

APALACHICOLA BAY SYSTEM INITIATIVE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING 4 PHASE V – AUGUST 9, 2023

MEETING OBJECTIVES AND UPDATED WORKPLAN AND SCHEDULE

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CAB MEETING OBJECTIVES AUGUST 9, 2023

- APPROVAL OF PROCEDURAL ITEMS (AGENDA & REPORT)
- REVIEW OF UPDATED WORKPLAN & MEETING SCHEDULE
- SCIENCE & DATA COLLECTION, & RESTORATION UPDATES
- RFWG AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATES
- DISCUSSION ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CAB SUCCESSOR GROUP
- PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY #1
- FINAL ACCEPTABILITY RANKING OF CAB'S ADOPTED RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN STRATEGIES & ACTIONS
- PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY #2
- NEXT STEPS: ACTION & AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPT. 27, 2023
- COMMUNITY WORKSHOP FORUM #2 – AUG. 9, 2023 @ 6:00PM

PLAN FOR CONCLUDING THE CAB PROCESS

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ABSI CAB PHASE V WORKPLAN-SCHEDULE

AGENDA ITEM #5

- **MEETING 1 – FEBRUARY 1, 2023 (ANERR)**
Initiation of Phase V of ABSI. ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates. Sub-committee reports and public engagement initiative update. Review of *Restoration and Management Plan Framework* and Strategies Evaluation Worksheet process. Summary and discussion of Fisheries Model simulation results for revised priority Habitat Restoration (Goal A) and Fisheries Management (Goal B) scenarios. Agreement on next suite of scenarios for model simulations. Public comment.
- **MEETING 2 – APRIL 12, 2023 (ANERR)**
ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates. Sub-committee reports and public engagement initiative update. Acceptability Ranking of and proposed revisions to *Restoration and Management Plan Framework* strategies and actions using the Strategies Evaluation Worksheet Process. Public comment.
- **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP FORUM #1. April 12, 2023.** Community input on ABSI Restoration Experiments, ABSI Science, and FWC NFWF Restoration Project.

ABSI CAB PHASE V WORKPLAN-SCHEDULE

- **MEETING 3 – MAY 31, 2023 (ANERR)**

ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates. Sub-committee reports and public engagement initiative update. Evaluation of Community Workshop Forum input. Acceptability Ranking of and proposed revisions to proposed strategies and actions for inclusion in the *Restoration and Management Plan Framework* using the Strategies Evaluation Worksheet Process. Public comment.

- **MEETING 4 – AUGUST 9, 2023 (ANERR)**

- ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates.
- Sub-committee reports and public engagement initiative update.
- Discussion on the Organizational Framework for the Successor Group.
- Public comment.
- Acceptability ranking of proposed revisions to strategies and actions for inclusion in the *Restoration and Management Plan Framework* using the Strategies Evaluation Worksheet Process.

- **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP FORUM #2. AUGUST 9, 2023.**

Community input on ABSI Restoration Experiments, ABSI Science, and FWC NFWF Restoration Project.

