



Strategy Review System

4th Cycle SRS Process Review &
QPM Preparations

November 27, 2023



Chesapeake Bay Program

40 years of science, restoration and partnership

IN THE NEXT 25 MINUTES...

Review SRS Process
changes for 4th Cycle

Look at Living
Resources Cohort as
an example

Questions &
discussion



WHY MAKE CHANGES?

- Respond meaningfully to input from the Biennial & MB meetings
- Adjust to and better synchronize the end of the 4th cycle with the timing of planned outputs from the Beyond 2025 work
- Engage coordinators & staffers in co-development of improvements to the 4th cycle



CO-DEVELOPMENT OF SRS 4TH CYCLE CHANGES

WORK SESSIONS ON JULY 13, JULY 26, AND AUGUST 16

Aim to **improve the experience** of those interacting with the SRS process while **maintaining the integrity** of the overall adaptive management system

- Calendar of Cohorts
 - Where do commonalities exist among outcome themes?
- 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

- Develop stronger thematic alignment among cohorts
- All outcomes go through the full SRS Process once every two years
- Adds an opportunity for outcomes to be discussed every year, if desired
- Where possible, prioritize discussion of off-track outcomes in the first year of the 4th cycle



CALENDAR OF COHORTS: YEAR 1

- Where possible, prioritize discussion of off-track outcomes in the first year of the 4th cycle
- Off track outcomes that recently completed their QPM may give a brief update instead of repeating the full process in the first year
- In the first year, on track outcomes may opt for:
 - a "pass"
 - a brief update
 - the full SRS process with time for a 45-minute QPM presentation & discussion



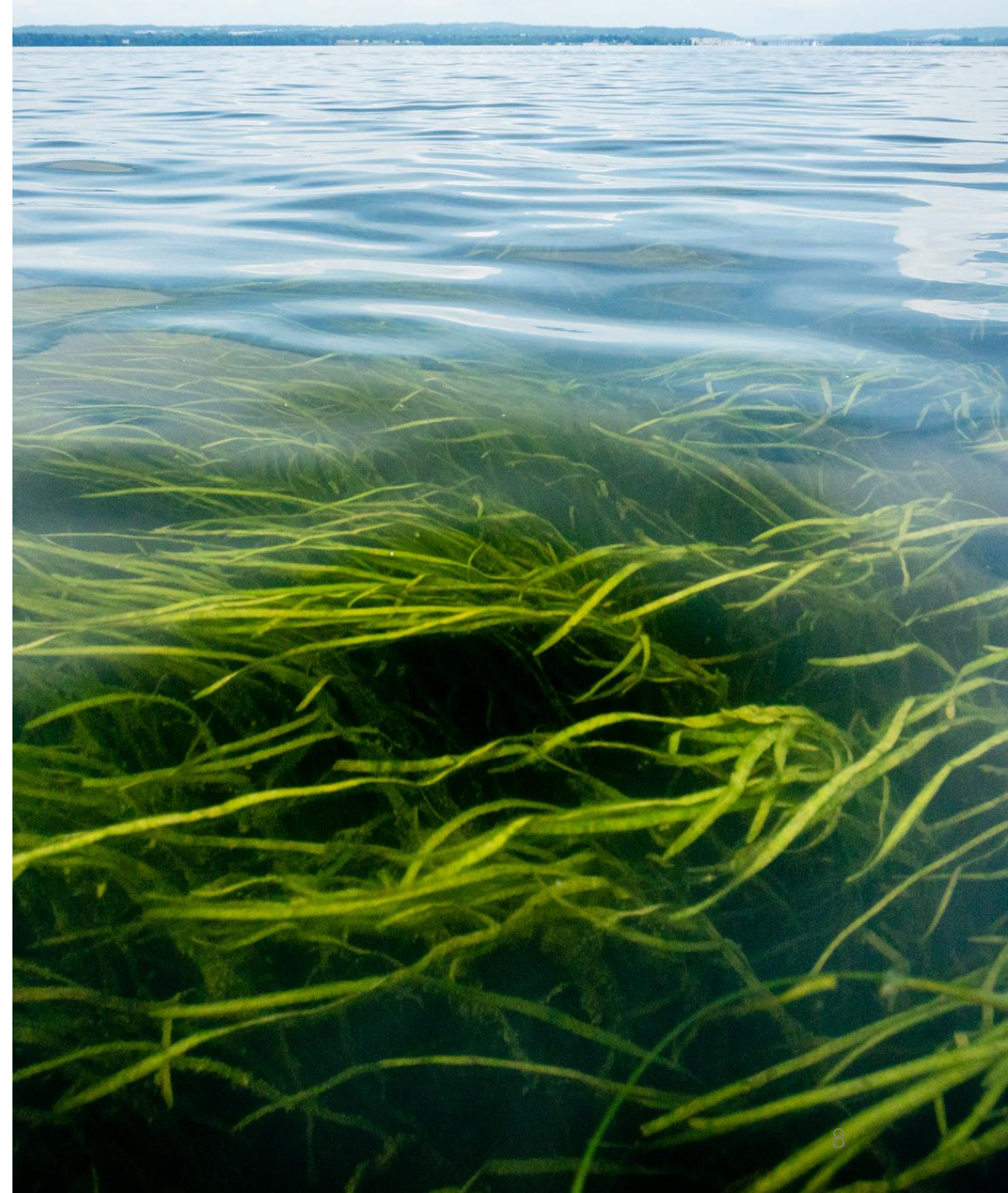
Calendar of Cohorts: Annual/Biennial Schedule with 4 Cohorts

