

**EASTERN BAY
OYSTER COALITION WORKGROUP**



**COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE – DECEMBER 4, 2024
FACILITATOR’S SUMMARY REPORT**

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OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE FORUM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

I. COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE FORUM SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW

The Eastern Bay Oyster Coalition Workgroup (Workgroup) conducted a Community Open House Forum on December 4, 2024. The Community Open House Forum was convened to provide information on the OCW process and seek public feedback on the Oyster Coalition Workgroup’s *Report and Recommendations for a Sustainable Oyster Restoration and Management Plan for Eastern Bay, Maryland*. The Open House was conducted at the Hyatt Place Kent Narrows & Marina in Grasonville, Maryland.

During the Open House, Community participants were provided an overview of the OCW Project Workplan and Schedule, and a summary of the OCW’s Report and Recommendations for the Plan. Following the presentations, participants were provided with opportunities to move among four information stations, ask questions, and provide feedback on 1) Restoration Recommendations and Outcomes, 2) Management Recommendations and Outcomes, 3) Stakeholder Engagement Outcomes and Additional Outreach Initiatives, and 4) Habitat Survey Process, Mapping Exercises, and Results.

(Attachment 1 – Common Abbreviations)

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jeff Blair, OCW Facilitator, opened the Workshop at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all participants. A brief overview of the OCW process and project Workplan were provided, followed by an explanation of the four OCW-related information stations, and an invitation to ask questions and provide feedback on the OCW's recommendations for the Plan.

III. COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE FORUM PARTICIPATION

Approximately thirty Community members participated in the Wednesday, December 4, 2024 Open House conducted in-person at the Hyatt Place Kent Narrows & Marina in Grasonville, Maryland. In addition, there were twelve OCW members including two DNR representatives, and six ORP staff present to receive feedback and answer questions.

PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS PARTICIPATING

Jeff Blair, Olivia Caretti, Beth Franks, Jennica Moffat, and Ward Slacum.

(Attachment 2 – Community Open House Participation)

MEETING FACILITATION

Meetings are facilitated and reported on by Jeff Blair of Facilitated Solutions, LLC. Information at: <http://facilitatedsolutions.org>.



PROJECT WEBPAGE

Information on the Oyster Coalition Workgroup project, including agenda packets, meeting reports, draft Report and Recommendation for the Plan, and related documents may be found at the Oyster Coalition Workgroup's webpage located on the Oyster Recovery Partnerships' website. Located at the following URL: <https://www.oysterrecovery.org/our-work/oyster-restoration/easternbaycoalition>

IV. COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE FORUM OBJECTIVES

Jeff Blair reviewed the Open House objectives as follows:

- To Receive a Summary of the Project Workplan and Schedule.
- To Receive a Summary of the OCW's Draft Report and Recommendations for the Plan.
- To Ask Questions and Provide Feedback on Restoration, Management, Stakeholder Engagement, and Other Feedback Related to the OCW's Recommendations for the Plan.
- To Review Next Steps.

(Attachment 3 – Open House Agenda)

Open House Participants December 4, 2024 – Kent Narrows



V. OVERVIEW OF PROJECT WORKPLAN AND SCHEDULE

Jeff Blair provided participants with an overview of the OCW process as follows:

Oyster Coalition Workgroup Meetings and Open House

- Pre-Meeting Questionnaire of OCW members (October 2023).
- Compilation of Questionnaire results served as the basis for formulating initial Workgroup Vision, Goals, and Objectives.
- Workgroup process was comprised of 6 meetings conducted between January – December of 2024, concluding with the December 4-5, 2024 meeting.
- Community Open House Forum – December 4, 2024.
- December 5, 2024 – OCW Adoption of Final Report and Recommendations for the Plan.
- Recommendations Submitted to ORP → DNR and Relevant Agencies, Entities, and Organizations.