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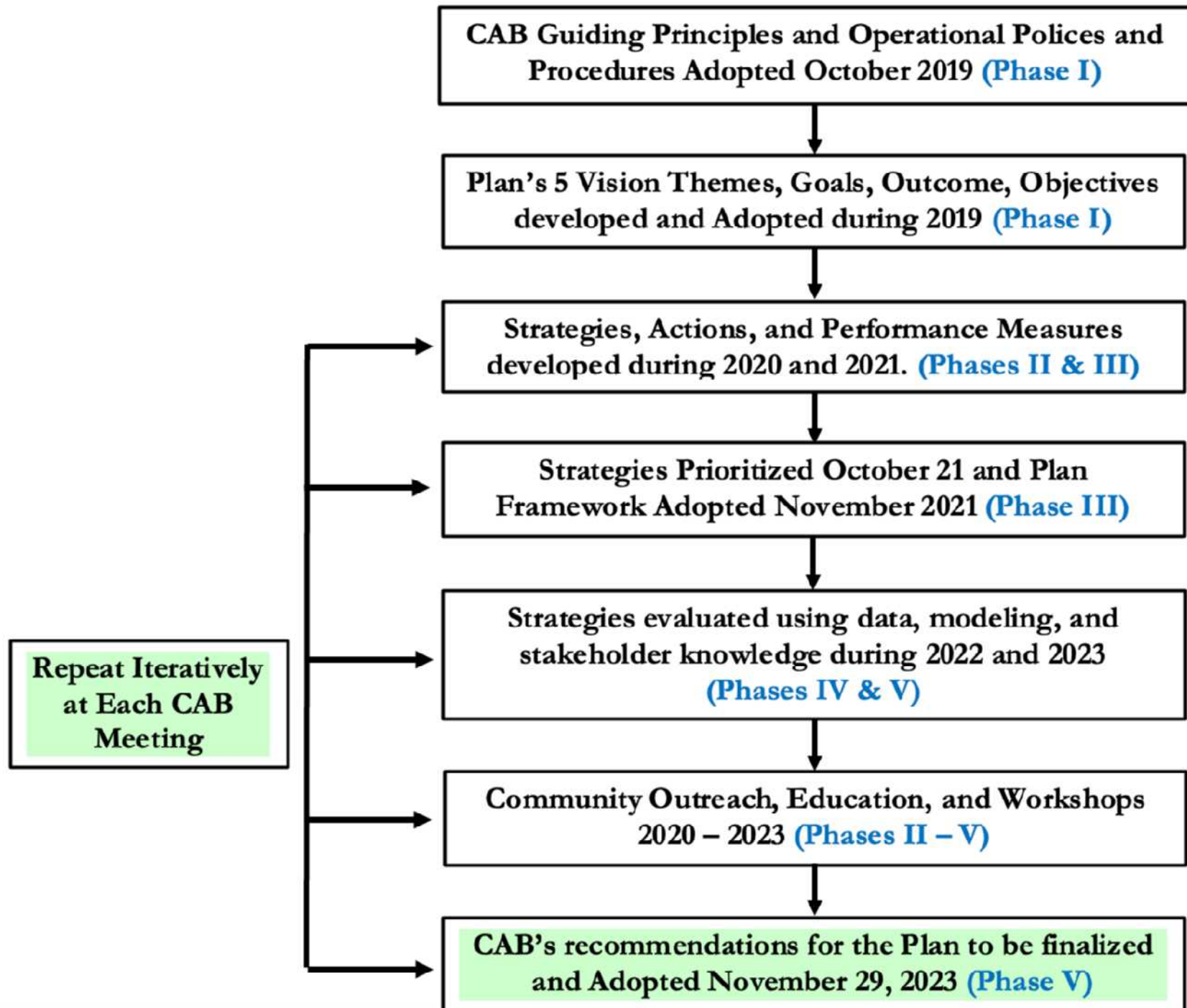
- **MEETING 5 – SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 (ANERR)**
 - ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates.
 - Sub-committee reports and public engagement initiative update.
 - Discussion of the Organizational Framework for the CAB Successor Group.
 - Evaluation of Community Workshop Forum #2 input.
 - Public comment.
 - Approval of the Report outline and *Draft Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan*.
- **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP FORUM #3. October 24, 2023.**

Community input on the CAB's strategies and recommendations for the Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan.

ABSI CAB PHASE V WORKPLAN-SCHEDULE

- **MEETING 6 – NOVEMBER 29, 2023 (ANERR)**
 - ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates.
 - Sub-committee reports and public engagement initiative update.
 - Approval of the Organizational Framework for the CAB Successor Group.
 - Evaluation of Community Workshop Forum #3 input.
 - Public comment.
 - ***Adoption of the Draft Final Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan Report and Recommendations.***

ABSI CAB PLAN DEVELOPMENT CHRONOLOGY



ABSI PROJECT AREA MAP



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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON WORKPLAN AND SCHEDULE

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**STRATEGIES ACCEPTABILITY RANKING
PROCESS REVIEW**



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REFINING AND FINALIZING ABSI CAB PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

- The CAB will evaluate strategies using a **Strategies Evaluation Worksheet** consistent with the **Consensus Building Procedures** unanimously adopted **30 October 2019**.
- During the meetings, CAB members will be asked to develop and rank strategies (options) using a 4-Point acceptability ranking scale. Once ranked for acceptability, strategies with a ≥ 3.0 average ranking (75%) will be considered preliminary consensus recommendations for inclusion in the package of recommendations for the *Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan (Plan)*.

