

# SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES GIT AND THE NEW AGREEMENT

Goals and Outcomes



# GOAL

**Restore, enhance, and protect the finfish, shellfish and other living resources, their habitats and ecological relationships to sustain all fisheries and provide for a balanced ecosystem in the watershed and bay.**

# BLUE CRAB OUTCOME

- **Outcome:** Maintain sustainable blue crab population based on the current target of 215 million adult females (1+ years old) and continue to refine population targets between 2013 through 2025 based on best available science.

# OYSTER OUTCOME

- **Outcome:** Restore native oyster habitat and populations in 20 tributaries out of 35 to 40 candidate tributaries by 2025.

# FISHERIES OUTCOME

- **Outcome:** Improve fisheries health and production by connecting land use decision making with ecosystem science and policy and creating a precautionary management approach to ensure the sustainability of Chesapeake bay fisheries resources across jurisdictions.

# **HABITAT GIT, WATERSHED GIT, & TOXICS GOALS AND OUTCOMES**

# ADDITIONAL OUTCOMES FOR THE NEW AGREEMENT?

# REVIEW OF *CHESAPEAKE* 2000 FISHERIES GOALS

- Oysters
- Exotic Species
  - Prevention and management plans for non-native species
- Fish Passage and Migratory and Resident Fish
  - Restore fish passage for migratory fish; work to achieve population targets for tributary-specific migratory fish
- Multi-Species Management
  - develop ecosystem-based multi-species management plans for target species
- Crabs



# ADDITIONAL OUTCOME IDEAS

- **Finfish Outcome**

- Recover finfish levels to a determined level

- **Single Species Outcome**

- Develop bay outcomes for striped bass, shad, herring, and menhaden

- **Forage Fish Outcome**

- Maintain a population of forage fish that supports other commercial and recreational finfish species

# ADDITIONAL OUTCOME IDEAS

- Ecosystem Outcome

- Based on habitat objectives or bay wide multispecies plans or targets

- Invasive catfish outcome

- Reduce populations of invasive catfish in key tributaries and watersheds that mitigate impact and reduce spread.

# DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL OUTCOMES

- Does the GIT propose any additional outcomes?