

## Consensus Decision Making (Summarizing the 5-30-2018 Charter, attached)

### What is consensus decision-making?

**Consensus** is a decision-making process in which group members develop and agree to support a decision in the best interest of the whole. The Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership (Partnership) defines consensus decision-making as a process where:

- All parties have an opportunity to share and understand all viewpoints and come to a 'meeting of the minds' sufficient to make a decision.
- **All members can support or live with the decision without blocking or disparaging it.**

### Who participates?

- All Partnership members may participate in meetings and deliberations, but only **members who have signed the Charter** may participate in Partnership consensus decision-making.
- Members may designate an alternate to attend meetings and contribute on their behalf. Alternates must sign the Charter.
- Partnership members (and/or their alternates) must have attended at least two of the last four meetings to formally participate in making consensus decisions.
- Each entity has one 'voice', even if there are multiple representatives.

### What is the process to reach consensus?

- Partnership members **attend meetings** to discuss and deliberate about projects, recommendations, or actions the Partnership plans to take. Final decisions are only made at meetings with a **full spectrum of Partners represented**.
- **The Partnership does not use a formal voting process.** A show of hands, priority ranking, thumbs up/down, etc., may be used to test for consensus at meetings.

Reasonable time is given for Partnership members to discuss and deliberate before calling for a final decision.

### What is the process if consensus is NOT reached?

If time is available, the Partnership may:	If time is not available:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Continue the discussion.</li> <li>b) Provide time for dissenting members to give constructive alternatives.</li> <li>c) Refer the issue to a sub-group for further deliberation, then report and re-evaluate at a subsequent meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Refer to the Coordinating Committee</b> to determine how to handle the issue.</li> <li>2) The Coordinating Committee gives recommendations and describes alternatives to Partnership, and a further attempt to reach a consensus is made.</li> </ul>

- If consensus is still not reached, a decision may be reached by an **agreement of the majority of the Partnership**.

### Final Decisions

- Final consensus decisions are **recorded in meeting notes**.
- Meeting notes also record items where contentious consensus was reached, items with mixed opinions where consensus was not reached, or if the decision is intended to be reviewed at a future date.
- **Decisions reached by consensus will not be revisited or modified** unless significant new ecological, economic, or social information becomes available that could affect the decision and the Partnership comes to consensus to revisit the decision.

## Who are currently eligible Charter signatories for the October 22, 2024 consensus decision (as of May 14, 2024)?

The Charter signatory must have attended two of the last four meetings (Partnership or Work Group) to be eligible. Partnership members interested in signing the Charter dated 5-30-2018 should reach out to Suzanne de Szoeka (sdeszoeka@gsiws.com).

First Name	Last Name	Affiliation	Charter Signatory	Eligible
Jerry	Anderson	Manulife	X	X
Jeanne	Anstine	Newport Community Garden	X	X
Caylin	Barter	Wild Salmon Center	X	X
David	Bayus	Johnson Creek Water Services	X	X
Jennifer	Beathe	Starker Forests	X	X
Mike	Broili	MidCoast Watersheds Council	X	X
Evan	Hayduk	MidCoast Watersheds Council	X	X
Bill	Montgomery	MidCoast Watersheds Council	X	X
Tyler	Clouse	Lincoln SWCD	X	X
Mark	Saelens	Lincoln SWCD, City of Newport, Saelwood LLC	X	X
Adam	Denlinger	Seal Rock Water District; <b>Partnership Convener</b>	X	X
Alan	Fujishin	Gibson Farms	X	X
Timothy	Gross	Civil West	X	X
Penelope	Kaczmarek	Interested Citizen	X	X
Cyndi	Karp	Ecosystem Advocate	X	X
Jay	MacPherson	OHA	X	X
Joe	Moll	McKenzie River Trust	X	X
Margaret	Treadwell	McKenzie River Trust	X	X
Alyssa	Mucken	OWRD	X	X
Kim	Ogren	OWRD	X	X
Steve	Parrett	DEQ	X	X
David	Waltz	DEQ	X	X
Clare	Paul	Formally City of Newport	X	X
Lisa	Phipps	Department of Land Conservation and Development	X	X
Stephanie	Reid	Lincoln City	X	X
Paul	Robertson	Robertson Environmental	X	X

First Name	Last Name	Affiliation	Charter Signatory	Eligible
David	Rupp	OSU	X	X
Billie Jo	Smith	Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance	X	X
Matt	Thomas	ODF	X	X
Leo	Williamson	ODF	X	X
Stan	van de Wetering	Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	X	X
Geoffrey	Wilkie	Webb Institute	X	X
Suzanne	de Szoeki	GSI Water Solutions, Inc.; <b>Current Partnership Facilitator (so not eligible to vote)</b>	X	