- Outlook Uncertain
- Outlook Off Track

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					Biennial Meeting			4 th Cycle Starts			Living Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAV• Wetlands• Brook Trout• Black Duck• Oysters• Bl. Crab Abundance• Fish Passage• Fish Habitat• Forage Fish
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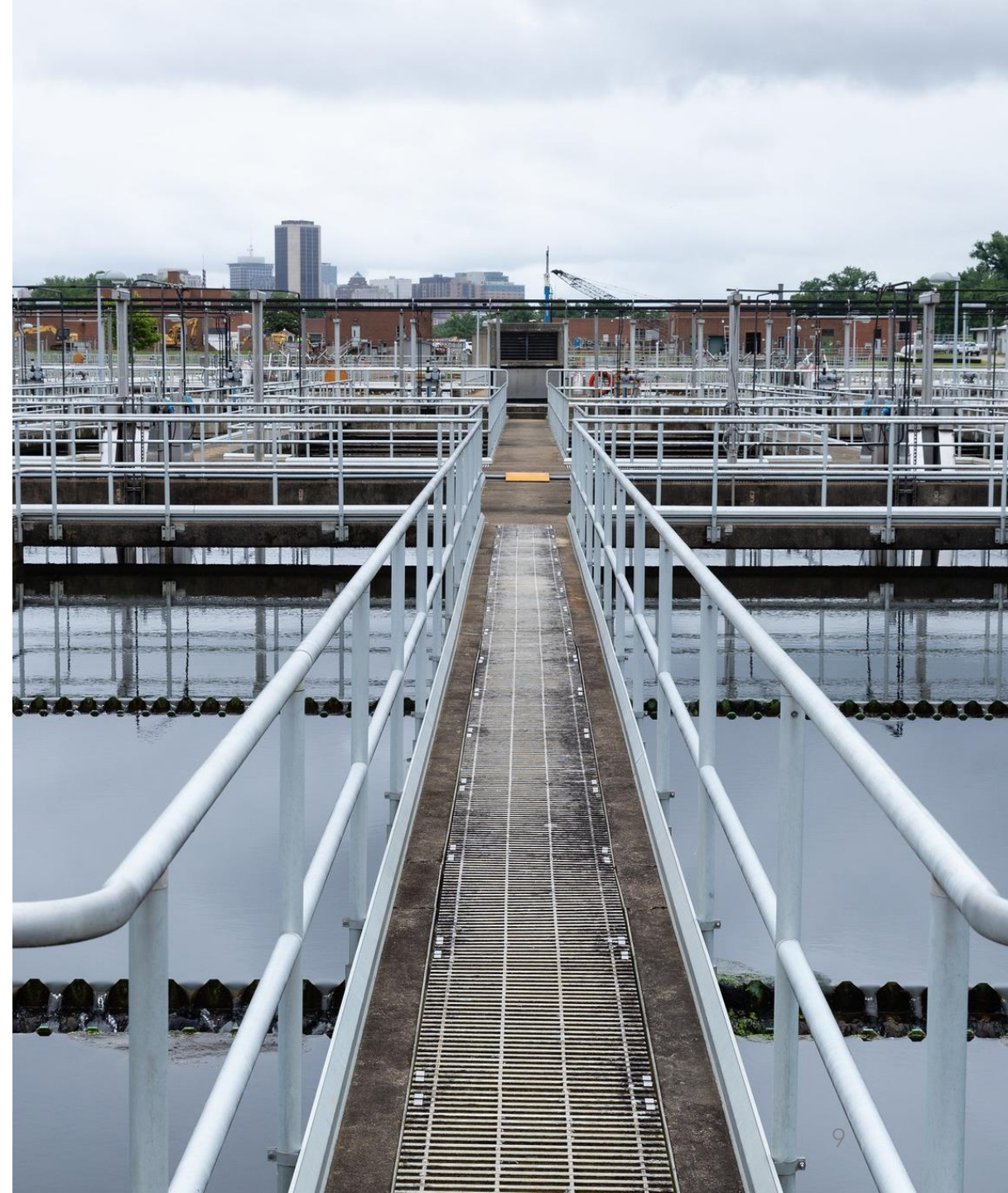
LIGHTEN THE LOAD