The following scale will be utilized for the ranking exercises:

ACCEPTABILITY RANKING SCALE	4 = Acceptable, I agree	3 = Acceptable, I agree with minor reservations	2 = Not Acceptable, I don't agree unless major reservations addressed	1 = Not Acceptable
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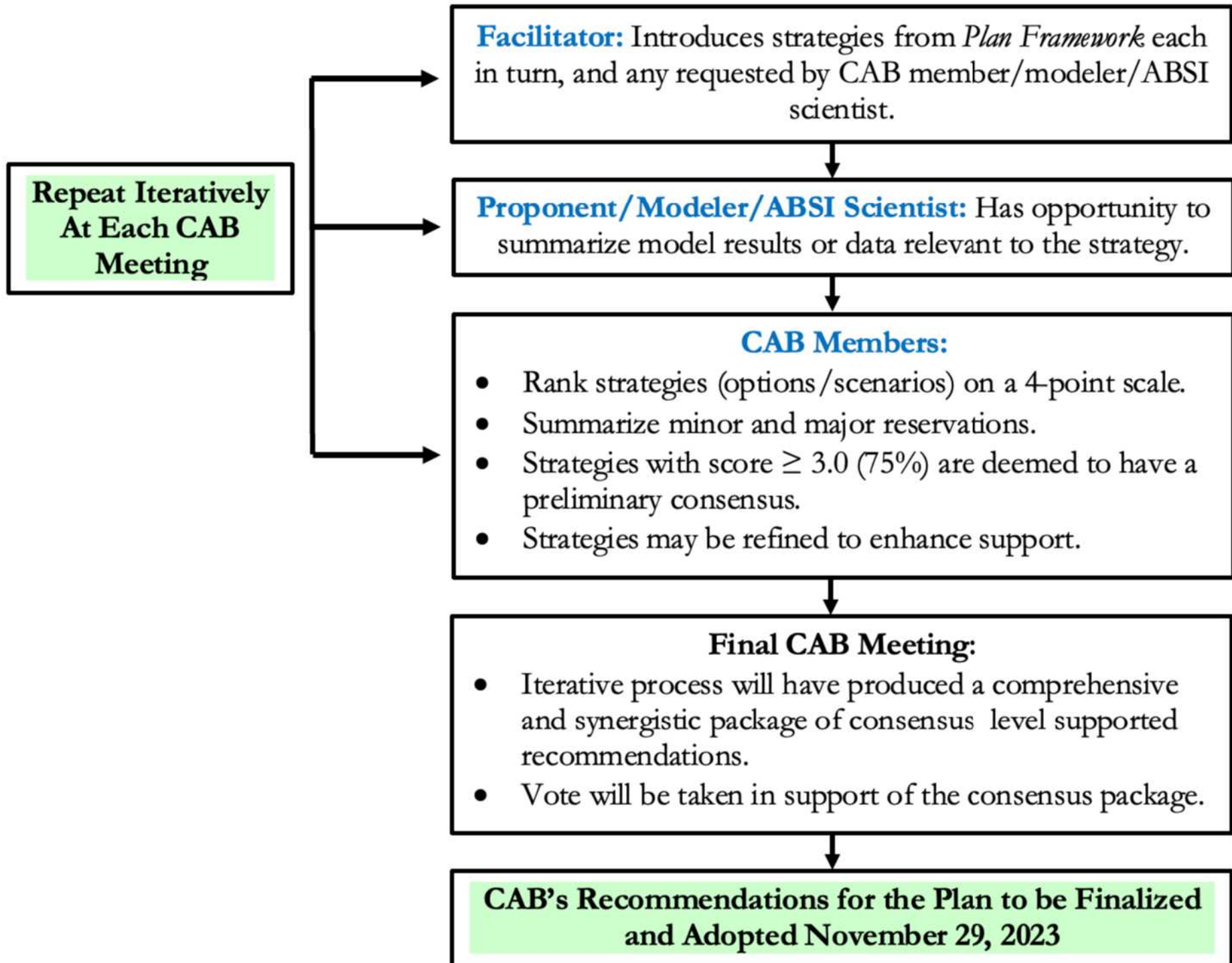
- CAB members should be prepared to state their minor and major reservations when asked, and to offer proposed refinements to the strategy to address their concerns. If a CAB member is not able to offer refinements to make the strategy acceptable (4) or acceptable with minor reservations (3) they should rate the strategy with a 1 (not acceptable).

