

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Potomac Basin Comprehensive Water Resources Plan



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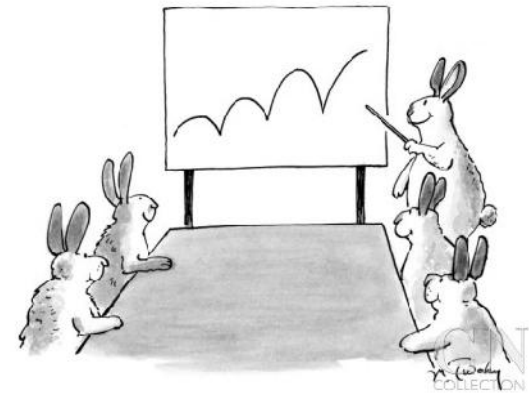
Advisory Committee Meetings

2016

- Late November/Early December (teleconference)

2017

- Early March
- Late May
- Early September (teleconference)
- Early November



Please respond to the scheduling e-mail.

Meeting Procedures

- Meeting date selection to be completed in October 2016
- Agenda and pre-meeting materials to be sent approximately two weeks before the meeting
- Meeting summary to be sent to Advisory Committee members approximately ten days after the meeting
Please review the meeting summaries.
- In-between meetings (as needed):
 - *Subcommittee discussions*
 - *Document review*
 - *Individual discussions with members*



Suggested Ground Rules for Meetings

- Let one person talk at a time
- Stay on track with the agenda and meeting goals
- Minimize distractions during the meeting (side conversations, telephone use)
- Listen to others with an open mind
- Allow for all members to have time to share their views
- Be concise in your input
- Seek a better understanding of different perspectives and try to find common ground
- Ask the facilitator if a more detailed discussion can be arranged outside of the meeting, when needed
- Leave the meeting with a clear sense of next steps

Suggested Decision-Making Process

- The Advisory Committee will seek consensus where possible.
- The facilitators will test for consensus at appropriate decision points, but also suggest when to move on with the agenda.
- Meeting summaries will record areas of agreement and describe alternative positions when there is disagreement.
- Members should review the draft meeting summary to be sure it captures the major outcomes of group discussions.
- Meeting summaries will be an important source of input to plan development.

SHARED VISION STATEMENT

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Shared Vision Statement

- Description of desired future condition for the Potomac River Basin
- Advisory Committee will suggest themes and concepts
- ICPRB Staff will draft a shared vision statement for review by Advisory Committee and Commission



*C'mon, put some muscle
into it...we're not
getting anywhere!*

Vision Statement Examples

From the ICPRB Strategic Plan:

The Potomac River basin is a showcase for our great nation fulfilling both human and ecological needs.

From the scoping paper for the Potomac Comprehensive Plan:

Over 6 million people and diverse ecosystems depend on the interstate water resources of the Potomac Basin. Responsible management of this resource will require collaborative planning that bridges political boundaries. Development of an adaptive basin-wide comprehensive water resources plan would serve as a roadmap for the sustainable use of this interstate resource now and into the future.

Vision Statement Examples

From the Susquehanna River Basin Comprehensive Plan:

The Commission's vision for the Susquehanna River Basin is healthy ecosystems that provide groundwater and surface water of sufficient quality and in adequate supply to support abundant and diverse populations of aquatic, riparian, and terrestrial organisms, as well as human uses and enjoyment. Through enlightened planning for and management of the basin's water resources, the health, safety and welfare of its citizens are safeguarded during times of flooding and drought, a vibrant economy is sustained, the Chesapeake Bay's water quality and living resources are improved, and an informed public is involved in resolving water resource issues. The Commission provides the necessary leadership and coordination of efforts among its member jurisdictions and with the private sector to make this vision a reality.

Vision Statement Examples

From the Georgia State Water Plan:

Georgia manages water resources in a sustainable manner to support the state's economy, to protect public health and natural systems, and to enhance the quality of life for all citizens.

From the Long-Term Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas:

Kansans act on a shared commitment to have the water resources necessary to support the state's social, economic and natural resource needs for current and future generations.

Vision Statement Examples

From the Minnesota Water Plan:

The 2010 Minnesota Water Plan defines a vision for Minnesota's water resources that ensures healthy ecosystems and meets the needs of future generations. It recognizes that Minnesota is a leader in managing land and water resources, but that there are opportunities for these programs to improve and adapt.

The 2010 state water plan details a shared, long-term vision – one in which water is managed comprehensively for quantity and quality, for healthy ecosystems and citizens, and in a way that doesn't jeopardize the resources of future generations.