- Decreased the number of required steps from 14 to 8
- Consolidated templates into a single **"Outcome Summary Review"** document
- No required PowerPoint or Workplan Template
- Workplan is not required to be submitted to MB or for Public Review



SEQUENCE OF SCIENCE

- Move engagement with STAC & STAR from after QPM to before QPM
- Better leverage expertise to help:
 - Conduct the adaptive management analysis
 - Highlight learnings
 - Define & shape science needs



PROPOSED 4TH CYCLE SRS PROCESS

Revised 9/18/23



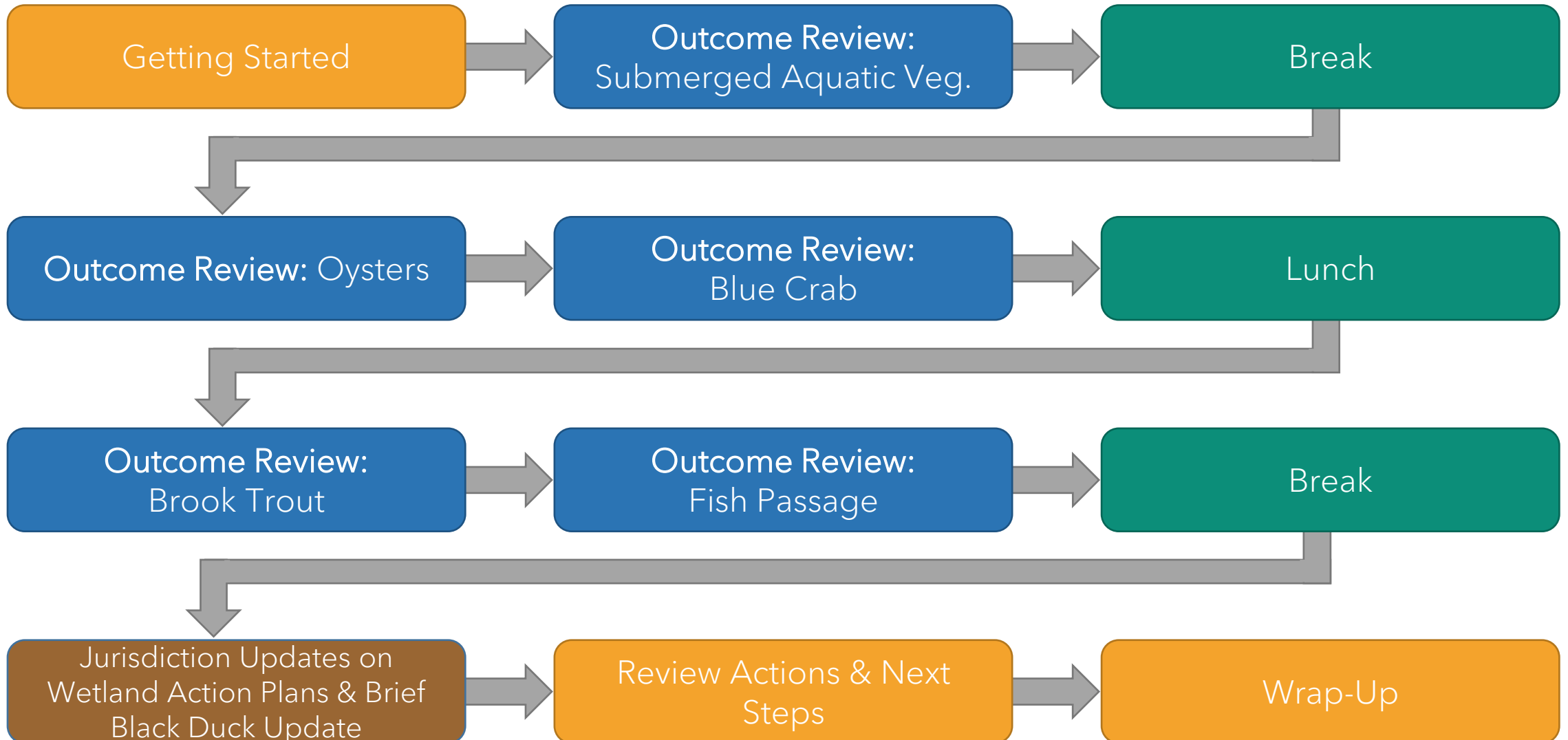
QUARTERLY PROGRESS MEETING LOGISTICS

- In person participation **strongly recommended** at the Chesapeake Bay Program offices in Annapolis
- General duration of 5-6 hours
- Lunch ordering will be arranged at Full On Annapolis (same venue used by Beyond 2025).



LIVING RESOURCES COHORT QPM – FLOW OF THE DAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH FROM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM



2023 LIVING RESOURCES OUTCOME REVIEWS - WORKGROUP PAGES

- Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Outcome - [Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Workgroup](#)
- Oyster Outcome - [Maryland and Virginia Oyster Restoration Interagency Teams](#)
- Blue Crab Outcomes - [Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee](#)
- Brook Trout Outcome - [Brook Trout Action Team](#)
- Fish Passage Outcome - [Fish Passage Workgroup](#)

2024 LIVING RESOURCES - WORKGROUP PAGES

- Forage Fish Outcome - [Forage Action Team](#)
- Fish Habitat Outcome - [Fish Habitat Action Team](#)
- Wetlands Outcome - [Wetlands Workgroup](#)
- Black Duck Outcome - [Black Duck Action Team](#)



RESPONSIBILITIES & EXPECTATIONS

Before QPM

- Outcome leads prepare & submit Outcome Review Summary at least 2 weeks before QPM
- **MB members** review all Outcome Review Summaries
- **MB members** invite experts to QPM

During QPM

- Outcome leads provide outcome update or presentation
- **MB members** actively engage in discussions, brainstorm solutions, & respond to requests

After QPM

- MB members respond to requests from Outcomes
- **Outcome leads** respond to requests from the MB
- **All participants** debrief at the next MB meeting

THANK YOU!

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