



# Strategy Review System

2023 Biennial Meeting Update  
and 4<sup>th</sup> Cycle Schedule

July 13, 2023



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# IN THE NEXT 20 MINUTES...

## BIENNIAL MEETING

- Post-event survey and lessons learned
- Report status update
- Next steps

## 4<sup>th</sup> CYCLE SHIFT

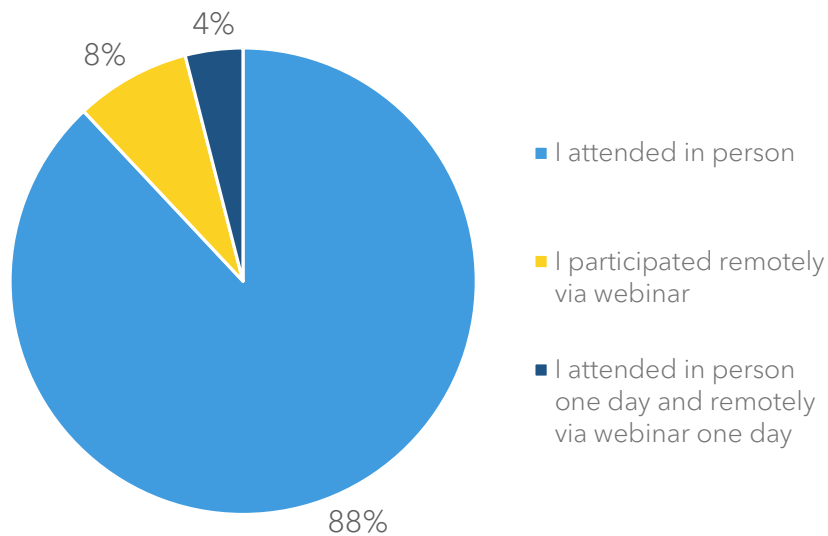
- Proposal
- Rationale
- Timeline
- Topics for co-development

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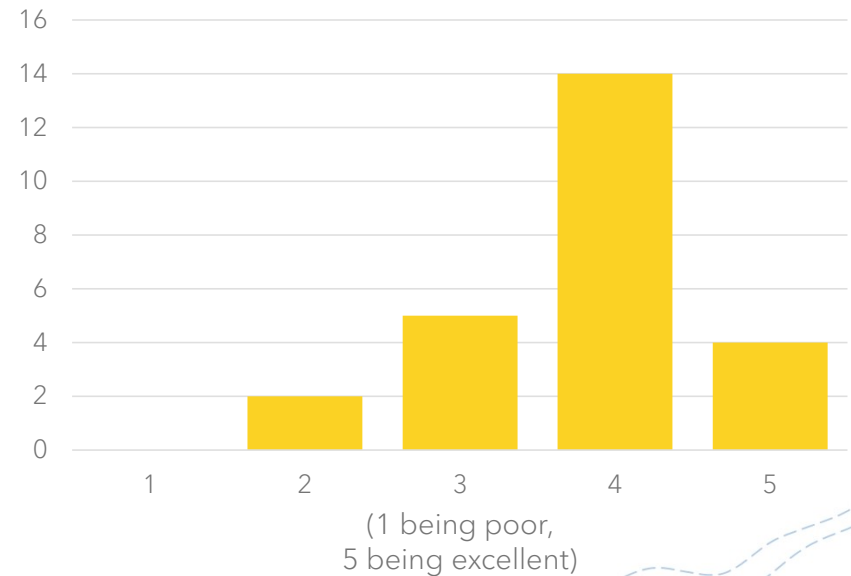


# SRS BIENNIAL: POST-EVENT SURVEY

Did you attend this meeting in person, as a remote participant, or both?



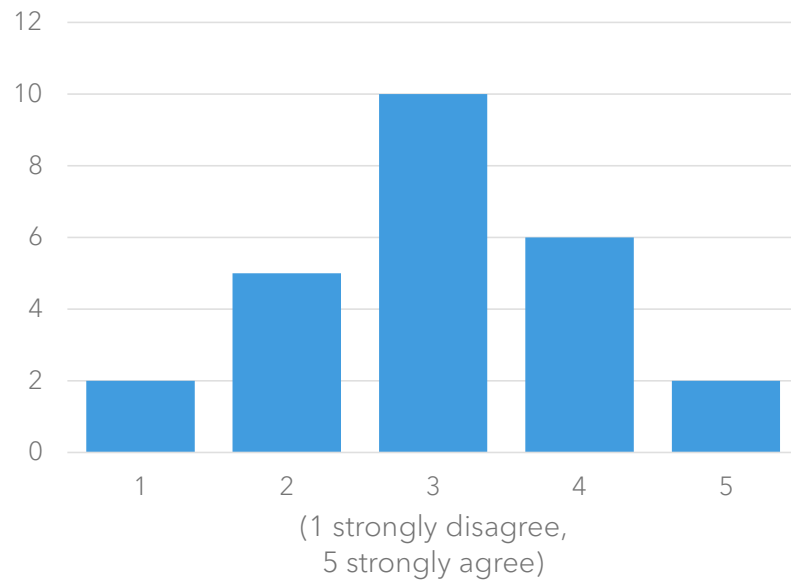
Rate the overall meeting on a scale of 1 to 5



