



Management Board
December 9, 2021

Actions/Decisions

Update from Blue Crab Outcome on CBSAC Discussion

During the November Quarterly Progress Meeting, the Sustainable Fisheries GIT, working with the Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee (CBSAC), was asked to develop an updated list of current/new prioritized science needs—including considerations for an updated benchmark assessment and an estimate of costs and needed partner contributions. The team presented a proposed timeline including when an updated science needs list, estimated costs, and potential partner contributions should be expected.

- Action: Following the proposed timeline, CBSAC will:
 - present updated science needs to STAR at their Dec. 16 meeting
 - report to the MB on their highest priority blue crab research, assessment, and workshop needs and timelines necessary for achieving the Blue Crab Outcome. Included in this evaluation should be CBSAC's recommendation on the value of conducting a new blue crab benchmark stock assessment, and estimated costs and recommended jurisdictional contributions for each of the above including a new blue crab benchmark stock assessment (if recommended).

Acceptance of Final SRS Materials for Healthy Watersheds Cohort

Following the August Quarterly Progress Meeting, five of six outcome teams within the Healthy Watersheds Cohort prepared and submitted for review their final logic and action plans (and one management strategy) for public and signatory review. The comment period ended November 26 and the documents were presented to the MB for acceptance at this meeting.

- Action: The Management Board accepted as final the logic and action plans for the following outcomes:
 - Healthy Watersheds
 - Protected Lands
 - Fish Habitat
 - Stream Health
 - Fish Passage
- Action: The Management Board accepted as final the Healthy Watersheds outcome's management strategy, which was modified to reflect the outcome's commitment to the partnership's DEIJ statement.
- Note: The Brook Trout outcome requested an extension on their SRS material development until the February Quarterly Progress Meeting.

Principals' Staff Committee Updates

Acting CBP Director Michelle Price-Fay provided an overview of key actions and decisions from the November 23, 2021 Principals' Staff Committee meeting and led a discussion about needed follow-up items.

Executive Council Meeting Planning Updates

CBP Communications Director Rachel Felver provided an update on the Chesapeake Executive Council meeting, scheduled for December 15, 2021 in Richmond, Virginia. A media advisory for the event was shared with the MB:

https://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/ecbrief/43969/december_2021_ec_meeting_media_advisory.pdf

Planning a Partnership Response to the EC Climate Change Directive

Michelle Price-Fay provided an overview of next steps for implementing the Chesapeake Executive Council Directive No. 21-1 *Collective Action for Climate Change* and asked for MB feedback on developing a framework for a partnership-wide response to the Directive. Several MB members mentioned the value of holding a workshop/retreat to focus on the challenge and on how the jurisdictions can best position themselves to compete for competitive grant programs funded under the Infrastructure Act. Kristin Saunders suggested that the partners consider the workshop could be conducted by STAC, noting the RFA/call for workshop ideas is currently out for proposals).

- Action: CBPO staff, working with volunteer partners, will develop an outline of a workplan of next steps with the idea that a draft workplan will be developed by late spring or summer. Current Volunteers for drafting the workplan: Martha Shimkin (CBPO Deputy Director), Matt Fleming (Md.), Sally Claggett (USFS) and Marcia Fox (Del.). Other partners will check with staff to identify the best people to participate in this effort.

Accelerating Progress: Forest Buffers and Wetlands Workshops

During its September meeting, the MB endorsed the Outcome Attainability Action Team's recommendation to develop three workshops for the Wetland and Forestry outcomes. The workshops are intended to identify strategies for accelerating progress towards achieving the forest buffers, tidal wetlands, and non-tidal wetlands outcomes. Sally Claggett (Forest Buffers outcome) and Chris Guy (Wetlands outcome) provided an overview of their workshop planning efforts and sought MB input and a recommendation for the PSC to sponsor the workshops.

- Action: The Forest Buffers and Wetlands Outcome Leads will return at the January MB meeting to provide a more structured report out on their planned workshops incorporating feedback received at this meeting and going forward.
- Action: The MB will continue to work with the Forest Buffers and Wetlands Outcome leads offline to help draft outlines for workshops including identifying timeframes that support the greatest attendance for relevant representatives of the MB and PSC.

Business Meeting:

- **Upcoming Meeting/Presentation on Agriculture Practices and Carbon Sequestration**
Bill Jenkins (Habitats GIT Co-Chair) announced that he and Martha Shimkin (CBPO Deputy Director) are working with the Chesapeake Conservancy to plan a presentation in mid-late

January about the work they are doing on agricultural practices and carbon sequestration and their co-benefits. An invitation will be sent out within the next month.

Partner Updates

- **Send off for James Martin**

After nearly half a decade of providing leadership to the Water Quality GIT, Chair, James Martin is stepping down to take on a new role at the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. James will remain active in the partnership in his new role, continuing to support attainment of the Watershed Agreements goals.

- **Reminder to participate in GIT Funded Social Science Survey**

Lisa Wainger, UMCES Research Professor and former Chair of STAC, reminded the Management Board of a survey sent to them on Nov. 30 to help assess the social science capacity of the partnership as part of a GIT Funded project with UMCES. Following the meeting, Garrett Stewart, CRC MB Staffer, forwarded the email containing the survey link to the Management Board, inviting those who haven't responded to do so by the Dec. 17 deadline.

- **STAC FY22 Workshop RFP**

Annabelle Harvey announced that STAC's FY22 Workshop RFP has been released and proposal are due February 16, 2022. The full announcement may be read at the following link:

<https://www.chesapeake.org/stac/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/STAC-FY22-Workshop-RFP.pdf>

- **Citizens Advisory Committee Update**

CAC held its quarterly meeting as a hybrid event in Harrisburg, PA on December 1, 2021 at which they briefed Regional Administrator Adam Ortiz on their annual recommendations to the Chesapeake Executive Council and discussed opportunities for Chesapeake Bay Watershed restoration and protection.