



Management Board Retreat Agenda

January 15, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay, Cambridge, Maryland

Conference Line: 866-299-3188; **Code:** **267-5715**

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Desired Retreat Outcomes

- Path forward for getting management strategies ready for public input
- Agreement on management strategy early release
- Agreement of public input process
- Identification of cross-outcome integration inclusions
- Early/initial ideas for place-based priority work

I. Welcome, Introduction

(10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)

Nick DiPasquale, Management Board Chair, will review the objectives for the retreat, and share highlights from the January Program Update.

Note: The [2015-2016 Management Board meeting](#) and conference call calendar has been approved, and can be found in the [Projects and Resources](#) tab on the Management Board webpage.

Materials:

I.a: Program Updates - including governance document updates; Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2014.

I.b: Annotated Actions and Decisions, 9-11-14

II. Preliminary Management Strategy Overview

(10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

Nick DiPasquale, MB Chair, and Carin Bisland, GIT 6 vice-chair will provide a summary of findings of the internal review of the preliminary MSs including highlights and challenges

- Summary of initial management strategy reviews.
- Overview of dashboard status (i.e. ready for early release; on-time release; needs accelerated development) and MB discussion and agreement of categorizations.
- Strategies ready for early release – discuss release and public comment process

- d. GIT Chair discussion about significant challenges in meeting future deadlines with particular focus on strategies needing accelerated development

III. Poster Session: Sufficiency Review (11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Posters stations for each management strategy will be set up around the perimeter of the meeting room. Each poster will identify key elements: “factors Influencing”, “gaps” and “management approaches.” A GIT representative will be posted at each station to pose and answer questions and receive feedback. MB members will rotate in groups to each station and will be asked to *provide feedback based on their pre-meeting reviews of the strategies.*

Note: Focus on big picture; do not wordsmith. The ultimate goal is to improve each strategy in time for public release. Identify yourself on dots and post-it notes.

Questions for reviewers:

- Sufficiency: Is this strategy on the right track? Does it sound reasonable and will it move the Partnership toward achieving the outcome? (use green, yellow, red sticky dots to vote)
- What do you like about the draft? What are the most important features?
- Suggestions for improvements to *management approaches*: What’s missing? How can we fill gaps? What needs to be added? (use post-it notes to suggest changes)
- What’s problematic? Are there management approaches or other elements that your signatories can’t live with? Identify the specific issue and suggest alternative approaches.

Session 1 - four 20-minute rotations (11:10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

- Station A – Blue Crab Abundance / Blue Crab Management / Oyster
Facilitators: Bruce Vogt and Emilie Franke
- Station B – Stream Health / Brook Trout / Fish Passage
Facilitators: Jennifer Greiner, Hannah Martin
- Station C – 2017 WIP, 2015 WIP, Water Quality Standards Attainment & Monitoring / Toxic Contaminants Research and Policy & Prevention
Facilitators: Lucinda Power, James Davis-Martin, Greg Allen
- Station D – Student Outcome, Sustainable Schools, Environmental Literacy Planning
Facilitators: Kristin Saunders and Julie Walker

Lunch – 12:30 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

Poster Session: Sufficiency Review (Continued) (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

Session 2 - five 18-minute rotations

- Station E – Forage Fish / Fish Habitat / SAV
Facilitators: Bruce Vogt, Emilie Franke, Hannah Martin
- Station F – Wetlands / Black Duck / Forest Buffer / Tree Canopy
Facilitators: Jennifer Greiner and Sally Claggett

- Station G – Local Leadership Outcome / Diversity Outcome / Citizen Stewardship Outcome
Facilitators: Amy Handen, Reggie Parrish, Shanita Brown, Lauren Taneyhill
- Station H – Climate Resiliency / Protected Lands Outcome / Public Access Site Development
Facilitators: Chuck Hunt, Peter Tango, Lea Rubin
- Station I – Land Use Methods and Metrics Development / Land Use Options Evaluation / Healthy Watersheds Outcome
Facilitators: Mark Bryer and Renee Thompson

