

Management Committee Meeting Agenda

February 17, 2021

Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83903857369?pwd=N3pxSkxuMHEyOVBEWnpya2pueE9pUT09

Call-in number: 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 839 0385 7369 Passcode: uFm60X

9am Virtual Coffee & muffins & check-in

Join a little early to talk about non-work stuff. Have you made any resolutions for 2021?

9:30 Welcome, Introductions – Colin Van Dyke, Management Committee Chair

9:45 Input requested: Meeting our CCMP goals through data visualization

- Pam DiBona, Executive Director What should our website provide to partners seeking information about the Bays? What is most important to share regarding the "state of the bays?" What information is most useful to decision makers seeking to prioritize local actions?

Prior to the meeting, consider the types of information shared in the tools linked below, as well as Action 1.3.c of our CCMP, reproduced on the next page.

- <u>https://ecoreportcard.org/</u>
- <u>https://capecodwaters.org/</u>
- <u>https://vitalsigns.pugetsoundinfo.wa.gov/</u>
- <u>https://ohi-science.org/</u>
- 10:30 Program Review Subcommittee update: Host agency considerations - Colin Van Dyke
- 10:45 Information Exchange: Q & A regarding Committee Members' announcements/updates, and Regional Coordinator and Staff updates <u>Updates available here</u>, and emailed 12/11/21

11:30 Adjourn

MassBays Vision

We envision a network of healthy and resilient estuaries, sustainable ecosystems that support the life and communities dependent upon them.

MassBays Mission

To empower 50 coastal communities to protect, restore, and enhance their coastal habitats. To fulfill this mission, MassBays engages local, state, and federal entities to advance the use of scientific information and provide technical support for better decision making.

Remaining 2021 Management Committee Meeting Dates

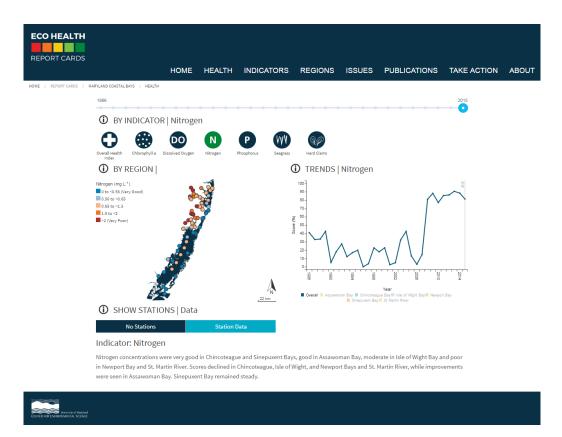
May 19, September 15, December 15

All meetings begin at 9:30, with (virtual or real-life) coffee & snacks & social time starting at 9am. Meetings will adjourn by 12:30pm

Action 1.3.c Provide online access to State of the Bays reporting

Description

MassBays secured EPA Exchange Network funding in 2018 to retain UMCES/IAN to develop an online eco health report card, similar to those used by the Maryland Coastal Bays, Long Island Sound Study, and Chesapeake Bay Program. The platform allows viewers to select water quality (and other) parameters, then click on a geographic area of interest to see both current conditions, and trends over time (see Figure).



Resources required

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Funding for the eco health report card development is included in the 2019-2021 EPA Exchange Network grant. Assistance with data management/report card maintenance from MIT Sea Grant or contractors may be necessary as the quantity of data available increases.

0.3FTE per year

Boston staff will maintain the online report card, updating with new data as they become available

Timeline

Ongoing

Partners

UMCES/IAN (eco health report card development and hosting) MIT Sea Grant (data management) Resource managers, regulatory agencies, ngos, municipal officials (target audiences)

Outputs

By 2021, launch online eco health report card available via a link from massbays.org

Measures

By 2021, trends data for core water quality parameters are incorporated into online eco health report card, and easily accessed by stakeholders and decision makers.

By 2022, BCG targets are incorporated into the eco health report card as markers for measuring progress toward improved conditions (see Action 3.1.b)