REFINING AND FINALIZING ABSI CAB PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

CRITERIA TO CONSIDER FOR PROPOSING AND EVALUATING STRATEGIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS	
CRITERIA	EXPLANATION
IMPORTANCE	Is this proposed strategy critically important to achieving the goals of the Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan?
TIMELY	Will things get worse if the proposed strategy is not implemented?
FEASIBLE/ PRACTICAL	Is it likely that the proposed strategy will be successful in achieving the relevant goals of the Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan?
RESOURCES	Are there resources available, or likely to become available for implementing the proposed strategy? Is implementation of the proposed strategy cost effective?
COMMITMENT	Is there commitment from the stakeholders and regulators regarding implementation of the proposed strategy?

- This is an iterative process, and at any point during the process any strategy may be reevaluated and re-ranked at the request of any CAB or ABSI Team member.
- The status of a ranked strategy will not be final until the final CAB meeting, when a vote will be taken on the entire package of consensus ranked recommendations to the FSUCML.
- The CAB will finalize their recommendations for the *Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan* at the November 29, 2023 meeting. .

CONSENSUS SOLUTIONS STRATEGIES EVALUATION PROCESS FLOWCHART



WORKSHEET ORGANIZATION

WORKSHEET ORGANIZATION BY TOPICAL ISSUES

SECTION 1	Clean Version of Ranked Strategies and Associated Actions Achieving a Consensus Level of Support: ≥ 75 Support and Proposed Revisions for Ranking.
SECTION 2	Detailed Version of Ranked Strategies and Associated Actions Achieving a Consensus Level of Support: ≥ 75 Support and Proposed Revisions for Ranking. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consensus level ranked strategies and associated actions achieving an average of ≥ 3.0 (75%) are numbered from highest to lowest rank starting with #1 by topical categories.
SECTION 3	Strategies and Actions Not Achieving a Consensus Level of Support: < 75 Support.
SECTION 4	Strategies and Actions Archived as Redundant or Accomplished.
SECTION 5	Modeled Strategies, Actions, and Assumptions.
SECTION 6	Performance Measures.

KEY TO COMMENTARY

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CAB MEMBER PROPOSED REVISIONS	CAB member's proposed revisions are in purple text.
ABSI PROJECT TEAM MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS	Proposed revisions to existing strategies and actions and proposed new strategies and actions for ranking are in red text.

EXPLANATION OF THE ORGANIZATION AND PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS

Proposed changes to objectives, strategies, and actions are provided in various formats depending on the complexity of the changes as follows:

- The ABSI Project Team (Team) is providing revisions to the Draft Plan's Objectives, Strategies, and Actions in response to direction from the CAB.
- The initial version we will rank for each proposed revision will be the version proposed by the Team.
- The Team's clean version or simple strike/underline version in each instance used, when one was provided, a CAB member's version as the starting point in order to incorporate their key points in the Team's revised proposed version.

EXPLANATION OF THE ORGANIZATION AND PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS

- For simple changes that are easy to visualize relative to the original, strike/underline format is used.
- In a few cases only a clean version is provided with an explanation of the proposed change.
- For complex changes that are difficult to visualize relative to the original, a clean version, a strike/underline version, and the original version are provided. The original and strike/underline versions are placed in a box directly below the clean version.
- In some cases in addition to the three versions above, language for another alternative version proposed by a CAB member is provided. The original, strike/underline, and CAB member alternative versions are placed in a box directly below the clean version.

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GUIDANCE ON CONCLUDING THE CAB PROCESS

- The CAB members should be prepared to build and reach consensus on the recommendations by working actively to address all stakeholders' concerns on key issues while preserving goals fundamental to their specific stakeholder's interests.
- It is critical that all CAB members make the effort to attend and fully participate in each of the remaining meetings in-person, ensuring that all stakeholders' perspectives and key interests are considered and reflected in the final package of recommendations.
- Recommendations will be directed to the Apalachicola Bay System Initiative Project Team (FSUCML), natural resource managers and environmental regulators, and other agencies and entities as appropriate.

GUIDANCE ON CONCLUDING THE CAB PROCESS

We Will Be Successful:

- When we seek common ground and action;
- Differences and problems are honored and not “worked;”
- Listen and participate actively, attentively, and respectfully;
- Create a shared vision for the Apalachicola Bay System; and
- **Are willing to reach consensus.**

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