IV. Preliminary Management Strategy Findings (2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

- a. MB will discuss overall findings on preliminary drafts
 - Recognizing difference in completeness, what did you like? What stood out?
 - Are most strategies headed in the right direction?
 - What concerns you?
- b. GIT Chair feedback on development process; questions for discussion:
 - Are there process challenges or concerns in the development of the draft strategies?
 - What is the process for early release of particular management strategies?
 - Are there key Partners or stakeholders who are missing from the development process?
 - What is the timing and process for announcing signatory participation in implementation?

V. Coordinated Monitoring Research Programs (3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.)

Presentation on current work with Basins III and discussion about how it can inform and help planning for monitoring of CBP Agreement outcomes.

Presenters: Scott Phillips and Bill Dennison, STAR Co-Chairs

Materials

V.a. Presentation

VI. Open discussion: Challenges, Questions and Next Steps (4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Discuss issues and challenges identified during the day and brainstorm solutions.

- Public input process – *Margaret Enloe, CBP Communications Director*

Dinner

(6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

The High Spot - 305 High Street (downtown Cambridge)

January 16, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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VII. Introduction - Day II (9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.)

Management Board Chair, Nick DiPasquale, will review decisions and discussion points from day 1 and set expectations for discussions and work sessions for day 2.

VIII. Poster Session: Focus on Factors Influencing and Gaps (9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

The purpose of this session is to focus on cross-outcome integration and identifying commonalities and synergies. Most strategies have been developed by a single GIT or workgroup without looking across the partnership for commonalities or assistance in closing gaps or solving “factors influencing” issues with the help of other workgroups or GITs. (Factors influencing are those things that could affect the ability to attain the desired outcome).

Participants will rotate thru poster stations around the room to discuss and offer additional management approaches that will help close *gaps* and address *factors influencing* that are outside the traditional purview of the lead GIT/workgroup. Participants should consider the connections between multiple outcomes and the expertise of other GITs/workgroups. Participants should also brainstorm approaches that could result in multiple benefits.

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- Station D – Student Outcome, Sustainable Schools, Environmental Literacy Planning
Facilitators: Kristin Saunders and Julie Walker

Break – 10:35 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

Session 2 - five 15-minute rotations (10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

- Station E – Forage Fish / Fish Habitat / SAV
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Lunch – 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

IX. The Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2014 (12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

An overview and discussion about the newly passed legislation that directs the Office of Management and Budget to develop a detailed financial report on the Chesapeake Bay Program on an annual basis. The bill also requires the appointment of an independent evaluator for restoration activities in Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Presenter: Kevin DeBell, Budget and Accountability Team Leader, CBPO, EPA

Materials:

IX.a. Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act

IX.b. Summary

X. Place-based Coordination Posters Session

Free Rotation and Discussion

(1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

Participants will freely rotate through several watershed map posters set up around the room to discuss opportunities for coordinating on place-based efforts. Jurisdiction representatives should contribute to the map areas that they have the most knowledge about, while Goal Team Chairs may benefit from rotating to various posters.

Sticky notes and color dots will be made available to leave comments and ideas in applicable places on the maps.

Full Group Discussion

(1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Projects, coordination opportunities, and ideas should be shared with the full group for each map sector.

XI. Management Strategy Design Template

(2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.)

A discussion of the design, look, and feel of the draft management strategy design template, including the key elements and current draft issues, and the importance to cross-collaboration and clarity to the public.

XII. Open discussion: Challenges, Questions and Next Steps (2:15 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.)

Discuss issues and challenges identified during the day and brainstorm solutions and confirm agreement on meeting objectives:

- Path forward for getting management strategies ready for public input including approaches for accelerating progress on certain draft strategies
- Agreement on management strategies for early release
- Agreement of public input process
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XIII. Review of actions and decisions, next steps (2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)