(Attachment 3 – Workgroup Membership and Representation)

(Attachment 4 – Updated Workplan and Schedule)

VI. OCW DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PLAN SUMMARY

Olivia Caretti, Oyster Recovery Partnership, Coastal Restoration Program Manager, provided the participants with a summary of the Oyster Coalition Workgroup's *Draft Report and Recommendations for the Sustainable Oyster Restoration and Management Plan for Eastern Bay, Maryland (Plan)*. Subsequently, an opportunity was provided for questions and answers.

A summary of the questions and answers from the four information stations is provided in *Attachment 6 – Community Open House Forum Feedback Summary*. The presentation(s) are available on the project webpage: <https://www.oysterrecovery.org/our-work/oyster-restoration/easternbaycoalition>.

VII. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON OCW'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PLAN

Four information stations staffed by OCW, ORP, and DNR subject area experts as relevant were provided for the Community Open House Forum. The four information stations provided opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback on the following topics:

- Station 1: Restoration Recommendations and Outcomes;
- Station 2: Management Recommendations and Outcomes (Staffed By DNR);
- Station 3: Stakeholder Engagement Outcomes and Additional Outreach Initiatives; and
- Station 4: Habitat Survey Process, Mapping Exercises, and Results.

Restoration Recommendations and Outcomes Station

The station was staffed by ORP personnel led by Dr. Olivia Caretti, ORP Leadership Team, with notes taken by Jordan Salafie (ORP). Community members were provided an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the OCW's restoration recommendations and outcomes.

Management Recommendations and Outcomes Station

The station was staffed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources led by Chris Judy, DNR, Shellfish Division, and Brian Callam, DNR, Aquaculture & Industry Enhancement Division, with notes taken by Jennifer Walters (ORP). Community members were provided an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the OCW's management recommendations and outcomes.

Stakeholder Engagement Outcomes and Additional Outreach Initiatives Station

The station was staffed by OCW members led by Vicki Paulas and Ward Slacum, with notes taken by Beth Franks (ORP). Community members were provided an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the OCW's stakeholder engagement recommendations and outreach initiatives.

Habitat Survey Process, Mapping Exercises, and Results Station

A station was staffed by ORP personnel led by Jennica Moffat (ORP), with notes taken by Elana Hunter (ORP). Community members were provided an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the habitat survey process, mapping exercises, and results.

Summary of Community Feedback from the Presentations and the Four Information Stations:

The questions and feedback from the Open House are included in *Attachment 6* of this Report.

(Attachment 5 – Open House Feedback Worksheet)
(Attachment 6 – Open House Feedback Summary)

IX. NEXT STEPS

Jeff Blair noted that the OCW process would conclude on December 5, 2024, the second day of the final OCW Meeting #6. The final day will focus on refining and adopting the OCW *Draft Final Report and Recommendations for the Sustainable Oyster Restoration and Management Plan for Eastern Bay, Maryland*. The December meeting concludes the OCW process.

The remaining agenda items for the December 5, 2024 OCW meeting are as follows:

- Review and Consideration of Community Open House Workshop Feedback.
- Refinement and Adoption of the OCW *Draft Final Report and Recommendations for the Sustainable Oyster Restoration and Management Plan for Eastern Bay, Maryland*.
- Overview and Approval of Marketing, Communication, and Distribution Plan Regarding the OCW's Report.
- Summary of Next Steps.
- Workgroup Appreciation

The Community Open House agenda and summary report will be posted to the project webpage as follows: <https://www.oysterrecovery.org/our-work/oyster-restoration/easternbaycoalition>.

ADJOURNMENT

The Facilitator thanked the community participants and ORP Project Team members for their participation, and closed the Open at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

ATTACHMENT 1
KEY TO COMMON PROJECT ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	DEFINITION
CBEC	Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center
CBF	Chesapeake Bay Foundation
EB	Eastern Bay of Maryland
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
HPL	UMCES Horn Point Lab
MDE	Maryland Department of the Environment
MDNR	Maryland Department of Natural Resources
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRCS	Natural Resource Conservation Service
OCW	Eastern Bay Oyster Coalition Workgroup
ORP	Oyster Recovery Partnership
OAC	Oyster Advisory Commission
Plan	<i>Sustainable Oyster Restoration and Management Plan for Eastern Bay, Maryland</i>
QAC	Queen Anne County
SAV	Submerged Aquatic Vegetation
SR	ShoreRivers
TC	Talbot County
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
UMD	University of Maryland
UMCES	University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service