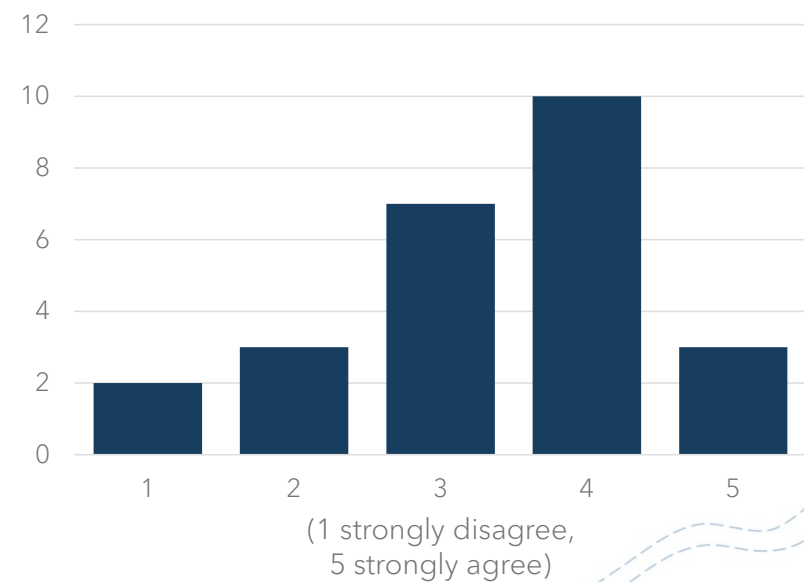
# SRS BIENNIAL: POST-EVENT SURVEY

Indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

The Biennial Meeting provided enough time for discussion.



The Biennial Meeting provided enough time to network and learn from groups I don't typically interact with.





## BIENNIAL – LESSONS LEARNED

### What Worked Well

- In person meeting with hybrid option
  - Networking in person
- Stakeholders panel & screening of “Eroding History”
- Bay Café/break-out sessions
- Diversity of content and mix of formats

### Improvements For Next Biennial

- Distribute agenda & key discussion questions at least 1 month in advance
- Better align invitee list with meeting purpose
  - Secure a larger venue space
- Bay Café/break-out sessions
- Explore options to allow more time for discussion



## BIENNIAL REPORT – DRAFTING STATUS

- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Day 2 Bay Café Summary sent to Beyond 2025 SC
- Drafts of the Meeting Summary and Day 1 Bay Café Summary have been produced and are in review
- A draft “Report In Brief,” summarizing key themes and recommendations, has been drafted and is in review
- NEXT STEPS:
  - Finalize “Report In Brief”
  - Return and present to Management Board
  - Engage Management Board in a discussion to identify groups to carry out or further explore each theme or recommendation

## BIENNIAL – PREVIEW OF SOME “REPORT IN BRIEF” THEMES

- ID & build capacity to meaningfully engage key external audiences
- The Partnership is valuable – continue to build trust, inclusion, and open lines of communication
- Reframe Partnership outcomes around multiple considerations
- Seek to address capacity challenges by assessing trade-offs
- Reexamine the Partnership structure and governance
- Improve and expand adaptive management

## SRS 4<sup>TH</sup> CYCLE PROPOSAL

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...writing to ask for your support to **adjust the 4th cycle August 2023 starting point**. Our goal is to **target the November QPM meeting** as the revised start date, but we need to evaluate the respective timelines before finalizing that date. While the team does not anticipate large changes for the 4th cycle, we hope to improve the experience of those interacting with the SRS process while maintaining the integrity of the overall adaptive management system.

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## SRS 4<sup>TH</sup> CYCLE PROPOSAL - RESPONSES

