# **Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)**

Meeting Agenda January 10, 2013 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Annapolis Field Office Conference Room U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive Annapolis, Maryland

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### **Welcome and Introductions**

Coale

## **09:40 AgWG Meeting Minutes**

Coale

The draft minutes from the November 29, 2012 workgroup meeting held at the Chesapeake Bay Program Office will be reviewed for approval.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

#### 09:45 Urban Stream Restoration Panel Recommendations

Schueler

Tom Schueler, Urban Stormwater Workgroup Coordinator, will present the final draft findings of the Urban Stream Restoration Panel for consideration by the workgroup from an agricultural perspective. The cross-sector discussion is in recognition of the need for a balanced approach between the urban and agricultural/rural stream restoration BMPs in the CBP models. The deadline for comments on the panel recommendations to the USWG is January 31, 2013.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

## 10:00 Urban Nutrient Management Panel Recommendations

Schueler

Tom will also present the final draft findings of the Urban Nutrient Management Panel for consideration by the workgroup from an agricultural perspective. The cross-sector discussion is in fulfillment of a request by the partnership to ensure a balanced approach between the urban and agricultural management of nutrients in the CBP models. The deadline for comments on the panel recommendations to the USWG is January 31, 2013.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

### 11:00 Agricultural BMP Verification Process

Coale/Dubin

Frank and Mark Dubin, AgWG Coordinator, will provide an update of the workgroup's progress to develop an agricultural BMP verification

protocol, the comments received from the BMP Verification Review Panel, and the process/schedule for incorporating the partnership's recommendations into a finalized protocol.

## **ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

11:15 Revised Agricultural Verification Protocol Concept Coale/Dubin
Frank and Mark will present the revised verification protocol concept
based on the November 29, 2012 recommendations of the workgroup.
This revision was provided to the WQGIT Verification Steering
Committee and during the BMP Verification Review Panel meeting on
December 6, 2012 for their consideration. The revised concept is based on
the key findings of the Tt draft summary report, the comments provided
from the jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional representatives on the
previous draft agricultural verification concept, and the previous guidance
received from the BMP Verification Steering Committee.

## **ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

11:45 Agricultural Verification Protocol - Recommendations Coale
Frank will seek a recommendation on the revised agricultural verification
protocol matrix. The recommended protocol will be further developed
over the next several months into a comprehensive verification document
for final review and approval by the March 2013 workgroup meeting.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

### 12:00 Luncheon Break

O1:00 Chesapeake Bay Mid-Point Assessment Priorities Coale/Dubin
Frank and Mark will briefly review the workgroup's priorities in relation
to the decisions by the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's
(WQGIT) decisions from the October 22-23, 2012 meeting near Fairfield,
Pennsylvania.

## **ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

O1:15 Chesapeake Bay Mid-Point Assessment Priorities Coale/Dubin
Frank and Mark will review the workgroup's draft mid-point
assessment work plans and schedules to address each of the agricultural
sector appropriate mid-point assessment priority recommendations. The
proposed work plans were presented to the WQGIT for review and
concurrence during the December 10, 2012 meeting.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

## 01:40 Agricultural Phase 6 Land Uses

Claggett

Peter Claggett, Land Use Workgroup Coordinator, will discuss the Agriculture Workgroup and the WQGIT's highest ranked priority: the reevaluation of land use categories and loading values for the Phase 6 Chesapeake Bay Program models. The Land Use Workgroup (LUWG) has requested a Phase 6 land use recommendation from each of the sector workgroups for their review and coordination between land use sectors by February 2013.

## **ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

## 02:00 Draft Proposal for Phase 6 Agricultural Land Uses Coale/Dubin

Frank and Mark will present an initial draft proposal for potential Phase 6 agricultural land for review and comment by the workgroup. Frank will moderate a membership discussion on the draft proposal and identify possible revision for developing a draft final proposal for review and recommendation by the workgroup during the February meeting.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

### 03:15 Review of AgWG Recommendations

Dubin

The members will review and finalize the workgroup's meeting recommendations for endorsement and implementation.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Finalized Workgroup Recommendations

03:30 Adjourn

#### **Conference Call Materials:**

Participants are requested to review the materials posted on the AgWG webpage for the meeting. Some documents may be posted just prior to the meeting, so please check back.

#### **Agenda Schedule:**

The meeting agenda is reflective of known information at the time of publication and may be subject to change due to other circumstances. Additional agenda items may be added if time is available.

#### **Luncheon Information:**

Workgroup members may either bring their lunch to the meeting room, or utilize one of the food establishments nearby.