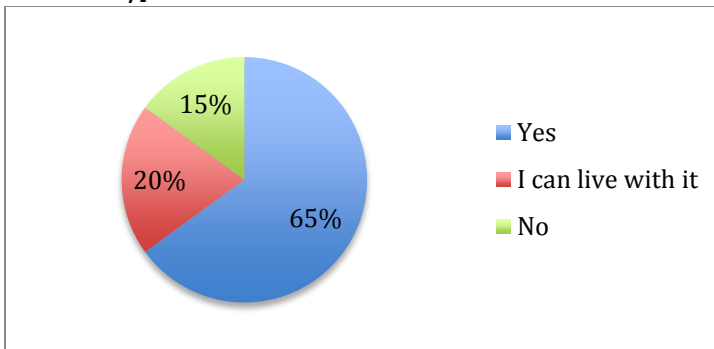


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RE: Next Steps for Phase 5 Nutrient Management Expert Panel
Recommendations
DATE: September 4, 2015

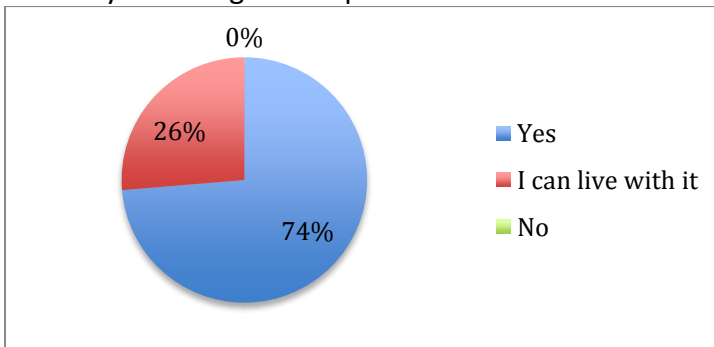
The Agriculture Workgroup met August 24, 2015 by conference call and received the report of the Nutrient Management Expert Panel, Phase 5.3.2 titled: “Definitions and Recommended Nutrient Reduction Efficiencies of Nutrient Application Management for Use in Phase 5.3.2 of the Chesapeake Bay Program Watershed Model”. Following discussion, the Agriculture Workgroup co-chairs electronically polled participants¹ on the call to identify the areas of consensus in response to the Expert Panel recommendations for efficiencies for Tiers 2 and 3 Nutrient Management.

Poll 1: Are you willing to accept the Expert Panel’s draft report and recommendations [in its entirety]?



Outcome – Poll 1: There was a lack of consensus.

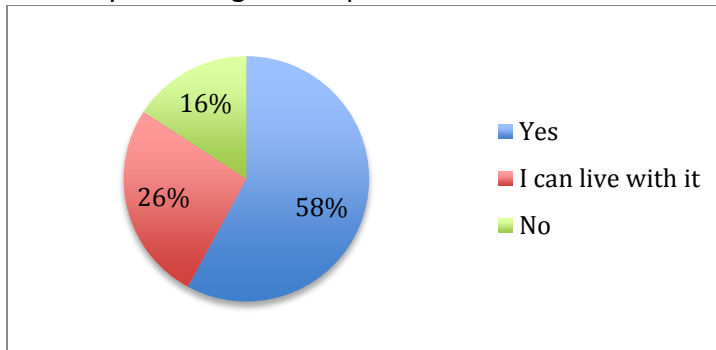
Poll 2: Are you willing to accept the Tier 2 and Tier 3 recommendations for nitrogen?



Outcome – Poll 2: By consensus, the AgWG accepted the Tier 2 and Tier 3 recommendations for nitrogen.

¹ All participants in the August 24, 2015 call were invited to participate in the consensus process around these recommendations. The AgWG has not defined its “membership” since the revision of the CBP partnership governance protocol. It is slated to do so at it’s September 16-17, 2015 meeting.

Poll 3: Are you willing to accept the Tier 2 recommendations for phosphorus?



Outcome – Poll 3: There was a lack of consensus.

In response to identifying the areas of consensus and non-consensus for the panel report recommendations, and in consideration of questions raised about how the jurisdictional nutrient management programs will be interpreted within the tier definitions, the Agriculture Workgroup agreed to the following:

1. The Agriculture Workgroup moves the Nutrient Management Expert Panel Recommendations for Ph 5.3.2 to the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team with the following denotations:
 - a. Agriculture Workgroup meeting participants reached consensus on Tier 2 and 3 Nitrogen recommendations provided by the Expert Panel.
 - b. Agriculture Workgroup meeting participants did not reached consensus on the Tier 2 Phosphorus recommendations.
2. The Agriculture Workgroup will convene a subcommittee to work with the states to explore each state’s plan for the interpretation of tier definitions in relationship to their respective state nutrient management programs. This subcommittee will also explore the compliance rates associated with state programs to improve future reporting. A table that cross-walks the six states’ nutrient management programs with the corresponding tier definitions and the current compliance rates associated with state programs will be developed. This table will support the reporting of implementation and resultant crediting of the state programs in the 2015, 2016, and 2017 Phase 5.3.2 Chesapeake Watershed Model.

The Agriculture Workgroup recommends that the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team support the adoption of the Phase 5 Nutrient Management Expert Panel’s Tier 2 and Tier 3 nitrogen recommendations. The Agriculture Workgroup further asks the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team to consider the Tier 2 Phosphorus

recommendation provided by the Expert Panel, recognizing that consensus at the Agriculture Workgroup's August 24, 2015 conference call was not achieved.

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