



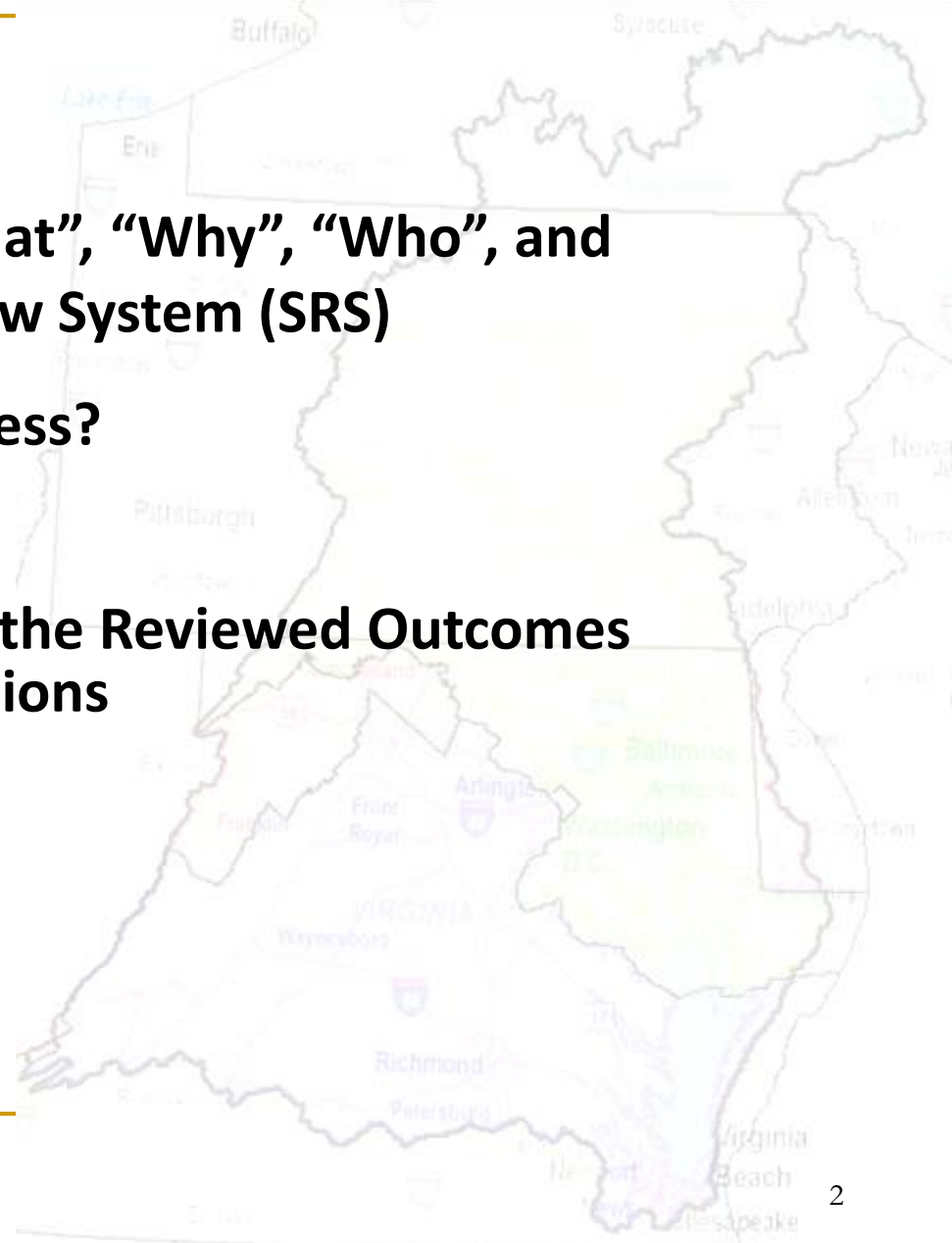
CBP Biennial Strategy Review System: Update

Principal's Staff Committee
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Today's Objectives:

- 1) **Fast refresher** on the “What”, “Why”, “Who”, and “How” of the Strategy Review System (SRS)
- 2) Where are we in the process?
- 3) What's happened so far?
 - a) Actions / Decisions on the Reviewed Outcomes
 - Outcome-specific actions
 - Cross-cutting actions
 - b) Process improvements
- 4) Is it working?



