

# *The Chesapeake Watershed Agreement:*

## Addressing Public/Stakeholder Comments



Management Board Meeting  
November 21, 2013

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# *Stakeholder & Public Comments on Abridged Draft: Timeline*

- Management Board July 11
  - 2-hour Stakeholder comment session
  
- Stakeholder Comment Pd 1 July 10 – Aug 15
  - **25 comments received on ChesapeakeBay.net during the first public comment period**
  - **23 formal letters received from organizations and individuals** (posted online)
  - <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/chesapeakebaywatershedagreement>
  
- *Issue Draft – Stakeholder Comment Pd 2* *Late Jan/Feb 2013*
  
- PSC/FLCD Combined (tentative) Feb/March
  - 2-hour Stakeholder comment session

# *Stakeholder Letters Received*

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay,  
Albert H. Todd

West Virginia Rivers Coalition,  
Angela Rosser

City of Lancaster, J. Richard Gray

Choose Clean Water Coalition

Alyce Ortuzar, Private Citizen

Trout Unlimited, Kevin Anderson

Metropolitan Washington Council of  
Governments, Penelope A. Gross

State Water Quality Advisory Committee,  
Terry R. Matthews

Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Kim Coble

Otsego County Soil and Water Conservation  
District, Scott Fickbohm

Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater  
Agencies, Robert C. Steidel

Virginia Municipal Stormwater Association,  
Randy Bartlett

Maryland Association of Municipal  
Wastewater Agencies, Julie Pippel

Storm Water Association of Maryland, Tim  
Whittie

Chesapeake Bay Trust, Jana Davis

Mattawoman Watershed Society, Jim Long

Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Mark  
Luckenbach

American Rivers, Liz Deardorff

# *Comment Tracking*

- **Full Comment Registry** (document #1)
  - All comments from Signatories, GIT Chairs, Advisory Committees, Federal partners verbatim.
  - All comments received from stakeholder organizations and the public verbatim.
  - Shows comment, who issued the comment, group assigned to consider the comment, and the group's resolution.
  - Organized by section of Agreement (letters dissected into appropriate sections)
  - 121 pages
- **Compilation of actual comment / letter submissions online** (#2)
  - 25 stakeholder organization letters
  - 23 public comments submitted on chesapeakebay.net
  - [chesapeakebay.net/watershedagreement](http://chesapeakebay.net/watershedagreement)

# *Comment Tracking*

- **Topical Summary of Comments with CBP Response** (document #3)
  - Organized by topic or theme
  - Overarching summary of all comments within each topic
  - Abridged Draft Agreement (7-9-13) version of goal/outcome/issue
  - Current Full Draft Agreement (11-8-13) version of goal/outcome/issue
  - Reasoning if comment issue excluded from current draft

# *Comment Posting Options*

- **Option 1**: Post only the topical summary with response (document #3) with the revised Draft Agreement in late Jan/Feb.
- **Option 2**: Post the topical summary with response (document #3), plus the full comment registry (document #1), with the revised Draft Agreement in late Jan/Feb.
- **Option 3**: Post all 3 – the summary & response (document #3), the full registry (document #1), and the actual letters & comments submitted online with the revised Draft Agreement in late Jan/Feb.

# *Timing of Postings*

- **Option 1**: Post comment documents only with the revised Draft Agreement is issued in late Jan/Feb.
- **Option 2**: Post comment documents (the full registry and/or the actual submissions) in December; Post the summary & response in late Jan/Feb with the revised Draft Agreement.