Big Questions on Fish Consumption Advisory Outreach

1. Why are we doing this?

a. There is a need for communication products that enhance the effectiveness of current jurisdiction methods for raising awareness and influencing behavior change, especially in at-risk and underserved populations.

2. What are our objectives?

- a. Increased awareness of existing advisories, especially in at-risk populations (i.e. women and children, subsistence anglers and communities, urban populations where majority of advisories occur)
- b. Change in fish consumption behavior (i.e. reduced consumption frequency, species shift, changing preparation techniques)
- c. Increased awareness of the presence of toxic contaminants in fish while concurrently emphasizing the healthful aspects of eating fish

3. What are our outputs/products?

- a. Infographic in poster format with informative illustration and light text.
- b. More detailed fact sheet, incorporating the first infographic with additional text and information to explain advisories and fish consumption safety (contingent on funding)
- c. Animated video about consumption advisories and safety practices (requires additional future funding)

4. How are we hoping these products will be used?

a. Products will be made available to Chesapeake Bay Program partners and will be used in collaborative programs among the partners including EPA-sponsored projects.

5. What are the next steps for this project?

- a. Collect comments and finalize poster infographic
 - i. Get feedback, especially from FCA program leads in urban areas and states with PCB advisories
 - ii. Identify effective avenues for distribution
 - iii. Distribute to partners and through collaborative projects
- b. Develop a more detailed fact sheet or article if funds remain
- c. Develop a short (2-3 min) animated video

6. What is our expected timeline for completion?

- a. Infographic: No later than end of 2017
- b. Fact sheet/graphic: End of 2017 if funds remain, longer if additional funding required
- c. Video: Date to be determined based on availability of additional funding