

Comments from Department of Interior regarding freshwater fish as a New Agreement outcome:

Outcomes for freshwater fisheries need more emphasis. Freshwater fisheries are an important resource and provide recreational value for the 17 million people in the watershed. The sustainable fisheries goal statement mentions “provide for a balanced ecosystem in the watershed and Bay”. However, all the current outcomes address estuary finfish and shellfish. Therefore freshwater fisheries outcomes need to be part of this goal. Suggestions include:

- Move the brook trout and fish passage outcomes to this goal.
- Add a new outcome: Understand the causes of freshwater fish kills and disease so management strategies can be developed to increase their populations and improve health.