# Shallow Water Habitats Small Group Update for the Wetlands Workgroup

**DECEMBER 12, 2023** 

## Agenda



BEYOND 2025 PROCESS



SCHEDULE



SMALL TOPIC GROUPS



EXPECTATIONS/ OBJECTIVES



VISION/SCOPE



QUESTIONS RECOMMENDATIONS



**NEXT STEPS** 

## Beyond 2025 Steering Committee

The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee advises the development of recommendations to meet the Chesapeake Executive Council charge (October 2022) to the Principals' Staff Committee on charting a course beyond 2025.

- Prioritize and outline the next steps for meeting the goals and outcomes of the Watershed Agreement leading up to and beyond 2025.
- ▶ Report back to the Executive Council at its 2024 annual meeting (October) with recommendations that continue to address new advances in science and restoration, along with a focus on our partnership for going beyond 2025.

Subsequently the CBP established a Beyond 2025 Steering Committee consisting of partner signatories, federal agencies, advisory committees, and GIT representatives.

### **PROCESS**

### Where we are

#### Reaching 2025 Report

- Outcome Attainment
- Assessment and Recommendations

#### Science and Policy Reports

· CESR, Rising Temps, Dartmouth, Biennial Mtg Report, Adv. Committees Recommendations

### Where do we want to be?

#### Vision Exercise

- Future watershed will be different
- · Reaffirm or refine vision?

#### **High Profile Topics**

 Steering Committee discussions about priority issues like climate change, shallow waters, DEIJ. NPS, etc. that are coordinated by SC and GIT+ small groups



GIT Involvement + WG chairs and/or SMEs)

### How we work

Organizational/ Governance Assessment

- CBP Structures
- CBP Processes
- Adaptive Management
- Stakeholder/NGO engagement

What we do

Impact Assessment

of Goals & Outcomes

· Do we have the right

goals / outcomes and

can the partnership

have an impact on

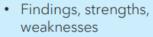
· What to do with met

goals? Unmet goals?

them?

#### Path Forward SC

Recommendations on Org. Structure, Gov. & Adapt Mgmt



• Identify and/or assess options



#### Recommendations on Agreement

- Amend and extend?
- Reform and rewrite?
- \*\*Any proposed changes cannot be fully scripted in 1yr.\*\*

SC

#### Draft SC Recommendations

SC

- · Agreement, Structure, Governance, Adapt Mamt
- Next Steps Post EC2024
- GIT Involvement in Review process









Final Recommendations to EC in 2024

#### Post EC2024

PHASE II: Execute Recommended Path Forward



#### **Chesapeake Bay Program**

40 years of science, restoration and partnership

## Schedule

- Nov. Jan. 2024: Topical groups convene, discuss, and develop recommendations to be considered by the Beyond 2025 SC.
  - ► Fish Habitat Action Team Meeting December 4
  - ▶ Wetlands Workgroup Meeting (Tidal & Nontidal) December 12<sup>th</sup>
  - ▶ Stream Health Workgroup Meeting December 15<sup>th</sup>
- ► Feb. 2024: 2-day SC Meeting to discuss small group recommendations.
- Mar. 2024: SC Meeting and review the first draft of recommendations.
- ▶ April 2024: Adoption of the Beyond 2025 SC recommendations.
- May June 2024: Solicit public feedback on the Beyond 2025 SC recommendations.
- ▶ July 2024: Revise and affirm the Beyond 2025 SC recommendations based on public input.
- Aug. Sept. 2024: Seek approval of Beyond 2025 SC recommendations from the Management Board and Principals' Staff Committee.
- ▶ Oct. 2024: Present and request approval of Beyond 2025 SC recommendations from the Executive Council.



## Small Groups

### Small Group Teams

- Climate
- Healthy Watersheds
  - Land conservation
  - Habitat
  - Living Resources
- Clean Water
  - NPS pollution
  - TMDL
- People
  - Public Engagement
  - DEIJ
- Shallow Water Habitats

### Shallow Water Membership

Larry Sanford, STAC
Bruce Vogt, GIT 1
Gina Hunt\* GIT 2
Stefanie Tallion, VA
Chris Guy, FWS
Adrienne Kotula, CBC
Jessica Blackburn, SAC
Brooke Landry\* SAV WkGP

## Expectations-

- ▶ Defining the Scope of the Topic
- ▶ Coordination: Engage other partnership groups in addressing the guiding questions and crosscutting considerations and team derived questions.
  - ► Workgroup meetings like this, and we will engage SME in topic specific meetings
- ▶ Cross-Cutting Considerations
  - ►Climate
  - **▶**People
  - ▶ Living Resources
  - ▶ Cross-Program Coordination
- ▶ Deliverable = Five Recommendations that are broad and include a solid rationale for Steering Committees final product to the Executive





### VISION-

Healthy and sustainable shallow water habitats that support resources, communities, and economies that are resilient to long-term changes in watershed conditions.

## SCOPE-

Edges and Nearshore Waters of 3 ecological zones:

- Non-tidal Fresh
- Tidal Fresh
- Tidal Estuarine.

Issue Topic Areas-

## Input to the Shallow Water Team

### Guiding Principals-

- Issues or topics that the Bay Program can influence
- High level recommendations/topics
- We are not recommending new Outcome goals (if needed, that is Phase 2).
- Recommendations on partnership structure and coordination are welcome

#### Jamboard Questions-

- > What are we doing well that we should keep doing or strengthen?
  - How does the Bay Program help with this effort?
- What do we need to do differently?
  - > What do we need for infrastructure to make this happen?
- What vanguard idea could change the way we move forward?
- Is there other shallow water research or information we need to cite/review for these recommendations?
  - > Other than CESR, Reaching 2025, SRS Biennial Meeting, Rising Water Temperatures Reports?



## Next Steps



In December seek input from Shallow Water Workgroups-Fish Habitat, Stream Health (Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>) and Wetlands (Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>) Google Form:

https://forms.gle/5b9BA4tsnQT6d6447



January – Include topic area experts