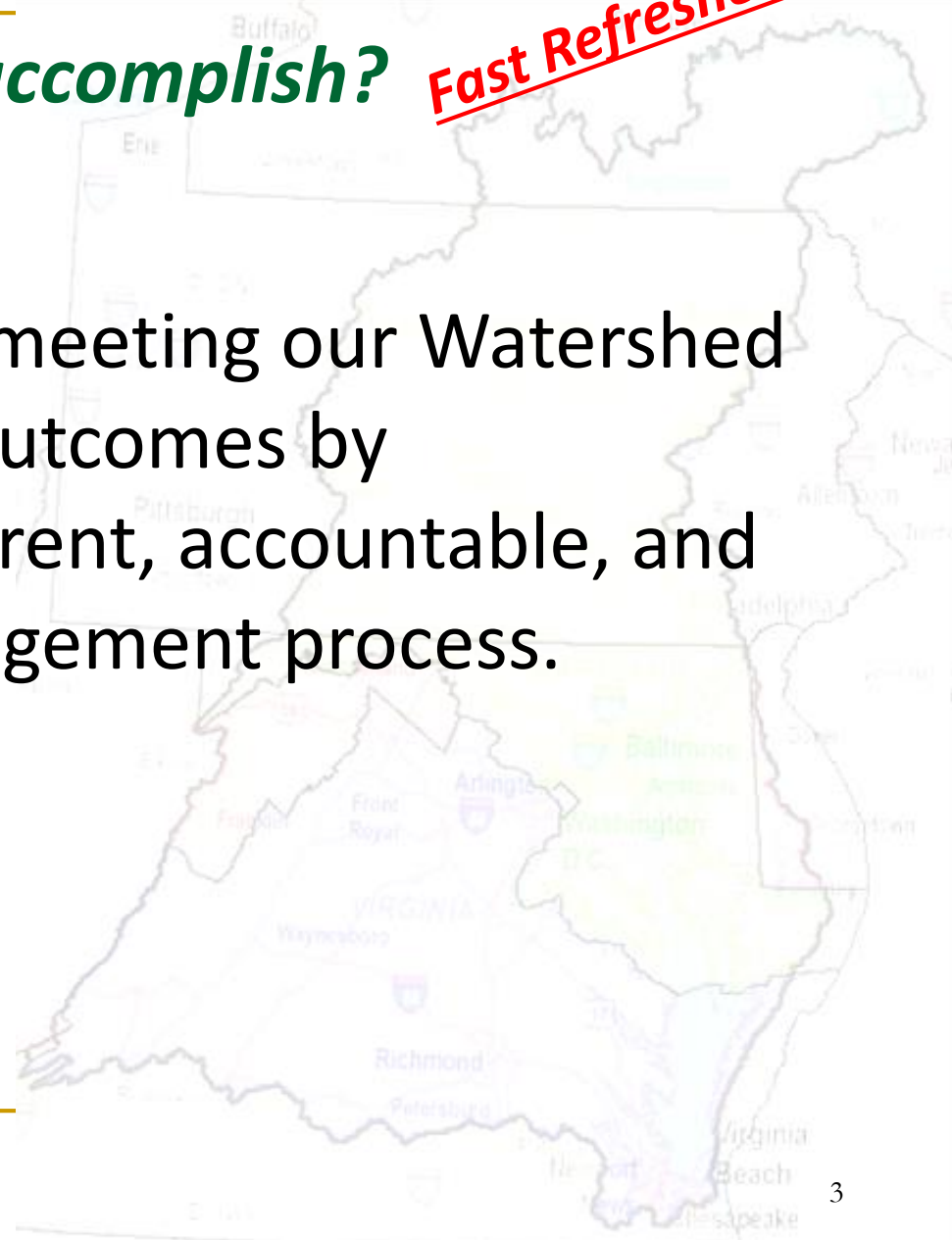
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What are we trying to accomplish?

Fast Refresher

Improve the success at meeting our Watershed Agreement Goals and Outcomes by implementing a transparent, accountable, and effective adaptive management process.



