



Chesapeake Bay Program

REVISED SHAD ABUNDANCE INDICATOR

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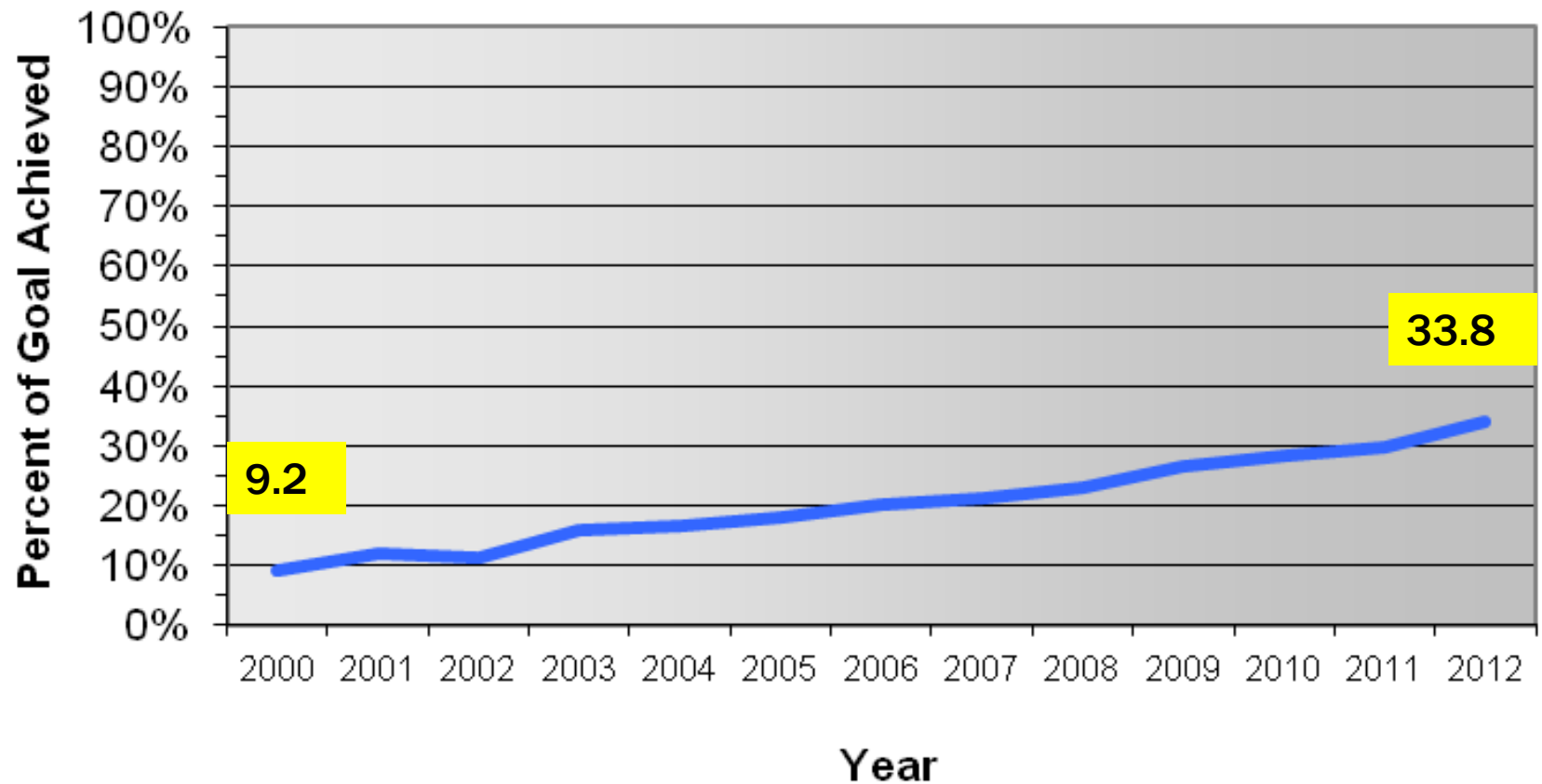
SHAD INDICATOR BACKGROUND

- CBP indicator; developed to track C2K commitment
- Fisheries GIT refocuses priorities
- Recommendation from GIT/STAR to eliminate
- MB requests revision (rather than elimination)
- GIT/STAR convene American Shad Indicator Action Team to revise indicator

