

Making the Connection: Land, Water, and Fish

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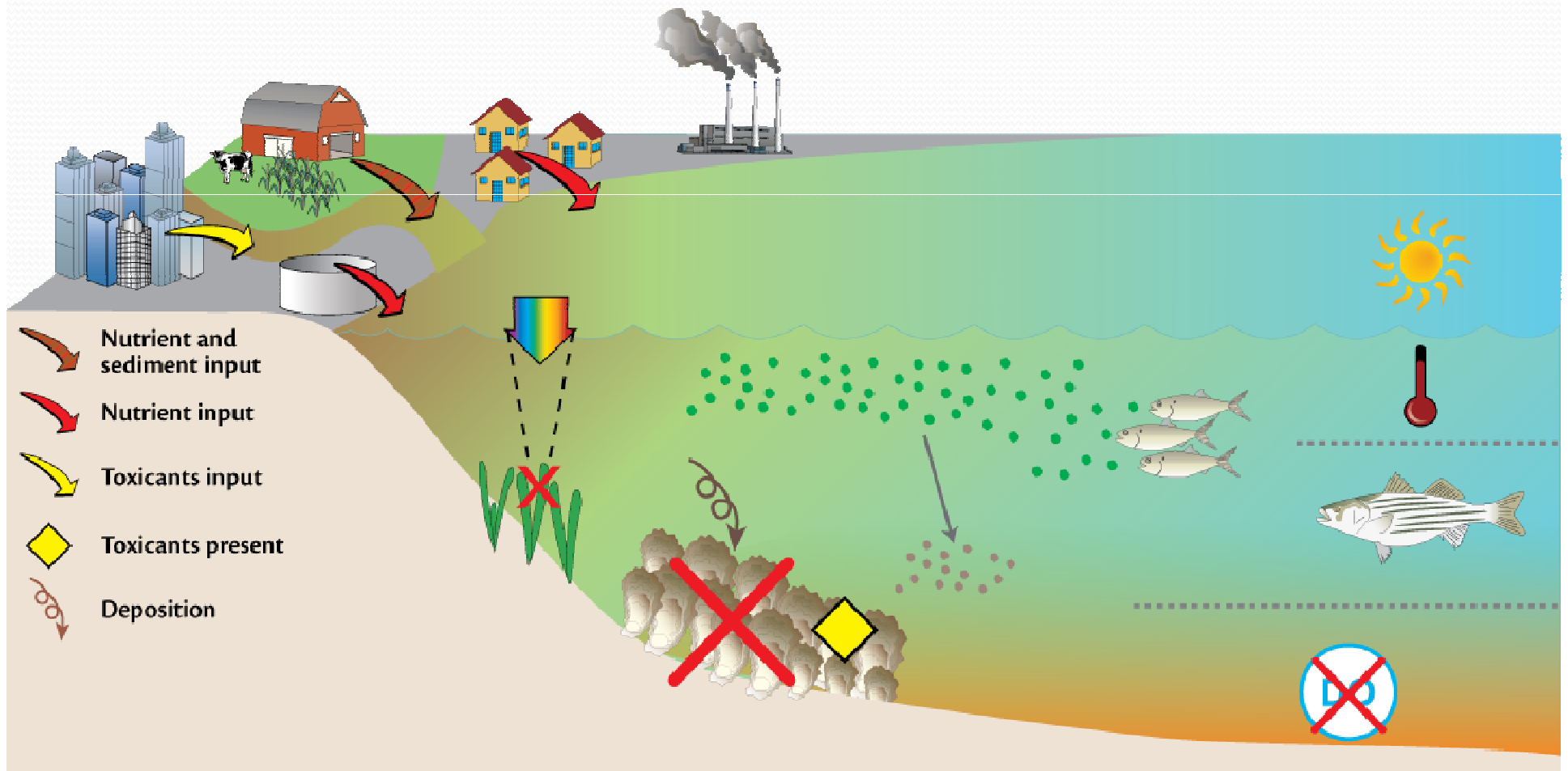


Challenges

- Fisheries health and abundance is linked to land based activities (development and human population increase) and the resulting stressors (increased nutrient input and habitat loss)
- Competition for a decreasing allocation of fish
 - Commercial and recreational harvest demands versus Ability of the Bay system to sustain fish production

Land-Use Impacts on the Bay

- Dwindling resources from land based effects





Desired Outcome

- To effectively connect land use decision makers with fisheries managers to improve the sustainability of Chesapeake Bay fisheries.



Objectives

- Learn who the land-use decision makers are
- Understand what the land-use decision making process is and how to get involved
- Ensure the best available information on fisheries impacts is a part of the decision making process
- Identify additional information needs, including improved socio-economic data, and prioritize our programs to obtain this information



Next Steps

- Sustainable Fisheries GIT meeting
 - December 19-20th
 - Agenda:
 - Day 2 → Land-Use
 - We will have presentations on various case studies from the Chesapeake Bay and other systems facing similar challenges
 - Workshop to identify potential land-use actions to take at the local, state, and federal levels