ATTACHMENT 2
COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE FORUM AGENDA

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE FORUM OBJECTIVES

- To Provide a Summary of the OCW’s Recommendations for the Sustainable Oyster Restoration and Management Plan for Eastern Bay, Maryland (Plan).
- To Receive Community Feedback on the OCW’s Draft Final Report and Recommendations for the Plan.

AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

All Agenda Times – Including Adjournment – Are Approximate and Subject to Change

1)	6:00 p.m.	WELCOME AND REVIEW OF OPEN HOUSE FORUM PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES, AND OPEN HOUSE FORUM OBJECTIVES
2)		SUMMARY OF OYSTER COALITION WORKGROUP (OCW) MEETING SCHEDULE AND WORKPLAN
3)		OYSTER COALITION WORKGROUP’S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE OYSTER RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY
4)		PARTICIPANTS ROTATE BETWEEN STATIONS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK REGARDING THE FOLLOWING TOPICAL ISSUE AREAS [POSTERS]: ➤ Station 1: Restoration Recommendations and Outcomes ➤ Station 2: Management Recommendations and Outcomes (Staffed By DNR) ➤ Station 3: Stakeholder Engagement Outcomes and Additional Outreach Initiatives ➤ Station 4: Habitat Survey Process, Mapping Exercises, and Results
5)	7:55	SUMMARY OF NEXT STEPS FOR THE PROJECT
	8:00 p.m.	ADJOURN

ATTACHMENT 3
OYSTER COALITION WORKGROUP MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

MEMBER	AFFILIATION
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGO): ENVIRONMENTAL AND CITIZEN GROUPS	
1. Ben Ford	ShoreRivers (Miles-Wye Riverkeeper)
2. Vicki Paulas	Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center
3. Ward Slacum	Oyster Recovery Partnership
4. Dan Sweeney	The Nature Conservancy
RECREATIONAL FISHING	
5. Mark Galasso	Tuna the Tide Charter Service
SEAFOOD INDUSTRY	
6. Scott Budden	Orchard Point Oyster Company and Aquaculture
7. Moochie Gilmore	Queen Anne County Waterman, Clam Harvester
8. Nick Hargrove	Wittman Wharf Seafood, Talbot County Waterman and Aquaculture
9. Jeff Harrison	Talbot County Waterman
10. Richard Jones	Queen Anne County Waterman
11. Matt Latham	Queen Anne County Waterman
12. Jason Ruth	Harris Seafood Company, Queen Anne County Waterman and Aquaculture
13. Troy Wilkins	Queen Anne County Waterman
LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT	
14. Kathy Brohawn	Maryland Department of Environment
15. Brian Callam	Maryland DNR – Aquaculture & Industry Enhancement
16. Chris Judy	Maryland DNR – Shellfish Division
17. Jim Moran	Queen Anne County

OYSTER COALITION WORKGROUP LEADERSHIP TEAM	
OYSTER RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP	
Olivia Caretti	Coastal Restoration Program Manager
Beth Franks	Senior Manager
Ward Slacum	Executive Director
FACILITATED SOLUTIONS, LLC	
Jeff Blair	Workgroup Facilitator, Consensus Building, and Process Design

