

CMWG Monitoring Subcommittee meeting
02/22/2024 Notes

Action Item: By noon tomorrow, 02/23, please:

Strategy E(4): Add comments about whether and how to call out “coastal and marine” in the strategy and/or actions?

Strategy E(1) - Suggest edits to proposed draft language that captures today’s discussion

Summary of Meeting: supplements template notes

Meeting focus:

- Strategy E(1) - Group had concerns with current focus on high biodiversity areas
 - At last CMWG didn’t get guidance on who is working on this
 - So, we will work on it by editing language to address and capture concerns and to add monitoring- related actions
- Equity strategies and actions
 - No clear guidance on whether to keep equity actions separate or weave into other strategies and actions
 - For now, we added one equity monitoring action and included it separately and woven into another strategy

Notes:

Strategy E(1)

- How should we change the language of concern: “high biodiversity”?
- Add “critical habitat areas”
 - Do we know where high biodiversity areas are in Maine?
 - Deep issues with original drafting
 - “Critical habitat” might encompass biodiversity and serve both purposes
 - Add resilience too
- On the “focus conservation” language, change to “Identify, monitor and conserve...”
- Should we be more specific to be strategic?
 - Current plan is to keep strategies and actions high level with a supporting document with specifics to aid implementation
 - Advice: Add some detail rather than keeping it all in a separate document. Add details that emphasize what to prioritize so it does not get lost.
 - What to prioritize?

- Mapping in state waters?
- Regularity, inventory?
- Preserve generality while also building in specificity
- Bring “restoration” into the protection piece? How do we use that term?
- Do we recommend a vulnerability index?

Equity goals

- Call out state’s EJ map?
- Goal #1 - how do we expand access not just to geographic areas but also access to policy?
- Worry about this discussion being redundant of other group’s efforts - perhaps focus on what monitoring needs to be done to achieve equity
- Goal #2 seems to fit better with monitoring. What data are we missing, how do we ensure data collection is happening throughout the state and where needed to fill data gaps
- Cross reference capacity with need, this should help calibrate

Other

- Strategy E(4): Should we change coastal to “coastal and marine” under the “support state agencies bullet”?
- Add inventory of working waterfront