

PLANNING FOR 2025 AND BEYOND

Chesapeake Bay Program



Upcoming Meeting Preparation

March 27th meeting framework and
outcome disposition process

March 13, 2025

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Outcome Disposition: Next Steps

- **By Noon on March 19th: GITs** email their final disposition recommendation for each Outcome to Sarah Brzezinski, Amy Handen, Bo Williams, and Erin Sonnenburg.
 - If the disposition recommendation for an Outcome is different from that originally provided, write and send a very brief (2-3 sentence) description of the rationale for that change.
- **By COB on March 21st: Voting and non-voting MB members** provide pulse check responses to record the disposition the entity they are representing prefers for each existing Outcome.
- **By COB on March 24th: EPA** distributes results of the final pulse check to the MB members via email and post results to the March 27 MB calendar page.



Outcome Disposition: Next Steps

- **March 27th:** MB completes disposition of existing outcomes, flagging gaps and possible novel outcomes



Novel Outcome Proposals: March 27th

- Novel outcome introductions will kick-off the meeting.
- Meeting mechanics for the introduction of novel outcomes:
 - 3 minutes - Outcome Lead succinctly reviews GIT advice.
 - 7 minutes - Facilitated discussion with voting and non-voting Management Board member, focusing on identification of clarifying questions and additional work by or information needed from GITs to inform the consensus attempt on April 10th.
- Follow-up: COB April 1st, voting and non-voting MB members provide a pulse check response for novel outcomes



Novel Outcome Proposals

- **Soil Health Outcome** – Water Quality Goal
Implementation Team & Agriculture Workgroup
- **Oyster Abundance Outcome** – Fisheries Goal
Implementation Team & Commonwealth of Virginia
- **Nontidal Fish Habitat** – Habitat Goal
Implementation Team



Outcome Disposition: March 27th Meeting – 1st Step

- **Consensus Attempt:** All voting and non-voting MB members will use the consensus continuum to respond to the statement “We support [X disposition] the [Y outcome].”
 - **X disposition:** The majority disposition for an outcome, as identified in the March 21st pulse check by all MB members.
 - **Example:** We support updating the Stewardship Outcome.
- The meeting agenda will frontload Outcomes for which consensus will likely be easier (strong pulse check agreement).



Consensus Continuum





Outcome Disposition: March 27th meeting– 2nd Step

- If **consensus is reached**, the disposition recommendation for the stated outcome will be provided to the PSC on March 28th. Stop here.
- If **consensus is not reached**, each dissenter will present their concerns on the proposal. The dissenting party/parties will supply an alternative proposal, which will be discussed by the full MB.



Outcome Disposition: March 27th meeting– 3rd Step

- Following discussion if **consensus is reached**, the disposition recommendation for the stated outcome will be provided to the PSC. Stop here.
- Following discussion if **consensus still is not reached**, an outcome disposition recommendation will be determined by signatory MB member supermajority voting, which will be conducted based on the majority Pulse Check disposition preference of signatory MB members.