ATTACHMENT 4

OYSTER COALITION WORKGROUP PROJECT MEETING SCHEDULE AND WORKPLAN

OYSTER COALITION WORKGROUP MEETINGS SCHEDULE AND WORKPLAN – 2024		
UPDATED DECEMBER 4, 2024		
MEETING	DATES	OBJECTIVES
Meeting #1	Feb. 2-3, 2024	<p>Organizational Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of Oyster Coalition Workgroup’s Operational and Procedural Policies and Guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assumptions, Principles, and Participation Guidelines; ○ Consensus Building Procedures; ○ Consensus Solutions Process Procedures; ○ Options Acceptability Ranking Process; and ○ Guiding Principles, and Goal Statement. • Presentations on the Eastern Bay Region of Maryland. • Review of Questionnaire responses. • Discussion and adoption of draft Framework for the Plan: Vision Themes, Goals, Outcomes, and Objectives. • Identification of initial list of strategies for evaluation.
Meeting #2	March 29-30, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations on decision support tools: spatial tools for oyster siting, and OysterFutures simulation model. Overview of DNR regulatory processes related to oysters. • Discussion of the application of spatial tools for oyster production in Eastern Bay. • Discussion of ORP’s Eastern Bay Habitat Survey Plan. • Mapping Exercise on Oyster Habitat: Current harvest locations, and proposed locations for expanding wild-harvest and aquaculture. • Identification, discussion, and acceptability ranking of options (strategies and actions), and resource needs to achieve Project Goals and Objectives. • Identification of revised, hybrid, and new options for evaluation. • Discussion and acceptability ranking of performance measures to track progress towards Objectives and Goals.
Meeting #3	May 29-30, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations and discussions about oyster substrate. • Update and preliminary results from ORP’s Eastern Bay Habitat Survey. • Overview of local stakeholders and resources in Eastern Bay. • Identification, discussion, and acceptability ranking of revised options (strategies and actions), and resource needs to achieve Project Goals and Objectives. • Identification of revised, hybrid, and new options for evaluation. • Discussion and acceptability ranking of revised performance measures to track progress towards Objectives and Goals.

Meeting #4	July 31-Aug. 1, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on results of ORP’s Eastern Bay habitat survey. • Discussion regarding how results of Eastern Bay Habitat Surveys will inform recommendations and inclusion in the Plan. • Discussion of OCW stakeholders resources available to support the goals of the OCW Project. • Discussion regarding whether to form an OCW Successor Group, and review of an associated Draft Framework for ensuring implementation of OCW recommendations. • Acceptability ranking of proposed revisions to consensus ranked objectives, strategies, actions, and performance measures (options) for inclusion in the <i>Draft Sustainable Oyster Restoration and Management Plan for Eastern Bay, Maryland</i> using the Strategies Evaluation Worksheet Process. • Adoption of the final package of Performance Measures to track progress towards objectives and Project goals. • Discussion and approval of Draft Outline for the <i>OCW Report and Recommendations for the Sustainable Oyster Restoration and Management Plan for Eastern Bay, Maryland</i>. • Interactive habitat survey results group GIS mapping exercise.
Meeting #5	Sept. 25, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on CBEC education plan. • Spatial tools for oyster siting update and OCW feedback. • Interactive habitat survey results group mapping exercise continued with revised maps. • Summary, discussion, refinement, and approval of the OCW <i>Draft Report and Recommendations for the Sustainable Oyster Restoration and Management Plan for Eastern Bay, Maryland</i>. • Discussion of objectives, approach, and content for December 4, 2024 Community Open House Forum.
Community Open House Forum	Dec. 4, 2024 6:00pm – 8:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community education on the OCW goals and process. • Community input on the OCW outcomes and recommendations for a <i>Sustainable Oyster Restoration and Management Plan for Eastern Bay, Maryland</i>.
Meeting #6	Dec. 4-5, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of Community Open House Forum input. • Interactive Habitat Survey Results Group Mapping Exercise Continued with Revised Maps. • Summary, discussion, refinement, and adoption of the Oyster Coalition Workgroup’s <i>Report and Recommendations for a Sustainable Oyster Restoration and Management Plan for Eastern Bay, Maryland</i>, and submittal to the Oyster Recovery Partnership. • Communication and Distribution Strategy for Full and Short Summary Versions of the OCW’s Report and Recommendations for the Plan. • ORP Leadership Team will finalize the Report and distribute to relevant agencies, entities, and organizations as appropriate. • Workgroup Appreciation and Celebration.

