



A NEW CHESAPEAKE BAY AGREEMENT

Timing and Management Strategies

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The Chesapeake Bay Restoration

A 50-Year History with a Future

- 1960s-70s Visible decline in Bay resources
- 1967 Chesapeake Bay Foundation established
- 1976-1982 EPA conducts 5-year Bay study
- 1980 Chesapeake Bay Commission established
- 1983 **First Bay Agreement** - Bay Program created
- 1987 **Second Bay Agreement** – WQ Goals
- 1987 Bay Program authorized in Section 117 CWA
- 1992 **Amendments to Agreement** – Trib Strategies & air
- 2000 **Third Bay Agreement (C2K)** – Precursor to TMDL
- 2008 Water Quality Impairments Acknowledged
- 2010 Chesapeake Bay **TMDL** established
- 2014 **Fourth Bay Agreement?**
- 2017 60% of TMDL implemented
- 2025 TMDL practices fully implemented

4 years {

5 years {

8 years {

14 years {

Revised Timeline

July –August 2013

Stakeholder Comment on Abridged Agreement

September 2013

PSC considered revised Agreement

November 2013

PSC finalized revisions for public comment

December 12, 2013

Executive Council Meeting to consider draft Agreement

January 29 – March 15, 2014

45-day Public Comment Period

March 15 – late April 2014

Comments incorporated

May 2014

Final Agreement signed at Executive Council meeting

MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES



Management Strategies – Process

- Optional to participate
- May address multiple outcomes
- Developed by Goal Implementation Teams (GITs)
- Approved by Management Board

Management Strategies - Timeline

- Developed by GIT within one year
- Approved by Management Board soon after
- Evaluated every two years

Management Strategies - Content

1. Outcome and Baseline
2. Jurisdictions and Agencies Participating
3. Factors Influencing Ability to Meet Goal
4. Current efforts and gaps

Management Strategies - Content

5. Management Approach

6. Monitoring Progress

7. Assessing Progress

Management Strategies – Role of CBC

- Suggested language:

"As a tri-state legislative commission, functioning as the legislative arm of the Chesapeake Bay Program, the Chesapeake Bay Commission will work collaboratively with Bay Program partners to identify legislative, budgetary and policy needs to advance the goals of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement. We will, in turn, pursue action within our member state General Assemblies and the United States Congress."

Management Strategies – CBC Decisions

1. Is general language describing CBC participation in the management strategies the right course of action?
2. Should this language be in the overall intro to the management strategies, or simply repeat this language for every strategy?
3. Are there cases where CBC should be more specific? How will those decisions be made?