

# Discussion Topics for STAC

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# Proposed new STAC operations:

## Focus Teams

### Objectives:

Increase members' participation, engagement

Accelerate BIL implementation

## Develop new adhoc “focus teams”

Service beyond long-term action teams (MATs)

Short-term (< 3 mos) focus teams

Focus team crafts recommend's on specific CCMP action(s)

Modest funding for grad student or faculty support

Led by STAC members, who recruit relevant external experts

STAC EB would craft and offer focus team assignments

Member contributions to MATs remain unchanged

# Proposed 2024 CCMP Objectives and Actions

## Staff and LC seeking feedback

Which proposed actions warrant near-term STAC focus?

To which actions do YOU want to contribute?

Today: Establish 2-3 tentative Focus Teams

Later: Schedule initial FT mtgs

# Tentative CCMP Themes for Focus Teams

Mapping

Targeted protection/restoration

Planning

Monitoring

Development/refinement

## Focal CCMP Actions: Mapping

A 1.1 Facilitate mapping the distribution of significant ecological, bathymetric, geologic, demographic, and cultural features. (BIL Priority)

A 1.2 Facilitate improved projections of land and water use, and climate change related impacts on the ecosystem to enhance the coordination of multi-scale planning and management. (BIL Priority)

## Focal CCMP Actions:

### Targeted protection/restoration

B 1.2. Protect and restore targeted natural communities, habitats, and ecosystem processes. (BIL Priority)

C 1.3. Protect, restore, and enhance targeted shorelines and riparian buffers to reduce and treat runoff, and to support ecosystem function/services. (BIL Priority)

## Focal CCMP Actions: Planning

B 1. Refine and implement a regional wetland protection and restoration strategy. (BIL Priority)

D 3.2. Enhance the coordination of targeted ecosystem management by federal, state, regional, and local governments, and communities by assisting with the incorporation of resilience, climate change and sea level rise considerations into planning processes.  
(BIL Priority)



## Focal CCMP Actions: Monitoring

E 1.1 Facilitate the development and implementation of an integrated monitoring network through the guidance of regional monitoring and assessment teams.

(BIL Priority)

## Focal CCMP Actions:

### Development/refinement (not BIL Priority)

A 1 Develop and refine a second-generation regional ecosystem assessment and supporting assessments such as indicator metric reports and syntheses.

C 2.3 Develop and refine ecological flow requirements for each major river for inclusion in basin-wide water management plans.

D 3.1 Develop and implement a strategy to improve decision-makers' understanding of the return on investments in environmental protection, restoration, planning, and monitoring.

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Questions / Comments?