ATTACHMENT 5
COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE FORUM FEEDBACK WORKSHEET

A) Goal A – Feedback on Restoration Recommendations and Outcomes
<i>Comments/Recommendations:</i>

B) Goal B – Feedback on Management Recommendations and Outcomes
<i>Comments/Recommendations:</i>

C) Goal C – Feedback on Stakeholder Engagement Recommendations and Outcomes
<i>Comments/Recommendations:</i>

D) Other Feedback
<i>Comments/Recommendations:</i>

ATTACHMENT 6
COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE FORUM FEEDBACK SUMMARY

WRITTEN FEEDBACK FROM ATTENDEES

General Comments

Positive Feedback	Comments/Concerns
<p>Thank you for hosting this and all the work over the past few years!</p> <p>Overall a very impressive set of recommendations and establishment of an oyster bottom survey and health assessment.</p> <p>Kudos to the EB OCW for their hard work and meaningful progress.</p>	<p>The difficulty is to prioritize the recommendations to get the best “bang for the buck”. Spreading the funding too thin will likely be ineffective. If investments are spread too thin, the results will be/may be disappointing.</p>

Goal A. Enhance the Oyster Resource

Comments/Concerns	Questions
<p><i>(Strategy 5C)</i> Aquaculture on YB in sanctuaries – needs to remain restricted or capped (%) to allow area to remain open for restoration (long-term, public) vs. short-term aquaculture</p> <p><i>(Strategy 3)</i> Expand recommendation on aquaculture – refer to bushels, acres, employment, other metrics</p> <p><i>(Strategy 3)</i> Consider AEZs to facilitate aquaculture expansion</p> <p><i>(Strategy 6A)</i> Very little money will be made from recreational oyster licenses</p> <p>General comment <i>(also related to Strategy 1D)</i> – Considering the wide distribution of natural spat by tides and winds, the area of the Kent Narrows should be thought to be used as nursery/broodstock area. If unharvested, both Eastern Bay and Chester River would benefit</p> <p><i>(Strategy 6B)</i> Nutrient credit program – Concerns about the potential social justice issues. If pollution can be traded/bought, certain communities and waterways will be disproportionately impacted. If nutrient credits are adopted, location needs to be considered. For instance, credits traded in the Upper Miles should remain in that area.</p>	<p><i>(Vision Theme)</i> How is “self-sustained” defined? Is it possible or realistic especially with climate change?</p>

<p>The map that shows the EB OCW recommendations for locations for fishery enhancement, aquaculture, clamming, and shell reclamation is impressive. It's great to see people come together to map out shared uses while enhancing oysters.</p>	
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Goal B. Manage the Oyster Fishery and Aquaculture to Increase and Sustain Harvest and a Thriving Economy

Comments/Concerns	Questions
<p><i>(Strategy 2A)</i> Require mitigation for replanting after poaching in addition to criminal penalties</p> <p><i>(Strategy 1D)</i> Rotational harvest in sanctuaries – non-starter without swapping out harvest areas. Otherwise will erode overall % of sanctuary network</p> <p><i>(Strategy 1D, Goal A Strategy 6C)</i> “Unrestored” sanctuary language conflicts with objectives in Goal A</p> <p><i>(Strategy 1D)</i> Against opening oyster sanctuary reefs to rotational harvest. These areas will no longer be sanctuaries</p> <p>Management recommendations seem solid</p> <p><i>(Strategy 2)</i> I'd like to see improvements in enforcement.</p>	<p><i>(Objective 1, Strategy 1A, Strategy 1F)</i> How do you define “sustainable”? Based on a reference point or perception or level of production?</p>

Goal C. An Engaged Stakeholder Community that Supports Sustainable Oyster Restoration and Management

