Management Decisions from 12-14-24 QPM

Management Decisions from the Management Board's December 2024 Quarterly Progress Meeting will be posted on the <u>Chesapeake Decisions Management Decisions webpage</u>.

Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV)

Request: We ask that the Management Board endorse the necessity of establishing a Shallow Water Habitat Sentinel Program and guide the CBP to take the necessary steps to do so.

Decision: The Management Board supports the intention of the Habitat GIT to *request* a STAC Workshop on the Shallow Water Habitat Sentinel Program in 2024.

Requesting GIT (or STAR): Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Habitat GIT

Responsible Parties: Management Board

Due Date: December 14, 2023

Status: Resolved

Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV)

Request: We ask that the Management Board endorse the necessity of establishing a Shallow Water Habitat Sentinel Program and guide the CBP to take the necessary steps to do so.

Decision: In the proposed Shallow Water Habitat Sentinel Program STAC workshop (if accepted by STAC), the MB recommends that the Habitat GIT further explore the scope and scale of the proposed Sentinel Program, including determining if tidal or non-tidal monitoring will be conducted and identifying cross-GIT parameters to be monitored (avoiding redundancies). The STAC workshop should also suggest options/scenarios for funding.

Requesting GIT (or STAR): Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Habitat GIT

Responsible Parties: Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Habitat GIT

Due Date: December 14, 2024

Status: In Progress

Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV)

Request: We ask that the Management Board endorse the necessity of establishing a Shallow Water Habitat Sentinel Program and guide the CBP to take the necessary steps to do so.

Decision: The Habitat GIT will return to the MB to report out on findings of the STAC workshop. (Note: the report out would likely be at least nine months after the workshop.)

Requesting GIT (or STAR): Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Habitat GIT

Responsible Parties: Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Habitat GIT

Due Date: December 14, 2025

Status: In Progress

Oysters

Request: Request for MD and VA to maintain jurisdictional commitment to large-scale restoration up to 2025, and remain engaged in planning beyond 2025.

Decision: MD and VA (and USACE) support maintaining jurisdictional commitment to large-scale restoration up to 2025, and to remain engaged in planning beyond 2025.

Requesting GIT (or STAR): Maryland and Virginia Oyster Restoration Interagency Teams, Sustainable Fisheries GIT

Responsible Parties: Maryland and Virginia Oyster Restoration Interagency Teams, Sustainable Fisheries

GIT

Due Date: December 14, 2023

Status: Resolved

Brook Trout

Request: The Management Board directs the Bay Program to develop a cross programmatic strategy that can be adopted by County, State, and Federal Agencies to develop agreements that promote brook trout habitat in priority counties that currently have stronghold or persistent Brook Trout patches.

Decision: The Management Board will identify at least one interested state who will convene the Brook Trout Workgroup co-chairs and partners in their jurisdiction (including brook trout, acid mine drainage, county and local interests) to collaborate on an approach for promoting restoration and conservation in Brook Trout strongholds or persistent Brook Trout patches. The lead jurisdiction and co-chairs will report back to the MB on the approach and any potential for replication throughout the watershed. Maryland, Pennsylvania agreed to take leadership positions.

Requesting GIT (or STAR): Brook Trout Action Team

Responsible Parties: Management Board - Maryland, Pennsylvania agreed to take leadership positions.

Due Date: N/A

Status: In Progress

Brook Trout

Request: The Management Board directs the Bay Program to develop a cross programmatic strategy that can be adopted by County, State, and Federal Agencies to develop agreements that promote brook trout habitat in priority counties that currently have stronghold or persistent Brook Trout patches.

Decision: The lead jurisdiction and co-chairs will report back to the MB on the approach [for promoting restoration and conservation in Brook Trout strongholds or persistent Brook Trout patches] and any potential for replication throughout the watershed. Maryland, Pennsylvania agreed to take leadership positions.

Requesting GIT (or STAR): Brook Trout Action Team

Responsible Parties: Management Board - Maryland, Pennsylvania agreed to take leadership positions.

Due Date: N/A

Status: In Progress