 p.m. -- 2:45 p.m.)**

- Briefing on recent USGS Report and findings and discussion about possible solutions.
- *Presenter(s):* Scott Phillips, USGS , presentation of report findings. Bruce Michael, Maryland DNR, and Amy Guise, Army Corps of Engineers on Lower Susquehanna Watershed Assessment study

Materials:

- Attachment VII.a: Presentation on Susquehanna River Report
- Attachment VII.b: USGS report: “Flux of Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Suspended Sediment from the Susquehanna River Basin to the Chesapeake Bay during Tropical Storm Lee, September 2011, as an Indicator of the Effects of Reservoir Sedimentation on Water Quality”

**VIII. Review of MB actions and decisions and solicit additional items for next MB and PSC meetings (2:45 p.m. – 3:00p.m.)**