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Why are we trying to accomplish it?

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Answer A: It makes common sense to do it.

Answer B: We already said we would do it.

“The signatories and other partners shall thereafter update and/or modify such commitments every two years.”

“Goal Implementation Teams will re-evaluate biennially and update strategies as necessary, with attention to changing environmental and economic conditions. Partners may identify policy changes to address these conditions and minimize obstacles to achieve Outcomes.”

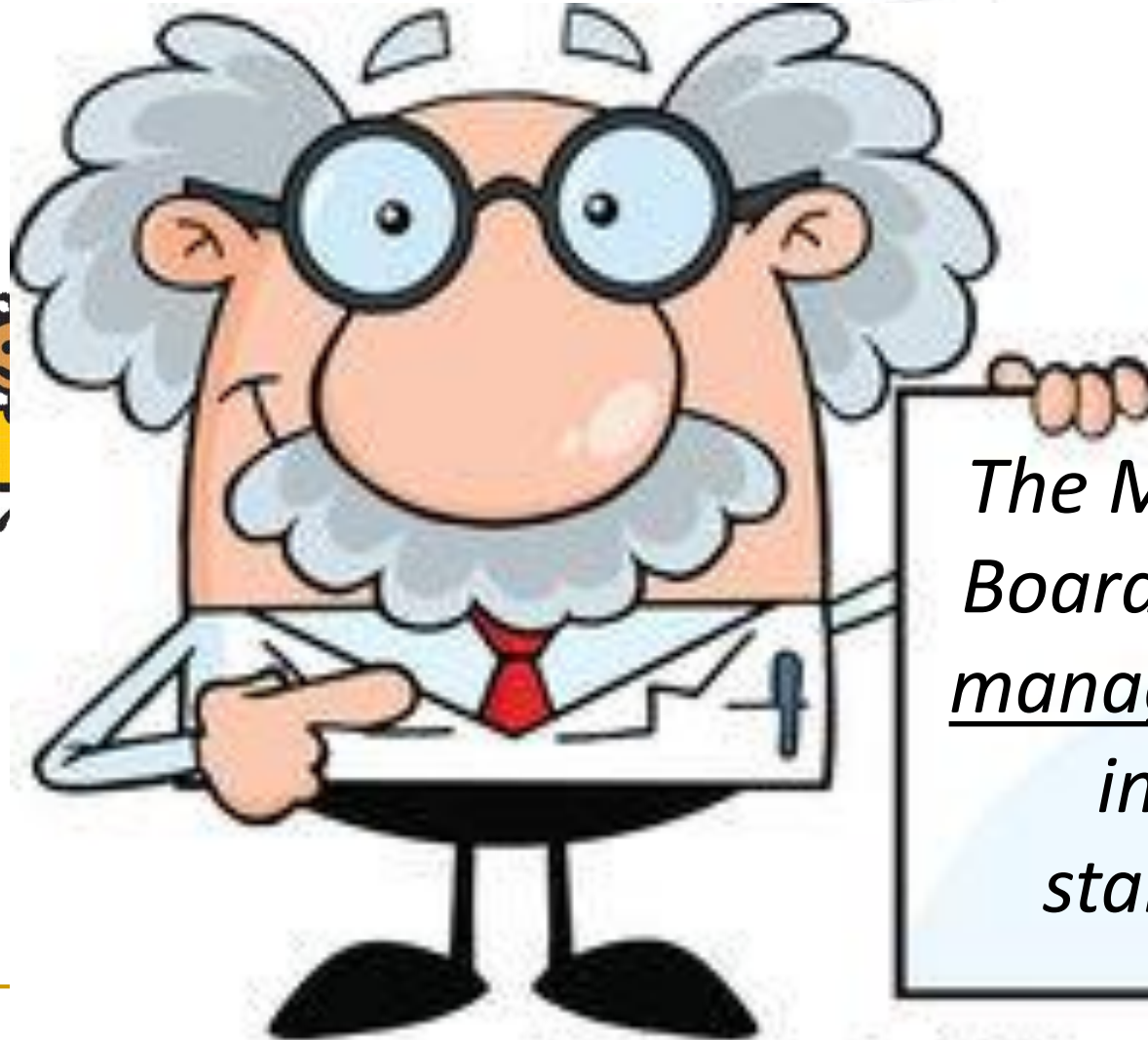
2014 Chesapeake Watershed Agreement

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Who is working to accomplish it?

