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Management Board Meeting ***Final Agenda***

April 16, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Purpose: The purpose of this Management Board (MB) meeting is to discuss matters related to governance, organizational structure, and management strategy development, with decisions being made on the Management Strategy template and timeline. The meeting will also include a presentation and discussions on the 2026 STAC Report: Striped Bass Survey Assessment and Habitat Connections.

I. Meeting Introductions

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Dan Coogan, MB Chair, will kick-off the meeting and will review the meeting purpose. Amy Handen will administer the roll call.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Presenters: Dan Coogan, EPA, and Amy Handen, EPA

Materials:

I. Actions and Decisions: March 12, 2026 MB

II. Finalize Management Strategy and Work Plan Templates

9:05 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Review Goal Team Co-Chair and Signatory partners recommendations for resolving outstanding comments and questions about specific elements that will be included in the Strategic Plan, Management Strategies, and Workplan and seek Management Board approval of these templates. The Management Board will also be asked to approve the revised timeline for the development of these documents, per the recommendations from the Goal Team Co-Chairs and

Signatory partners.

Requested Action: Decisional. Approve Strategic Plan, Management Strategy, Workplan template. Approve development timeline.

Presenter: Sarah Brzezinski, EPA

Materials:

II.a. GT Chair and Signatory Meeting Recommendations 2026.03.26

II.b. Strategic Plan Outline 2026.04.02

II.c. Management Strategy Template 2026.04.02

II.d. Management Strategy Example - Backyard Birds - 2026.04.02

II.e. Workplan Template 2026.04.02

II.f. Workplan Example - Backyard Birds 2026.04.02

II.g. MS Timeline 2026.04.02

III. Governance and Structure

9:50 a.m. – 1:55 p.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to review the draft Governance and Management Framework. This session will include an overview of the current schedule and logistics planning, an open comment period, and section by section update and extended discussion. The intent of the section by section update and discussion is to identify remaining issues to be resolved by the May 14th Management Board meeting.

Requested Action: TBD

Facilitator: Doug Bell, EPA; Jennifer Handke, Consulting with a Purpose

Materials:

III.a. GMF April 16th MB - REDLINE Version

III.b. Presentation: Governance and Structure MB 04.16.25

MID MORNING BREAK / LUNCH (We will pause at natural transitions between topics for break and lunch.)
(50 minutes)

IV. Update on the STAC Workshop: Striped Bass Survey Assessment and Habitat Connections

1:55 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to provide an overview of the [2025 STAC workshop, Striped Bass Survey Assessment and Habitat Connections](#), and the resulting [STAC workshop report](#). This effort focused on habitat-related drivers of poor recruitment, monitoring needs to better understand mortality, strategies for invasive blue catfish, and priority science needs for ecosystem-based management. The recommendations point to concrete areas where the Chesapeake Bay Program and broader partnership can take action on striped bass recovery beyond harvest management alone.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and/or presentation only

Presenter: Bruce Vogt (NOAA), Workshop Co – Chair; Carrie Kennedy (MD DNR), Workshop Co-Chair

Materials:

IV.a. [STAC workshop report](#)

IV.b. STAC Workshop Presentation

- V. Open Public Feedback Period for Non-Decisional Items** **2:25 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.**
- VI. Approving Plastics Pollution Action Team (PPAT) Chair** **2:35 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.**
The purpose of this agenda topic is to approve the incoming PPAT Chair, Tish Robertson.
Requested Action: Decisional
Facilitator: Dan Coogan, EPA
Materials:
VI. PPAT Chair Nomination
- VII. Announcements / Business Meeting** **2:40 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.**
The purpose of this agenda topic is to provide an opportunity for Management Board members to offer any brief updates on items of interest.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.
Facilitator: Dan Coogan, EPA
Materials: none.
- VIII. Review of Actions and Decisions** **2:55 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
The purpose of this agenda topic is to recap the decisions and actions captured from the day's discussions and deliberations.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.
Facilitator: Amy Handen, EPA
Materials: none.
- IX. Wrap Up and Adjourn** **3:00 p.m.**