Recommendations to the PSC with Signatory Supermajority Voting

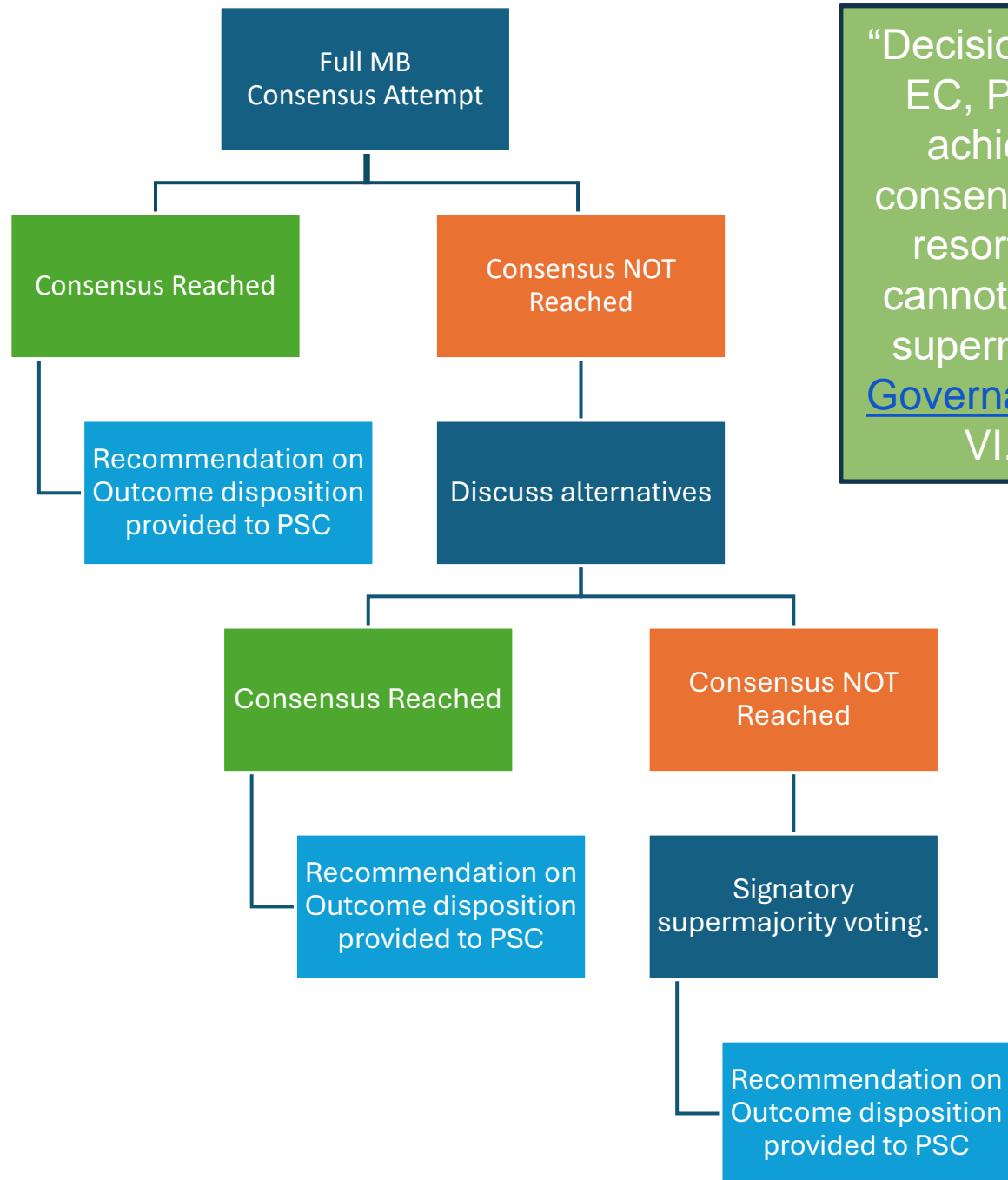
- If signatory supermajority voting is used to identify an outcome's recommended disposition, the following information will be provided to the PSC:
 - The outcome disposition recommendation determined by signatory supermajority voting
 - The supermajority vote of each signatory.
 - Each MB member's response to the consensus continuum vote.
 - The preferred disposition of each MB member, as submitted in the Pulse Check
- Provision of this information aims to promote transparency related to the decision and associated dissent.



Outcome Disposition: March 27th

- This process will be repeated for each of the 31 existing outcomes:
 - Step 1: Consensus continuum vote by full MB
 - Step 2: Discussion of discrepancies, alternatives, and possibility of reconciliation
 - Step 3: Signatory MB supermajority voting.
- The meeting agenda will be designed so that we progress from outcomes with strong pulse check agreement to outcomes with broader variation in pulse check disposition preferences.

Outcome Disposition Agreement Process for March 27th



“Decision-making at the EC, PSC and MB is achieved through consensus or, as a last resort if consensus cannot be achieved, a supermajority vote...”
[Governance Document](#), VI.A. (pg 22).



Outcome Disposition: Next Steps

- **March 28th PSC Meeting:** review MB Outcome recommendations and provide feedback, with special attention given to outcomes where MB signatory supermajority voting was utilized. Provide feedback for consideration by the MB.
- **April 10th MB Meeting:** Consider PSC input on recommended outcome dispositions. Approve final Outcome disposition list and novel Outcomes; begin updates to revise Outcome language.

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