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The Management Board needs to be managers, not just interested stakeholders.

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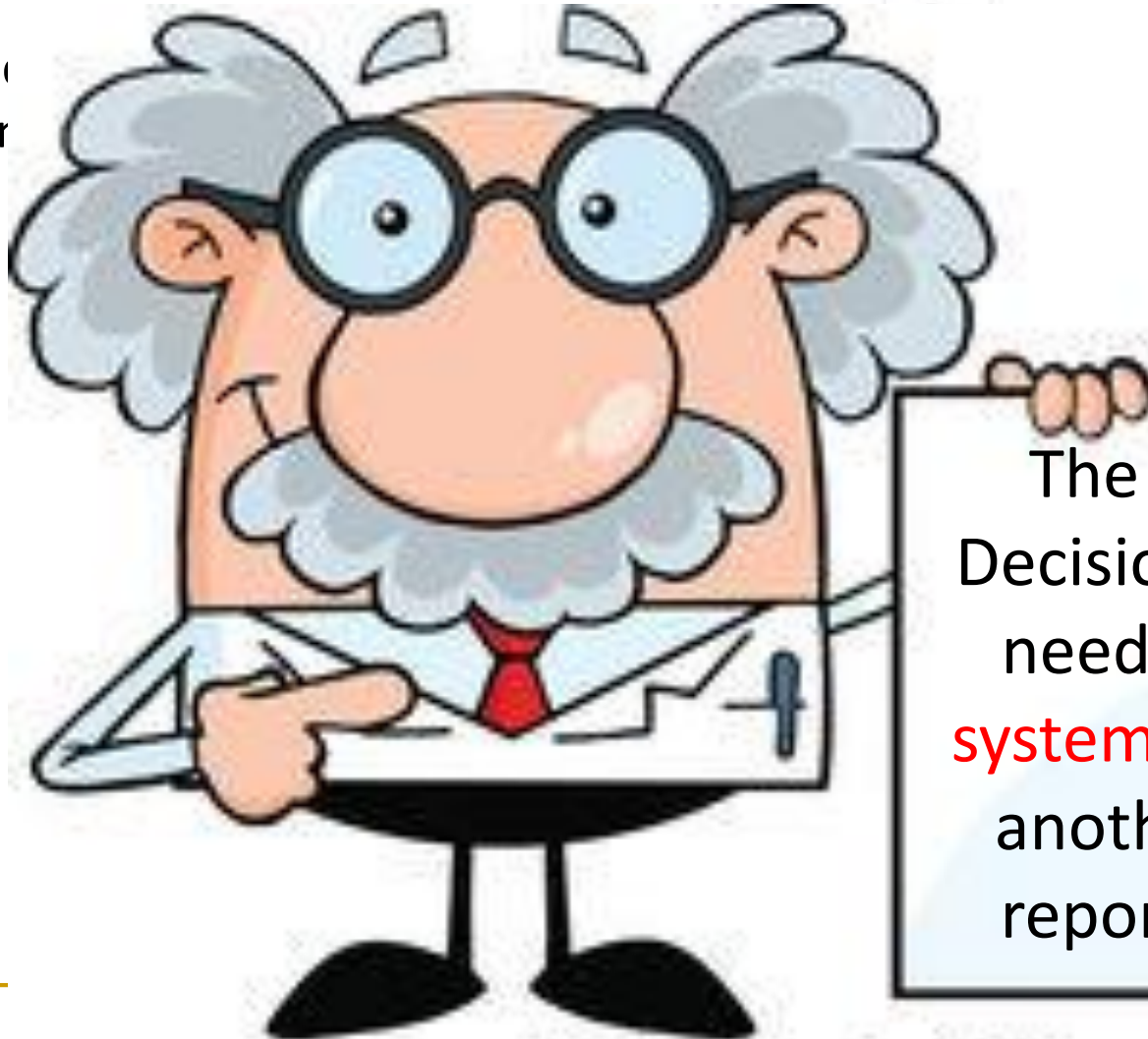


How are we accomplishing it?

