Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)
Meeting Agenda
June 20, 2013
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Annapolis Field Office Conference Room
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Annapolis, Maryland
Conference Call Number: 866.299.3188, Code: 267.985.6222
Virtual Meeting Room: https://epa.connectsolutions.com/agwg/
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09:30   **Welcome and Introductions**   **Coale**

09:40   **AgWG Meeting Minutes**   **Coale**
Frank Coale, Agriculture Workgroup Chair, will introduce the draft minutes from the May 9, 2013 workgroup meeting held at the Chesapeake Bay Program Office for review and approval.

   ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

09:45   **Draft Chesapeake Bay Agreement**   **Coale/Dubin**
Frank and Mark Dubin, Agriculture Workgroup Coordinator, will review new agricultural language being proposed for the draft Chesapeake Bay Agreement under development by the Management Board. The language was adapted from the Chesapeake Bay Executive Order, and commits to implementing new conservation practices on 4 million high priority agricultural acres by 2025. The Board is requesting the Agriculture Workgroup's recommendation on the proposed language.

   ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

10:10   **Tetra Tech Technical Assistance Contract**   **Dubin/Dressing**
Mark and Steve Dressing, Tetra Tech, will provide an overview of the new EPA-CBPO technical assistance contract in relation to the workgroup and associated review panels.

   ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

10:20   **Agricultural BMP Verification Guidance**   **Coale/Dubin**
Frank and Mark will discuss guidance received from the BMP Verification Committee regarding the development of agricultural BMP verification protocols, and the Transparency Subgroup's recommendation on defining "Transparency" when applied to NPS BMP verification.

   ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

10:35	**Agricultural BMP Verification Matrix**	**Coale**

Frank will lead a partnership discussion on continuing the development of the draft agricultural BMP verification matrix based on the guidance received from the BMP Verification Committee, the Transparency Subgroup, and the work of an ad hoc verification subgroup.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

12:00	**Luncheon Break**

01:00	**Expert Review Panel Updates**	**Dubin**

On behalf of the panel chairs, Mark will provide brief updates on each of the four review panels currently operating under the oversight of the workgroup.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

01:15	**2015 Agricultural Projection Update**	**Dubin**

Mark will provide an update on the workgroup's recommendation to the Milestone Workgroup and the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) for the 2015 projection on agricultural land use and production. The partnership's current schedule would omit developing the 2015 projections for the 2-Year Milestone goals with the benefit of the 2012 USDA Agricultural Census, due to be released in early 2014.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

01:25	**MPA Agricultural Modeling Workshop**	**Dubin/Baird**

Mark and Jim Baird, Mid-Atlantic Director for the American Farmland Trust, will review the summary results and future modeling directions stemming from the agricultural modeling workshop held on May 22-23, 2013 at the University of Maryland's College Park campus. The "**Building a Better Bay Model; A Workshop for Agricultural Partners**" event was held to support the implementation of the workgroup's top two priority lead Mid-Point Assessment topics.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

03:00	**Partner Updates**	**Dubin**

Mark will open the floor to updates from the partnership.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation

03:15	**Review of AgWG Recommendations**	**Giese**

Emma Giese, AgWG Staffer, will review 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.