

**APALACHICOLA BAY SYSTEM INITIATIVE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD**

MEETING 3 PHASE V – MAY 31, 2023

**MEETING OBJECTIVES AND
UPDATED WORKPLAN AND SCHEDULE**

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CAB MEETING OBJECTIVES MAY 31, 2023

AGENDA ITEM #3

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

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 revisions to *Restoration and Management Plan Framework* strategies 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. Subcommittee reports and public engagement initiative update. Evaluation of Community Workshop Forum input. Acceptability Ranking of and revisions to *Restoration and Management Plan Framework* strategies using the Strategies Evaluation Worksheet Process. Public comment.

- **MEETING 4 – AUGUST 9 ~~JULY 26~~, 2023 (ANERR)**

ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates. Subcommittee reports and public engagement initiative update. Acceptability Ranking of and revisions to *Restoration and Management Plan Framework* strategies using the Strategies Evaluation Worksheet Process. Public comment.

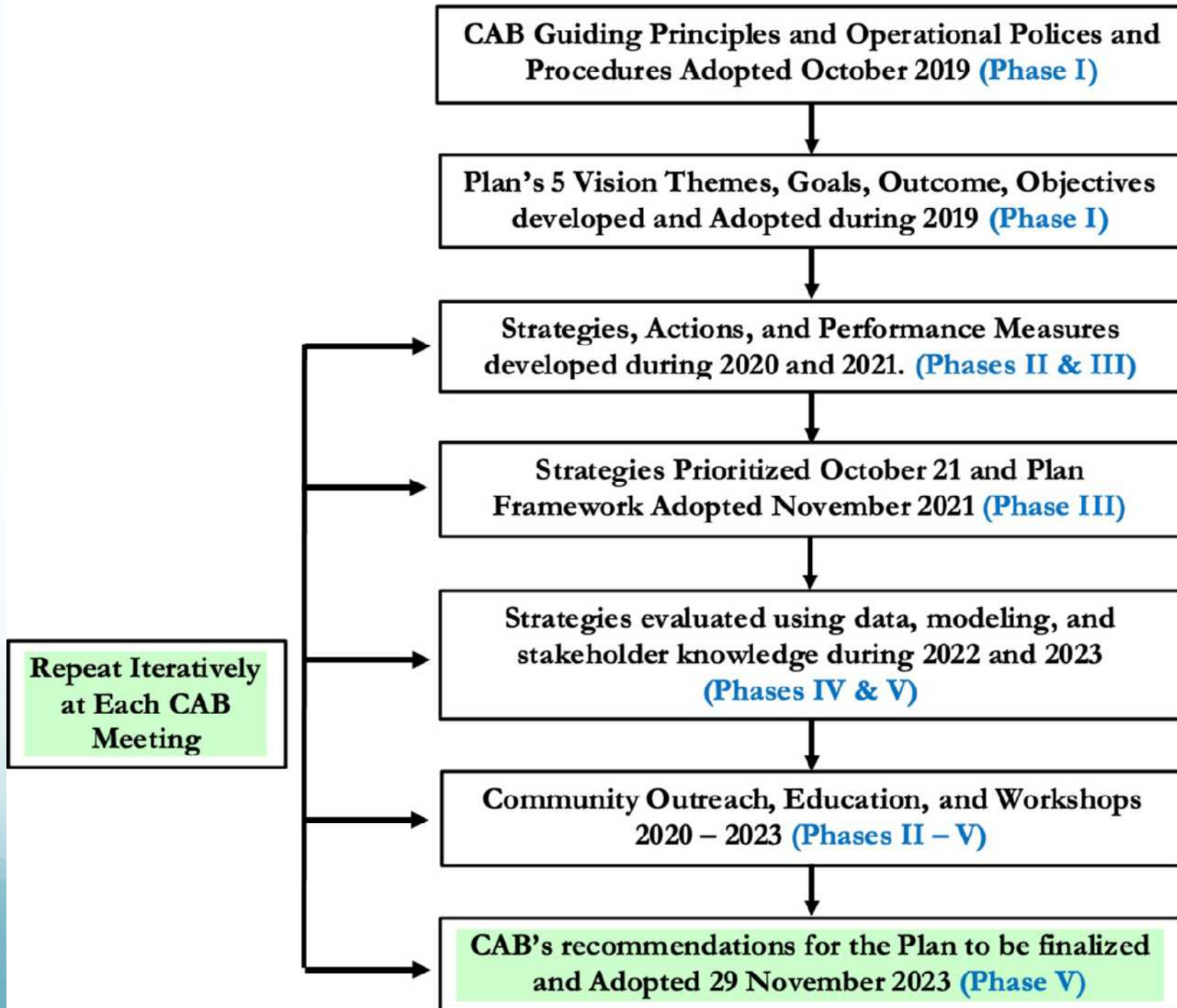
- **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP FORUM #2. AUGUST 9 ~~JULY 26~~, 2023.**