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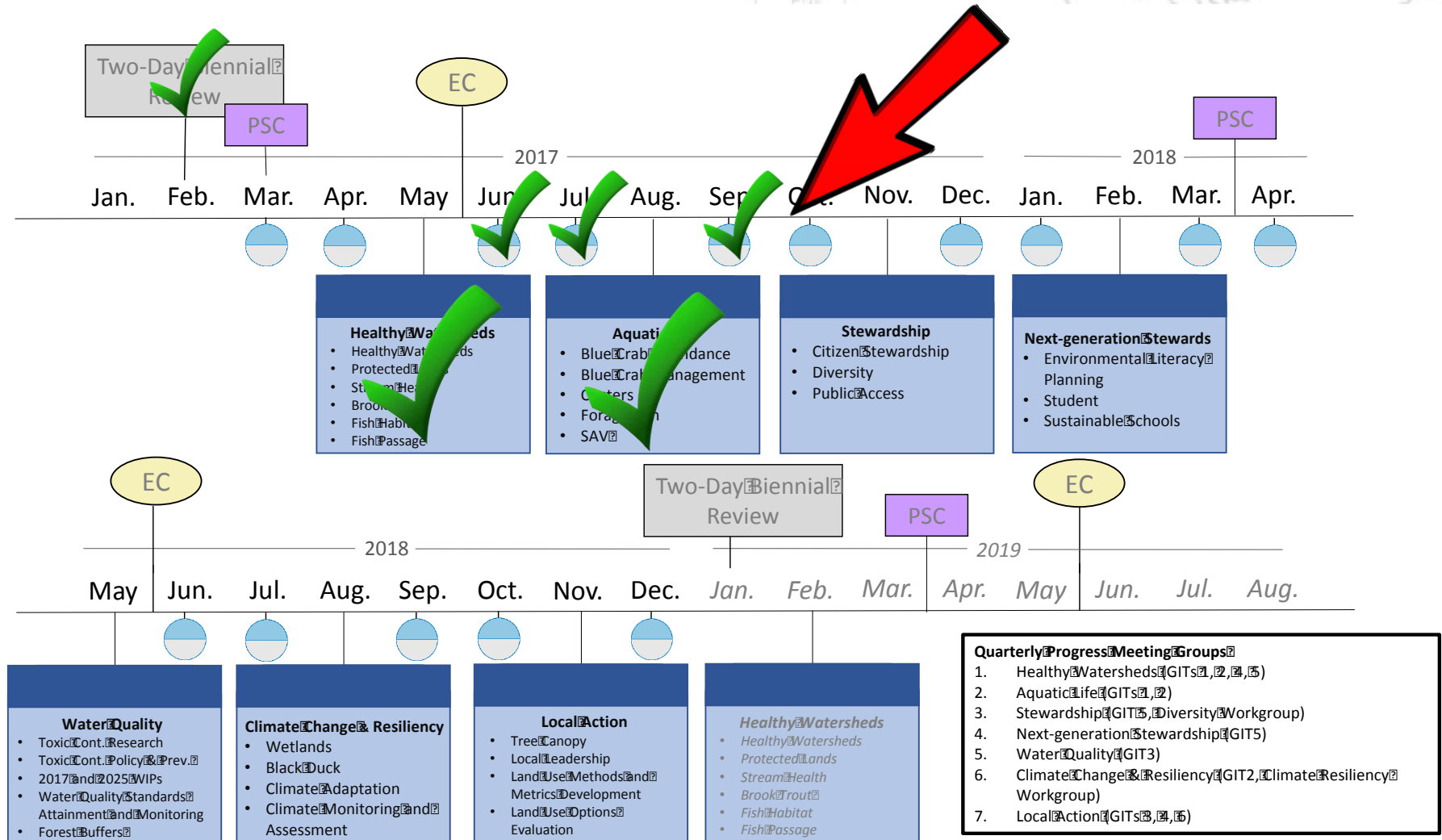


The logic of the
Decision Framework
needs to become
systemic, not merely
another quarterly
reporting format.

