

## Chesapeake Bay Program Fisheries GIT Indicators

### Overview:

- Blue crabs fisheries management indicators for abundance and management are still being reported as they were last year, but with a revised target for females.
- The restoring oyster reefs indicator has new metrics, but is not yet ready for reporting. New metric report should be ready sometime next year.
- Blue crab abundance (age 1 and older) has been updated based on the new target.
- Native oyster abundance (biomass) will not be reported until next year.
- The striped bass abundance (spawning female biomass) indicator will be reported in the same manner as the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.
- Uncertain about the status of the American shad indicator.
- Menhaden will also be reported according to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

### **Status:**

#### ***Restoration Effort Indicators:***

- The following restoration effort indicators from the 2010 Bay Barometer will be **revised and updated in time** for the 2012 EC meeting:
  - [Blue Crab Fishery Management](#) - Tracking revised targets
- The following restoration effort indicators from the 2010 Bay Barometer **will no longer be used**:
  - [Restoring Oyster Reefs](#) – new metrics developed; assessment data available 2013
- The following new restoration effort indicators **have been/will be developed**:
  - Restore native oyster habitat/populations in 20 tributaries - new metrics developed; partial assessment data available by 2013 EC meeting

#### ***Bay and Watershed Health Indicators***

- The following health indicators will be **revised**:
  - [Blue Crab Abundance](#) – tracking revised target
  - [Striped Bass Abundance \(Spawning Female Biomass\)](#) - Will report coastal stock assessment
  - [Juvenile Menhaden Abundance in Maryland](#) - Will report coastal stock assessment
- The following health indicators **will no longer be used**:
  - [Native Oyster Abundance \(Biomass\)](#) - new metrics developed; assessment data available 2013
- The following health indicators **may no longer be used**:
  - [American Shad Returning to Chesapeake Bay](#) - TBD
- The following new health indicators **have been/will be developed**:
  - Restore native oyster habitat/populations in 20 tributaries - new metrics developed; partial assessment data available by 2013 EC meeting

***For additional details, please refer to [Review of 2010 BB Indicators Compiled](#)***