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

ABSI CAB PHASE V WORKPLAN-SCHEDULE

- **MEETING 5 – SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 (ANERR)**
ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates. Subcommittee reports and public engagement initiative update. Evaluation of Community Workshop Forum input. Acceptability Ranking of and revisions to *Restoration and Management Plan Framework* strategies using the Strategies Evaluation Worksheet Process. Public comment.
- **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.
- **MEETING 6 – NOVEMBER 29, 2023 (ANERR)**
ABSI science and data collection and restoration project updates. Subcommittee reports and public engagement initiative update. Evaluation of Community Workshop Forum input. Public comment. **Finalize and adopt recommendations for strategies and actions (components) for inclusion in the Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan (Plan) and submit to FSUCML.**

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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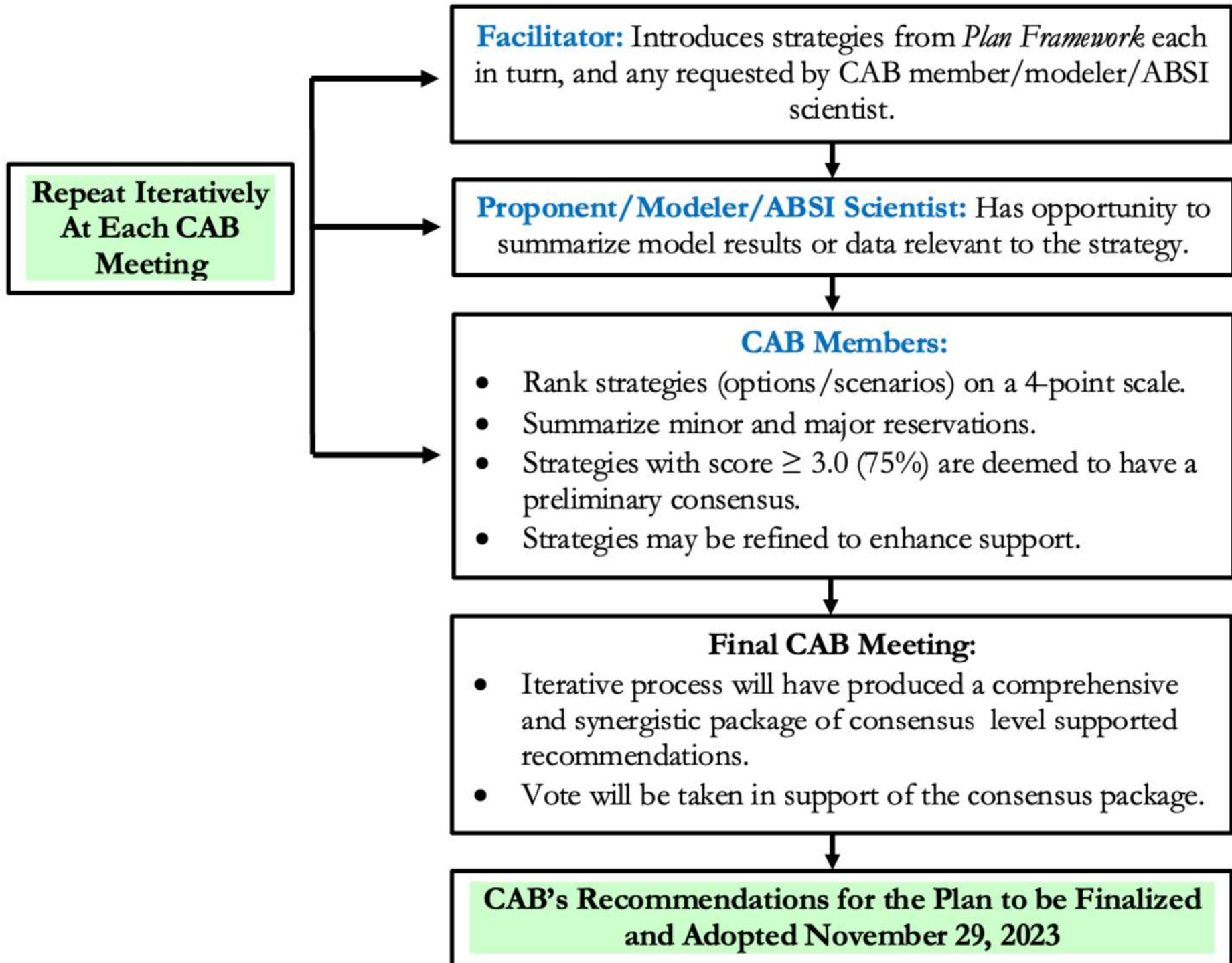
- CAB members should be prepared to state their minor and major reservations when asked, and to offer proposed refinements to the strategy to address their concerns. If a CAB member is not able to offer refinements to make the strategy acceptable (4) or acceptable with minor reservations (3) they should 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



GUIDANCE ON CONCLUDING THE CAB PROCESS

- Four meetings remaining, culminating with the November 29, 2023 meeting when the CAB will finalize their recommendations for the *Apalachicola Bay System Ecosystem-Based Adaptive Management and Restoration Plan (Plan)*.
- 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.
- The focus for the remainder of the work will be discussing, refining, and ranking strategies and actions for inclusion in the *Plan*.
- 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

- CAB members should evaluate and rank proposed strategies and actions using the results from decision-support tools, including predictive models when available, coupled with available and emerging data and research from ABSI and other sources, as well as stakeholder knowledge and experience.
- 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.
- **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.**

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON STRATEGIES ACCEPTABILITY RANKING PROCESS

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