Comments/Concerns	Questions
<p>General comment <i>(also related to Strategy 3)</i> – Should consider recommendations related to preserving working waterfronts</p> <p><i>(Strategy 3A)</i> Apprenticeships – need to mitigate liability/risk to mentors</p> <p>General comment <i>(also related to Strategy 3)</i> – Create opportunities for general watermen</p> <p>General comment <i>(also related to Strategy 2D)</i> – Improve awareness and education of the general community through posters placed at local restaurants for one month (Oct or Nov) which highlight the value of local oysters to the community. Alternatively, small cards could be</p>	<p><i>(Objective 2, Strategy 1C)</i> Secure funds – is this beyond the annual \$2M already allocated?</p> <p><i>(Strategy 1A)</i> Who defines “misinformation”?</p>

<p>placed at tables or a “bullet” of information placed on a menu</p> <p>General comment – Hold oyster event at CBEC, includes oyster shucking and open bar</p> <p><i>(Strategy 2E)</i> Really like expanding school programs to include fishermen as an important part of the EB natural system.</p>	
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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS DURING OPEN HOUSE

Station 1 – Restoration Recommendations

Summary of Discussion

- Discussion of results of habitat survey and map developed by OCW – Interest in the idea of agreeing on a location to reclaim shell.
- Alternate substrates – discussion on West coast shell, limestone, dredged shell.
- Modeling larval transport to help with restoration siting – Broodstock in Wye River and upper EB will improve larvae retention in EB system.
- Request for more aquaculture areas.
- Observed relationship between high scoring oyster habitat and recreational fishing success.

Summary of Suggestions for Improvements/Clarifications

- *(Strategy 2B)* Elaborate on how shells from aquaculture could be used as a source of shell.
- *(Goal B Strategy 1D)* Should establish a threshold and timeline for opening sanctuaries to harvest. General discomfort with this idea.
- *(Strategy 6B)* Request for more specifics on BMP implementation.

Station 2 – Management Recommendations

Summary of Discussion

- Recognition of complications of management tasks and time required to make changes. What works in EB may not work other places and vice versa.
- Eastern Bay is unique in that multiple gear types within same region.
- Justification for proximity of clam harvest and oyster restoration (science behind the regulatory decision).
- Habitat survey design and whether this process was effective.
- New technologies DNR is considering for enforcement.
- Rotational restoration/harvest – how likely?
- Translating OCW process to other areas.

Summary of Suggestions for Improvements/Clarifications

- Define a target for increasing aquaculture (e.g., 10% increase from baseline).
- *(Strategy 1C)* Provide example of adaptive management for climate change.
- *(Strategy 1G)* When evaluating management practices that are successful in other areas – how are you defining success?

- *(Strategy 1F)* Provide example of considerations for updating gear regulations – already in report.
- *(Strategy 1E)* Define “rotational restoration.”
- *(Strategy 4B)* Define “right-to-work” laws.

Station 3 – Stewardship Recommendations

Summary of Discussion

- How allocate funding to be most effective?
- Discussion on how to engage people – oyster feature dinners, outreach at restaurants, marketing by CBEC, advertising oyster shell recycling locations, events at CBEC, art installations at CBEC to showcase oysters.

Summary of Suggestions for Improvements/Clarifications

- *(Strategy 1A)* Explain or define “misinformation.”
- Should include recommendations on maintaining infrastructure – shucking houses, cold storage, working waterfronts, zoning policy prioritization, integrating into comprehensive planning (*related to Strategy 2A, 2B, 3*).
- *(Strategy 3A)* Apprenticeship should consider risk to the mentor (e.g., insurance requirements).
- *(Strategy 3)* Clarify role of and need to support generational watermen.

Station 4 – Habitat Surveys

Summary of Discussion

- Where harvest is and is not allowed in relation to SAV, MDE closure areas.
- Health of EB oyster habitat in general, where plantings have occurred.
- Diversity of options the OCW developed using the map.

Summary of Suggestions for Improvements/Clarifications

- Clarify the % score in legend/figure caption.
- OCW should identify more areas for (1) planting and (2) expanding aquaculture based on habitat survey data.
- Some recommendations are too broad.
- *(Goal B Strategy 1F)* Gear regulations – Where are changes proposed by OCW and what are the changes?
- A part of the Wye River is clam bottom but was not classified in the map.