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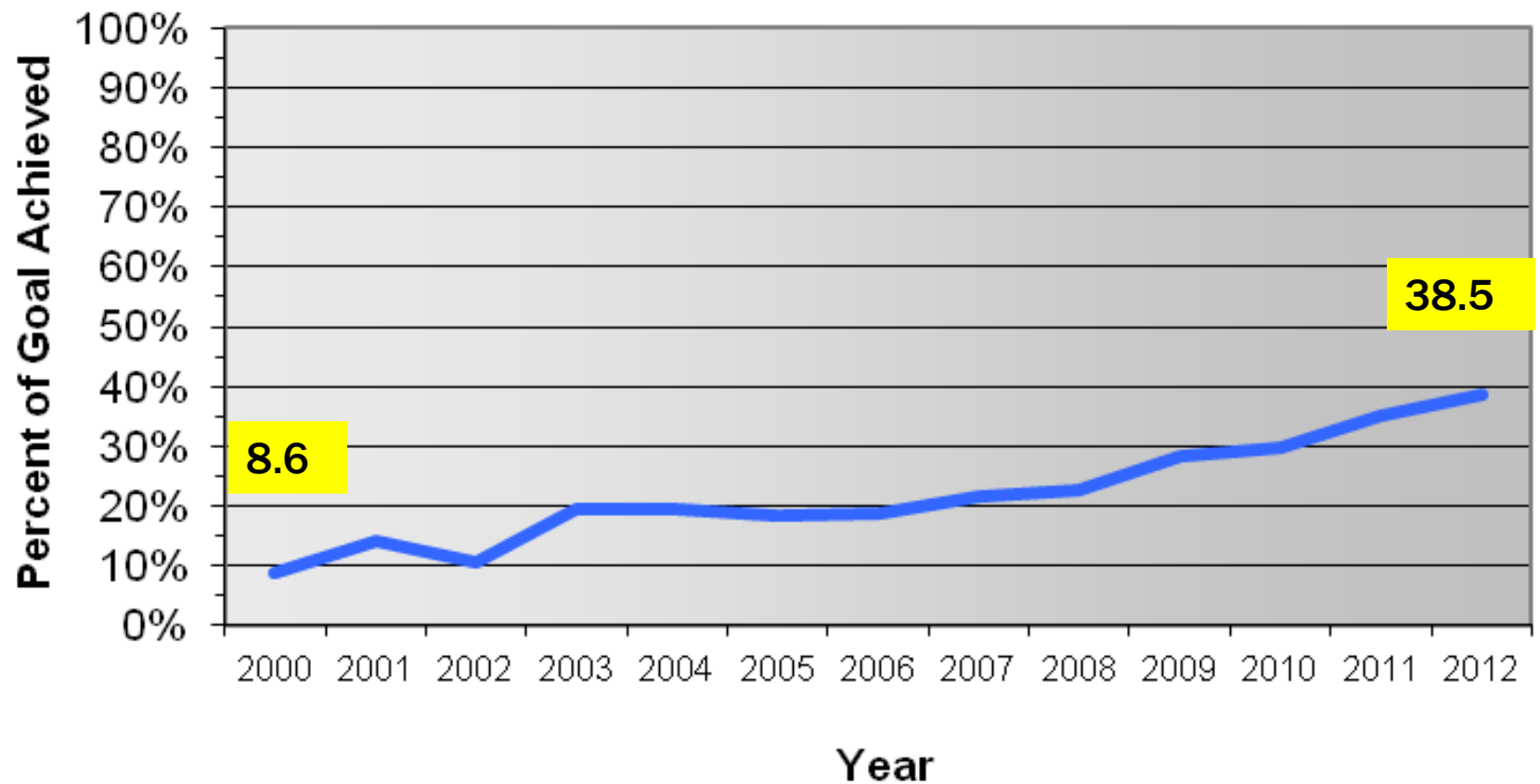
OLD

Shad Returning to the Chesapeake Bay



NEW

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WHAT CHANGED?

- Added Rappahannock River data
- Added Lower James River data
- Revised York River data
- Revised weight of each river to calculate baywide shad abundance index

| Shad Indicator Tributary | Weight in Baywide Index |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Susquehanna | 45% |
| Potomac | 26% |
| James* | 19% |
| York | 5% |
| Rappahannock | 5% |

* The James River Index value is based on a weighted combination of lower James (55%) and Boshers Dam data (45%)

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE INDICATOR?

