



# Fish Habitat Action Team

Work Plan Development

# Where are we in the SRS Process?

- Recently presented on last two years of progress
  - *Mostly on track*
  - *Narrowing our scope and ensuring we have project champions*
  - *Presentation addressed the group's capacity issues*
- Now developing a work plan around our new/continued priorities
  - *October 28 - Near final management materials due*
  - *December 8 - Final management materials due*
  - *December 9 - Final management materials presented to Management Board*





# Categorizing our Actions

# As we review potential actions...

- 1) Open link to Jamboard (Justin will add to chat)
  - a) Each slide will have a corresponding Jamboard page
- 2) As we review actions/categories, please provide thoughts/critiques/questions
  - a) *Do you agree with the listed actions?*
  - b) *Are there any existing opportunities that our team has not listed?*
  - c) *Do you feel any of the listed actions should not be prioritized by the team?*
  - d) *Is there a person/organization/agency that may be a good “champion/lead” for a listed action?*



# Characterizing key fish habitat: Indicator development and connections to management

## Ongoing species-specific habitat research projects (Deadlines in parentheses)

- *Striped bass nursery habitat GIT-funding (July 22)*
- *Summer flounder shallow water tributary habitat (January 21)*
- *Habitat Utilization and Ecosystem Connectivity in the Southern Mid-Atlantic Bight (Feb 21)*
- *Black sea bass habitat utilization (December 21)*
- *Characterization of Nursery Habitats Used by Black Sea Bass and Summer Flounder in Chesapeake Bay and the Coastal Lagoons*
- *Forage habitat indicator (Looking for funding currently)*
- *Shoreline condition threshold layer (Next steps working towards indicator)*

## Building off of existing observational work

- *Communicate FHAT interest in hypoxia collaborative to ensure monitoring effort can provide information on water column habitat condition*
- *Collaborate with NCBO to look for ways to utilize new acoustic telemetry arrays*

# Influencing Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management

- *How can we put research results into action?*
- *Consider existing tools (like the [State of the Ecosystem Report](#)) that we know managers trust/utilize*



# Fish Habitat Assessment

- *Next steps with Patuxent pilot*
- *Remaining actions from previous pilots/frameworks?*



## Engagement with recreational fishing community (Avenues to incorporate DEIJ)

- *Engage with Rod and Reef tournaments*
- *Continue to supports CCA's reef ball/outreach project in Cambridge, MD*
- *Utilize these avenues to engage with underserved communities in the watershed*





# Cross-Group coordination & communication

- *Explore new opportunities for project funding (Ex. NFHP & ChesWILD)*
- *Communicate with other GITs about spatial tools and how FHAT assessment work can be incorporated*
- *Opportunities to communicate work to local planners by utilizing relationships at the Local Leadership Workgroup (Ex. shoreline hardening)*
- *Continue open line of dialogue with STAR and the CBP monitoring team, specifically assisting with upcoming monitoring reviewing centered around addressing needs and gaps.*



# Other

- *Expressed interest in shallow water monitoring and quantification of success at restoration sites. What steps we can take in next work plan to improve this monitoring need?*
- *Anything else we missed that may not fit into the major categories reviewed on the previous slides?*