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Where are we in the process?





What has happened so far?

- 1) 2-Day Biennial Review Meeting (Feb 8-9, 2017)
- 2) 2 Quarterly Progress Review meetings and subsequent follow-up
 - a) Reviewed 11 of our 31 Outcomes
 - b) Identified and discussed 23 recommended actions
 - i. 11 Outcome-specific recommendations
 - ii. 12 Multi-Outcome recommendations (4 categories)
- 3) Large variety of process improvements

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What has happened so far?:

Outcome-specific Recommendations

Outcome	Recommendation	Action
Healthy Watersheds	Evaluation of how existing monitoring efforts can be leveraged by the GIT to assess healthy watershed status.	MB Directed STAR to evaluate current efforts for improving monitoring, including the new organizational study/tool, Tetra Tech's anticipated report, and corollary benefits and avoided costs.
Protected Lands	Support and effectively credit land conservation in the updates to the Bay Models and TMDL.	MB asked that Protected Lands workgroup review suggestions made by Peter Clagett and then bring back to MB for more specific discussion and action.

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What has happened so far?:

Outcome-specific Recommendations

Outcome	Recommendation	Action
Stream Health	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Workgroup is in need of new co-chairs.2. Funding is needed to analyze data necessary to establish baseline.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. New co-chairs were named at Sept 21 MB meeting.2. \$18,000 was set aside to meet analysis need.
Brook Trout	Technical assistance is required to better collaborate and make more efficient use of monitoring data.	MB directed STAR to evaluate better methods to improve collaborative monitoring efforts.
Fish Passage	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assistance in creating incentive programs for dam removal.2. Assistance in including ecological considerations (in addition to public safety) in dam removal prioritization	MB recommended that Fish Passage workgroup work with Ches. Bay Commission on possible state legislative approaches.

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What has happened so far?:

Outcome-specific Recommendations

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Blue Crab Management	Recommended that evaluation of allocation based fishery management approach has been completed.	GIT leadership will seek consensus from members. If consensus is achieved, MB will approve action as “complete”.
Oysters	Recommend sharing oyster restoration successes as presentation at EC meeting.	NOAA “Substrate paper” will be shared with MB when ready, then PSC, then (maybe) EC.
Forage Fish	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Request STAC to conduct tidal shoreline threshold analysis.2. Request STAR to develop forage monitoring strategy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. GIT funded study to be completed by Jan, 2019.2. Forage monitoring strategy to be incorporated into other monitoring needs following Finance Workshop.

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What has happened so far?:

Multi-Outcome Recommendations

Outcomes	Recommendation	Action
Healthy Watersheds Brook Trout Fish Habitat Oyster SAV	Outcomes need assistance communicating their successes and challenges to a broader audience.	Communications Office is working with Outcome leads on outreach strategies.
Blue Crab Oyster SAV Forage Fish	Assistance in developing a financing strategy.	Finance and Budget WG will work with SAV Outcome as proof of concept and follow-up with others.
Healthy Watersheds Brook Trout	Need greater participation by key partners.	GIT 6 will develop proposal to MB to realize greater participation.
Healthy Watersheds Fish Habitat	Requested inclusion of Outcome objectives and co-benefits in Phase III WIP local engagement.	Development of Action Team to develop recommendations to MB on how to best achieve request.



What has happened so far?:

Process Improvements

- STAR offers “dress rehearsal” 2 weeks prior.
- Recommendations as specific as possible.
- Spread decision-making over 2 MB meetings.
- MB = *“Lead Decision-maker and problem solver”*
- GIT 6 = *“Lead SRS coordinator and advisor to MB”*
- Answers to finance questions added to pre-meeting materials.

- Responsible GIT Chairs attend and present/introduce materials to MB.
- Logic Table revised to be more user-friendly.
- Updated Logic Table can serve also as updated Strategy.
- Identification of “Adaptive Management Mentors”
- Changing Outcomes? Not yet, but role for PSC if it happens.

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“I’ll admit I was very skeptical going into the process. Actually going through it, we identified a lot of things that I don’t think we would have if we didn’t have a systemic process. It surprised me.”

Jim Edward, Sept 21, 2017