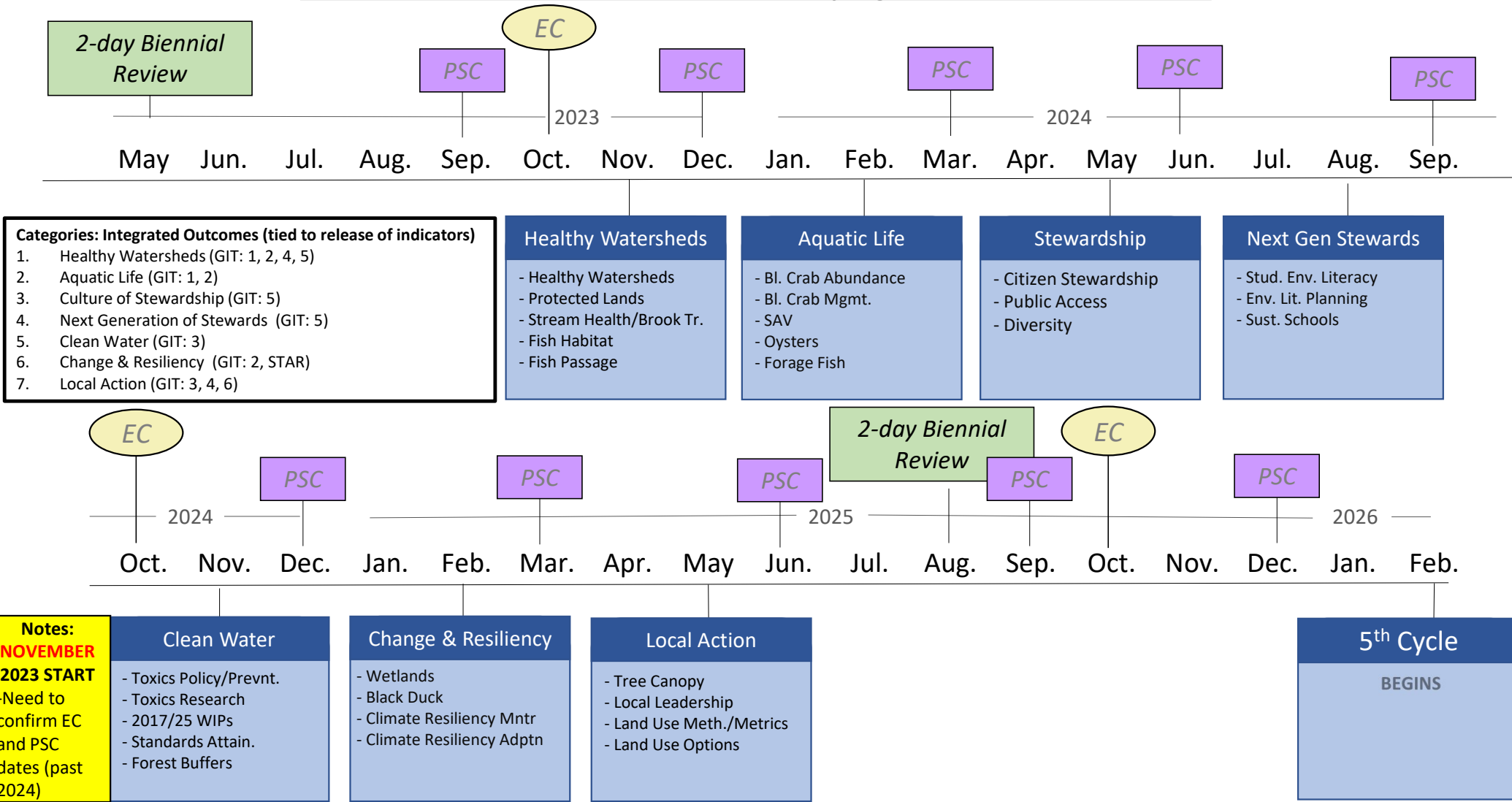
- 23 individuals responded
- Responses largely supported the straightforward acceptance
- No rejections were received
- Four respondents expressed a desire to discuss this proposal and supported delaying the initial date of the first 4th cycle QPM to November 2023 to accommodate this discussion.

## SRS 4<sup>TH</sup> CYCLE PROPOSAL - RATIONALE

- Respond meaningfully to input from the Biennial & MB meetings and engage the outcome leads in co-development of improvements to the 4<sup>th</sup> cycle.
- Adjust to and better synchronize the end of the 4th cycle with the timing of planned outputs from the Beyond 2025 work.
  - Provide time to meaningfully adapt 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle based on adaptive management recommendations.
- Identify and engage new SRS Planning Team leadership.
- Enable all cohorts to benefit equally from any changes.

2023 - 2025 Biennial SRS Outcome Groupings (November Start Date)

Updated: 07/06/23





# SRS 4<sup>TH</sup> CYCLE – TOPICS FOR CO-DEVELOPMENT

## WORK SESSIONS JULY 13 AND 26

- Calendar of Cohorts
  - Where do commonalities exist among outcome themes and needs, and how does the SRS timeline align with the indicator timeline?
- Lighten the Load
  - How do we stay true principles of adaptive management in a way that is less burdensome?
- Sequence of Science
  - How do we improve upon when we engage STAC & STAR in the SRS?

# CALENDAR OF COHORTS

Gather input on potential schedule changes that would:

- Factor in current indicator schedule & assoc. workload for C/S.
- Address Protected Lands conflict in November.
- Accommodate discussion of Beyond 2025 work in August Biennial Mtg. and potential implications for the SRS.
- Allow 6 months to respond to and prepare for recommended changes to SRS before end of 2025 and beginning of 5th Cycle.

# THANK YOU!

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