Context

In June 2022, a [proposal](link) was published on the research forum to discontinue the stETH <> bETH Anchor integration. A follow-up [snapshot](link) vote ratified the proposal.

Upgrade announcement

The current announcement proclaims an implementation of the proposal above (in the form of the AnchorVault

on-chain upgrade together with necessary actions with UI frontends and auxiliary tooling).

The hosted UI frontend (https://anchor.lido.fi/) would be shutting down after November, 6th

. It will be still possible to withdraw stETH funds by burning bETH either via [Etherscan](link) or via the IPFS version of the widget.

The upgrade action plan is as follows:

- run a vote to perform an upgrade to the AnchorVault which prevents bETH from minting;
- stop the rewards distribution bot;
- sunset the hosted version of the Anchor widget UI.

Rewards distribution notice

At the moment of writing, ~2768 stETH is locked on the [contract](link). Upon the vote enactment (if supported), users will no longer be able to submit stETH and mint bETH. The withdrawal of funds continues to work without deadline boundaries, however rewards distribution will be discontinued and bETH holders redeem their stETH with 1:1 ratio except only for scaling penalties down on hypothetical severe protocol losses.

Tentative timeline

- Oct-3-2023 (Tue): Start Aragon voting.
- Oct-5-2023 (Thu): Main voting phase ends.
- Oct-6-2023 (Fri):
- Objection phase and overall voting conclude. Enactment if passed.
- Update https://anchor.lido.fi/ for supporting a new version
- Shutdown the reward distribution bot
- Objection phase and overall voting conclude. Enactment if passed.
- Update https://anchor.lido.fi/ for supporting a new version
- Shutdown the reward distribution bot
- Nov-6-2023 (Mon): Discontinue support of the hosted UI (https://anchor.lido.fi/), add IPFS version of UI

Technical details

A list of the major [AnchorVault

](https://github.com/lidofinance/anchor-collateral-steth/blob/c186bf3bb89f2945646a76a4e033030c4ea2842a/contracts/AnchorVault.vy) changes:

- added a deprecation notice
- disabled submit

function - users cannot submit stETH and mint bETH anymore

- disabled collect_rewards

function

- removed can_deposit_or_withdraw

function

- removed emergency_admin

- only DAO Agent can pause or resume the contract now

- cleaned up unused addresses, variables, interfaces and constants

Voting script

The voting script [item](#) is planned to be added to omnibus onchain vote.

Note on timings and contingencies

In case of operational obstacles or last-minute security findings, the Anchor Vault upgrade will be rescheduled, and new dates will be communicated here in the thread.

Discussion

Please let us know if you have any additional input or sentiment about this announcement.