- 2000-2012 data
- shows percent of goal achieved for each tributary and a baywide index

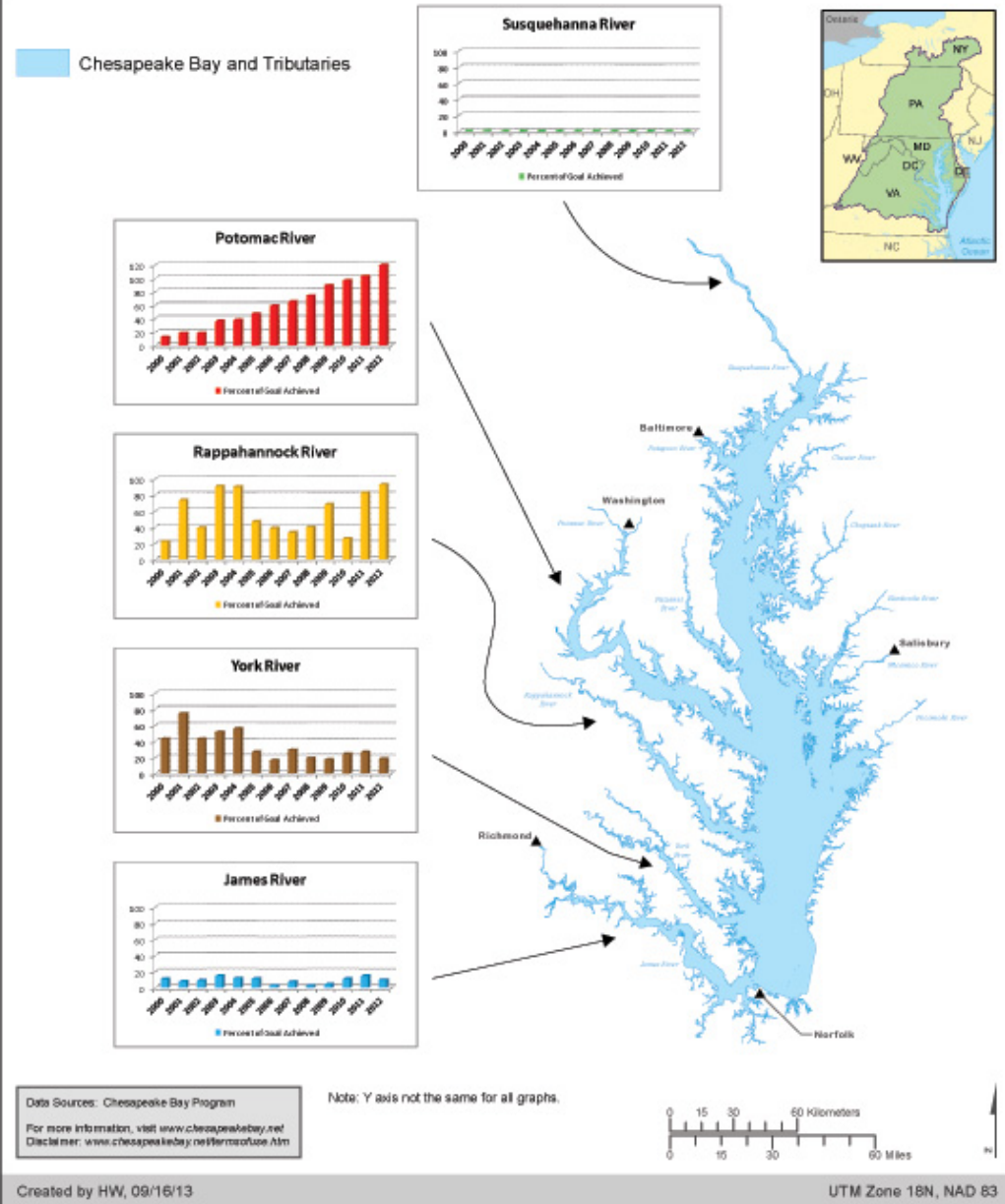
| Tributary | Data | Goal Basis |
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| Susquehanna | Fish passage count | 2,000,000 shad passing York Haven Dam annually |
| Potomac | CPUE from PRFC pound net data | 1950s CPUE |
| Lower James | CPUE from VIMS gill-net survey | Estimated 1950s CPUE* |
| Bosher's Dam | Fish passage count | 500,000 shad passing Bosher's Dam annually |
| York | CPUE from VIMS gill-net survey | Estimated 1950s CPUE* |
| Rappahannock | CPUE from VIMS gill-net survey | Estimated 1950s CPUE* |

*calculated using the ratio of York 1980s CPUE : 1950s CPUE
(This assumes the same trend in the other VA tribs as in the York)

WHAT ELSE CHANGED?

