Next steps for the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative

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Integrated Monitoring Networks Workgroup



Accomplishments to date

- Approved Quality Management Plan
- Conditional approval of benthic and non-tidal quality assurance project plans
- Tidal QAPP reviewed by MEL
- Census of volunteer and non-traditional monitoring groups
- Tiered framework
- Established database contractor: Chesapeake Environmental Communications



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- Meetings with state partners
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Prioritization workshop & report

Goals of workshop:

- Invite volunteer and non-traditional monitoring groups to the table
- Focus geographically to identify needs of both groups and available resources
- Connect agency staff with volunteer and non-traditional data collectors
- Guide efforts of group integration and project implementation

Potential dates: October 12-14th, 19th-20th, 24th-26th

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- Identify groups to invite (ASAP)
- Attend (October 2016)
- Review and provide comments on report draft (November 2016)



Methods manuals

- SOPs submitted with QAPPs (currently being reviewed)
- Development of field methods manuals by 9/30/16
- User friendly with helpful visuals



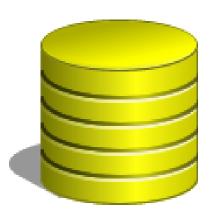
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 Volunteers to review & provide comments (August 2016)



Build database and user interface

- Draft database in progress
- Currently building user interface
- What browsers do agencies use?



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- Volunteers to give input on needs of data users (small ad-hoc work group)
- Beta-testers (Winter & Spring 2016)



Tier designation rubric and finalized tiered framework

- Draft rubric in progress
- Present to IMN 8/17/16 for review
- Rubric will inform tiered framework updates
- Both will be finalized by end of 2016

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 Volunteers to review and comment on rubric (Aug & Sept 2016)



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Thank you!

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