



## Management Board Meeting

October 14, 2021

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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## Agenda

- I. **Getting Started: Order of the Day and Introductions** 11:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.  
*Michelle Price-Fay, Acting Management Board (MB) Chair, will open the meeting, welcome members, and review the agenda and actions/decisions from the September 23, 2021 MB meeting.*  
Materials:  
I. Actions/Decisions from September 23, 2021 MB meeting
  
- II. **Outcome Attainability** 11:10 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.  
The Outcome Attainability Action Team will provide an update on their progress to frame outcome attainability issues and to synthesize what the partners discussed at the September PSC and Management Board meetings. They will focus on the updated dashboard based on Management Board and Goal Implementation Team feedback.  
  
Decision Requested: Management Board approval of the dashboard and proposed direction or recommended targeted language changes. Agreement on format and content for report to the PSC.  
*Presenters:* Sean Corson, NOAA, Fisheries GIT Chair, Carin Bisland, GIT 6 Co-Chair  
*Relevant outcomes:* Forest Buffers, Wetlands, Multiple others  
Materials:  
II.a Outcome Attainment Dashboard

III. Follow up from Quarterly Progress Review of Healthy Watershed Cohort

11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

*DRAFT Progress dashboard for Outcomes being discussed today*

Land Conservation	<p><a href="#">Protected Lands</a>  <i>By 2025, protect an additional 2 million acres of lands, including 225,000 acres of wetlands and 695,000 acres of forest land.</i></p>	<p>On course. If 2020 tracking update confirms likelihood of meeting the 2M acre goal by 2025, consider upgrading target to 30% of lands protected by 2030 (need to protect ~3M ac between 2018 and 2030), in line with Federal initiatives. Emphasize/encourage protecting wetland and larger tracts of forest to meet the Outcome’s subgoals.</p>
Vital Habitats	<p><a href="#">Brook Trout</a>  <i>Restore and sustain brook trout populations with 8% increase in occupied habitat by 2025.</i></p>	<p>Off course. Incomplete tracking information. Data support and intervention is needed to increase rate of implementation, monitoring of restoration activities/success."</p>
	<p><a href="#">Stream Health</a>  <i>Improve health and function of 10% of stream miles above the 2008 baseline.</i></p>	<p>A new baseline for the Chessie BIBI was established in 2018 and we are expecting updated data and A&amp;M by the end of December 2021 for the first update.</p>
Sustainable Fisheries	<p><a href="#">Fish Habitat</a></p>	<p>Data was assembled and fish habitat assessment frameworks were developed for tidal and non-tidal portions of the Bay, pilots were conducted in each, and plans for a combined tidal and non-tidal assessment were developed for the Patuxent River. A shoreline hardening threshold was developed showing impacts to fish beginning between 10%-30% hardening. Multiple Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management research projects linking environmental variables to fish populations were successfully conducted, several more are underway.</p>

A. [Protected Lands](#)

- i. The Protected Lands workgroup (PLWG) will present to the MB recommended language, conditions, and timeline for potentially updating the Outcome target at October MB meeting. Materials will be submitted by September 30, 2021

- ii. The PLWG requested MB assistance with facilitating a focus on health and equity to help meet multiple Watershed Agreement outcomes. The PLWG drafted language to incorporate into their next Logic and Action Plan and is seeking MB review, comments, and concurrence.
- iii. The PLWG requested MB assistance in engaging land conservation efforts to aid wetland and forest buffer BMPs. The workgroup drafted related potential action items to incorporate into their next logic and action plan to addresses land conservation efforts to aid wetland and forest buffer outcomes as well as other water quality BMPs. MB members will discuss how their jurisdiction/agency can contribute in their respective programs.

*Presenters: David Goshorn, MDNR, GIT 6 Chair and Britt Slattery, NPS, Protected Lands Workgroup Coordinator*

**B. Fish Habitat, Brook Trout and Stream Health**

- i. The Brook Trout Work Group requested MB assistance to increase implementation efforts of their large-scale priority action items to make the greatest impact. This includes providing CBP staff support to better coordinate with other CBP GITs on connected actions (e.g., reforestation, aquatic connectivity, eDNA monitoring) that address multiple outcomes. The Healthy Watershed cohort outcome leads and MB volunteers (Dave Goshorn, Scott Phillips, Michelle Price-Fay, Sally Claggett and Stephen Faulkner) will report on their efforts to develop a cross-cohort strategy for aligning efforts to achieve goals efficiently.

*Facilitator: David Goshorn, MDNR, GIT 6 Chair*

Decision Requested: Management board direction to Outcome leads within this cohort to assist in the development of their updated Logic & Action Plan.

Materials:

III.a August QPM Action Table

III.b Draft Language for PLWG Logic and Action Plan

III.c September Management Board Actions and Decisions

**LUNCH**

**12:40 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.**

**IV. DEIJ Strategy Implementation Plan and Management/Accountability Framework**

**1:10 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) Action Team Co-Chairs will provide an update on the final draft DEIJ Implementation Plan. The public input period ended on September 27 and an overview of comments will be provided. The Co-Chairs will also present for MB input a draft set of recommendations for a complementary Management and Accountability framework that will be submitted for PSC consideration in time for their fall meeting.

Decision requested: The MB will provide input on the DEIJ Strategy Implementation Plan and proposed DEIJ Management and Accountability framework.

*Presenter:* Jeff Seltzer (DC) and Meryem Karad (VA), Action Team Co-chairs

*Relevant outcomes:* Diversity outcome and multiple others

Materials:

IV.a DEIJ Action Team Update  
IV.b Draft DEIJ Strategy Implementation Plan

**V. Executive Council Meeting** 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The first Executive Council meeting of 2021 was held on October 1<sup>st</sup>, at which Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and CBC Chair David Bulova joined their colleagues in signing the EC Directive on Climate Change. Rachel Felver (CBP) will provide a recap of the meeting for the Management Board. Members will discuss the path forward on developing roles, responsibilities, and timelines for implementing the new Directive.

Decision Requested: Agreement on next steps for implementing the new Directive.

*Presenter:* Rachel Felver, CBP, Communications Workgroup Coordinator

*Facilitator:* Michelle Price-Fay, CBP Acting Director

Materials:

V. EC Directive on Climate Change

**VI. Business Meeting** 2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Discussion about future agenda items, key issues, and program updates.

*Facilitator:* Michelle Price-Fay, CBP Acting Director

- Future Agenda Items
- Program updates
- Other Partner issues/updates

Materials:

VI. Program Update, September 2021

**VII. Break** 2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**VIII. Youth Ambassadors Presentations** 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

During its June 2021 meeting, the MB approved the creation of a five-month long Youth Ambassadors program for high school students. Participants worked with mentors from the Chesapeake Bay Program to help them develop an understanding of the complex issues facing the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The MB agreed to reserve time on their October agenda to allow the participants to talk about their experiences and ask questions of MB members. Members will be asked to turn their cameras on during this portion of the agenda.

*Presenters:* Youth Ambassadors

Materials:

VIII. Presentations

**IX. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn** 5:00 p.m.