- Static map on indicator webpage now features status/trend charts for each component river.

Shad Abundance (2012) Ecosystem Health Assessment



WHAT WAS ADDED?

- Dynamic map with links to additional data

American Shad Abundance

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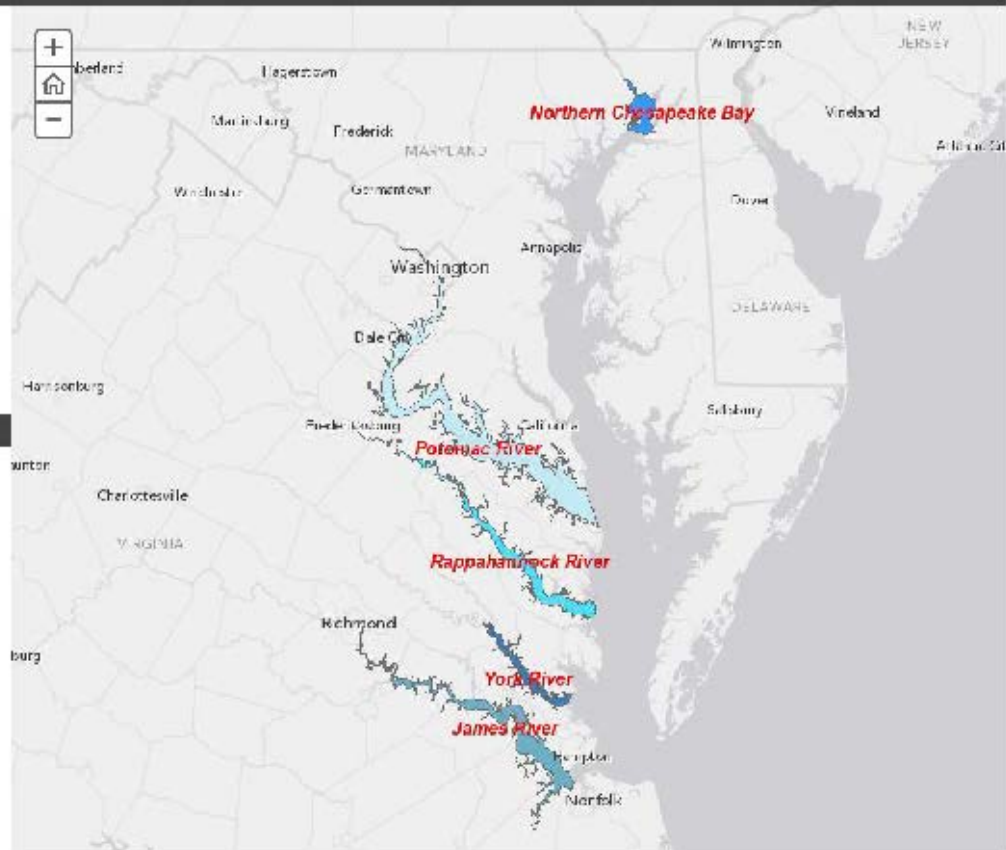
Based on the most recent data from the James, Potomac, Susquehanna and York rivers, the estimate of Chesapeake Bay-wide American shad abundance increased in 2012 to 34 percent of the goal. The Potomac River has seen the most consistent increase of returning shad, reaching 100 percent of that river's target. The York River's shad abundance is at 17 percent of the goal, while the James and Susquehanna River remain at less than 1 percent.

LEGEND

Shad Abundance

Shad Abundance Tributaries

- James River
- Northern Chesapeake Bay
- Potomac River
- Rappahannock River
- York River



DO YOU AGREE?

- The ASIAT is recommending the revisions for the following reasons:
 - Incorporates more robust abundance data/targets
 - Incorporates/features more data
 - Abundance data from additional rivers (Rapp, MD)
 - Stocking efforts and habitat data
 - Features abundance charts for each river
 - “I am so glad we made these changes!” *Mike Odom, USFWS*
- Do you agree with the recommendations for revisions to the shad indicator information featured at ChesapeakeBay.net?

QUESTIONS?