**Principals’ Staff Committee**

**Actions and Decisions on IRC and GIT Recommendations**

**April 13 & 14, 2014 Retreat**

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| Color Key:  Green – PSC approved; no need to revisit  Blue - general PSC approval, but need one or two signatories sign off  Yellow – additional work needed; bring back to PSC for further consideration  Suggested language edits/additions  Suggested deletions: ~~strikethrough~~ |

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| **BIN #2 Issues** | | | |  |
| **Fisheries Goal Team** | | | | |
|  | | | **PSC Decision** | **Ex Comm Consideration-4/21 Call** |
| Introduction | *Revised:* “Habitat loss, poor water quality, non-native and invasive species, toxics and fishing pressure continue to threaten the sustainability of the Chesapeake Bay's fisheries. Sustaining fish and shellfish populations contributes to a strong economy and maritime culture and supports a healthy ecosystem for all Bay watershed residents.” | 4/14/14 | Agreed |  |
| Blue Crab Abundance Outcome | GIT 1 is considering adding a statement to the end of the existing outcome to explain how the abundance target is refined. Maintain a sustainable blue crab population based on  the current 2012 target of 215 million adult females and continue to refine population targets through 2025 based on best available science “**Evaluate and refine the population target based on baywide stock assessments that are conducted approximately every five years as resources are available**.” *(draft)* | 4/14/14 | Sending back to GIT to consider adding language to management strategies rather than the outcome. | Does Ex Comm agree with PSC recommendation to not include additional language in outcome?  *“Evaluate and refine the population target based on baywide stock assessments that are conducted approximately every five years as resources are available.”* |
| Blue Crab Management Outcome | *Revised:* **“Blue Crab Management Outcome:** Improve the ability to manage for a stable and productive crab ~~population~~ ~~and~~ fishery by working with the industry, recreational crabbers, and other stakeholders to improve commercial and recreational harvest accountability. **By 2018**, **e**valuate the establishment of a Bay-wide, allocation-based management framework with annual levels set by the jurisdictions that ~~will provide stability for crabbing businesses and accountability of the harvest for each jurisdiction~~.” *See revised language options in last column🡪* | 4/14/14 | Agreed | DNR Suggestion: *“…By 2018, evaluate the establishment of a Bay-wide, allocation-based management framework with annual levels set by the jurisdictions for the purpose of accounting for harvest by each jurisdiction.”*  PRFC Suggestion: *“…By 2018, evaluate the establishment of a Bay-wide, allocation-based management framework with annual levels set by the jurisdictions to strive for economic vitality and harvest accountability.”* |
| Oyster Outcome | *Revised:* ***“*Oyster Outcome**: Restore native oyster habitat and populations in 10 tributaries by 2025 **and ensure their protection** to recover the benefits of fish habitat and water quality improvements that healthy oyster reefs provide.”  ---------------------  GIT 1 is considering adding a statement to the end of the existing outcome to explain how restoration is measured. **“*Utilize the Oyster Metrics adopted by the Chesapeake Bay Program’s Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team to define restoration success.”*.”** *(draft)* | 4/14/14 | Agreed to first part  --------------  Agreed in concept, but consider adding language to management strategies rather than the outcome. | Does Ex Comm agree with PSC recommendation to not include additional language in outcome?  “*Utilize the Oyster Metrics adopted by the Chesapeake Bay Program’s Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team to define restoration success.”* |
| Fish Habitat Outcome | ~~GIT 1 recommends including language that would be inclusive of freshwater fisheries and adding a deadline of 2018.~~  **~~“By 2018~~**~~, identify and characterize critical spawning, nursery and forage areas within the Bay~~ **~~watershed~~** ~~important for fish and shellfish~~ **~~so that management strategies can be enhanced to improve fish health and recreational opportunities~~.”**  *Original***: Fish Habitat Outcome**: Continue to identify and characterize critical spawning, nursery and forage areas within the Bay and tributaries for important fish and shellfish and use existing and new tools to integrate information and conduct assessments to inform restoration and conservation efforts. | 4/14/14 | Do not include. Use existing language which already includes bay and tributaries. Broad enough to encompass freshwater streams and rivers. | Does Ex Comm want to push for additional freshwater fish outcome? |