

**Chesapeake Bay Program
Management Board Meeting
November 14, 2012**

Actions and Decisions

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

- Action: CBPO—with input from representatives of NOAA, USACE, Maryland and Virginia—will draft a formal letter requesting STAC to review the state of science on nitrogen removal by oyster aquaculture and on oyster restoration.

Forest Restoration Strategy

- Action: USFS will send correspondence to PSC members requesting their support for the Forest Restoration Strategy and requesting the use of the Chesapeake Bay Program logo on the document. MB members recommended endorsement of the Strategy and agreed to work with their PSC representatives to garner their endorsement by November 27.
- Action: CBP staff will develop a draft decision chain/approval flow chart for helping to guide endorsement or adoption of documents developed by CBP partners and the use of the CBP logo on such documents.

Draft Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership's BMP Verification Principles

- Action: MB approves and recommends—with amended language-- the proposed draft BMP Verification Principles to the PSC for further consideration. Action with amended language in principles (delete "and adoption", remove adoption....go back to original language) – NY – should be consistent with 2017 Mid-Point Assessment Guiding Principles.

"The priority of the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Partnership is the implementation of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, the jurisdictions' Watershed Implementation Plans, and 2-year milestones. The Partnership has committed to the development (struck: 'and adoption') of a basin-wide best management practice (BMP) verification framework for use by the seven watershed jurisdictions to assure data quality for BMP reporting for annual Model Progress runs."

Principles, Priorities and Next Steps for the Water Quality Restoration Midpoint Assessment

- Action: The Water Quality Goal Team is requested to revise the Draft Guiding Principles for the Midpoint Assessment and return it to the MB for further review before sending it to the PSC for further consideration or approval. The Management Board requested the WQGIT to provide the document to them with track changes.

GIT 6 Role in Advising Management Board on Alignment Issues

- Decision: The PSC will be the decision making body during the remainder of the alignment process and will vote to approve any new goals, changes to governance and/or agreements. CBP partners will suggest additional representatives to enhance the membership of GIT6 which will develop options on alignment/governance issues for PSC consideration.

FOD Request for Review of the Draft Executive Order FY 2013 Action Plan

- Action: MB members are asked to review the draft Executive Order Action Plan and provide comments on the document (during the public comment period) by November 23. CBP staff will send to MB members a link to the current version of the Action Plan.

Topics for the December 12 MB Meeting

- GIT Goals, Climate Change, Update on BMP model activities