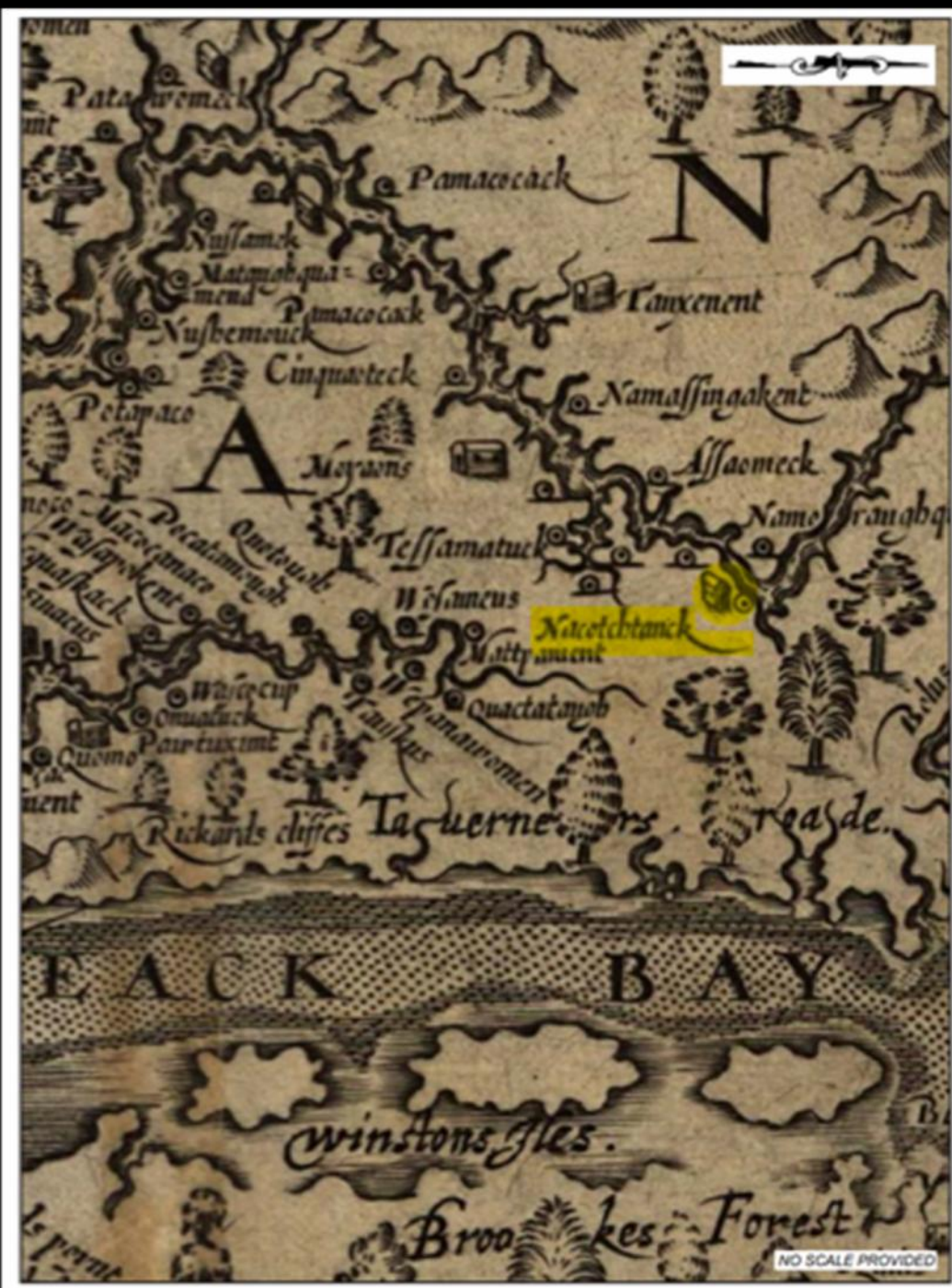






Jones Shore Oyster Bar
October 21, 2015











Small Group Idea-Writing

- Break into groups of three. Work individually to complete the statements in the box. (3 *minutes*)
- Pass your sheet to the person on your left. Then, write a few constructive comments on what the previous person wrote. (2 *minutes*)
 - What do you like? What don't you like?
- Pass the sheets again. Write comments (on the responses and on others' comments). Repeat if needed.
- Read what the others wrote on your sheet. Then, talk it over. (10 *minutes*)
 - What did you agree on? Can you work out any differences?
 - Summarize what agree upon about your responses on the flip chart paper.

#1: In fifty years, the Potomac River Basin will be...

- Describe your desired future conditions
- Answer as a “what” question (not why or how)

#2: The roles of this plan and the ICPRB in fulfilling this vision are...

WATER RESOURCE CHALLENGES

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Water Resource Challenges

- Challenges collected from stakeholders via survey and interviews
- **Today:** Prioritization exercise and discussion
- **Before next meeting:** Subcommittee work on re-ordering and re-organizing the list
- **At next meeting:** Review list and make recommendations on priorities to Commission

Advisory Committee
Objective: *Prioritization
of the list of water
resource challenges*

What challenges should the Comprehensive Water Resources Plan address?

- List includes:
 - External threats
 - Management needs
 - Implementation strategies
 - Environmental objectives
- Anything missing?





Pick Your Priorities

What challenges do you think that the Comprehensive Water Resources Plan should address?

Pick 6 separate items on the lists around the room.

Prioritization

- *What stands out at the top of the list?*
- *What fell to the bottom of the list?*
- *What difficulties did you have in selecting priorities?*
- *Do you need more information to improve choices?*
- *Do you have suggestions for how the priorities are focused and organized?*

Next Steps

- Meeting summary review
- Comments on introductory chapters to Heidi Moltz by October 17
- Respond to meeting scheduling e-mail
- Subcommittee on prioritization of water resource challenges
- Next meeting: Late November/Early December by teleconference

