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RE: STAC Recommendations for Chesapeake Bay Agreement Goal and Outcome Statements

Nicholas DiPasquale, Chair, Chesapeake Bay Program Management Board
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
410 Severn Avenue, Suite 109
Annapolis, MD 21403

Cc: Management Board; STAR; Sustainable Fisheries GIT; Habitat GIT; Water Quality GIT; Healthy Watersheds GIT; Stewardship GIT; Enhancing Partnering, Leadership GIT; Modeling Workgroup; Communications Workgroup

Dear Mr. DiPasquale,

Please see the attached *STAC Recommendations for Chesapeake Bay Agreement Goal and Outcome Statements*. This document presents recommendations regarding the draft goals and outcomes proposed for the new Bay agreement. The objective is to guide drafting efforts toward a formulation of intentions that will support both the need for program accountability and effective adaptive management of program actions. We recognize the extensive efforts that have already been made to craft goal and outcome statements and, accordingly, these recommendations attempt to follow the subject and content formulations of the current draft agreement to the extent practicable.

We hope these recommendations are useful in the formulation of the final Bay Agreement goal and outcome statements. STAC is committed to assisting the Goal Implementation Teams in the development of the specific management strategies and monitoring protocols.

STAC respectfully requests a written response to the specific recommendations from the CBP Management Board Chair by Monday, March 18, 2014. We look forward to your feedback.

Please direct any questions you may have about this report and its recommendations to Natalie Gardner, the Chesapeake Bay Program's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Coordinator, and review lead Dr. Carl Hershner.

On behalf of the entire STAC, thank you again for considering these recommended next steps, and we look forward to working with you closely on this in the future.

Sincerely,

Kirk Havens
Chair, Chesapeake Bay Program's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee