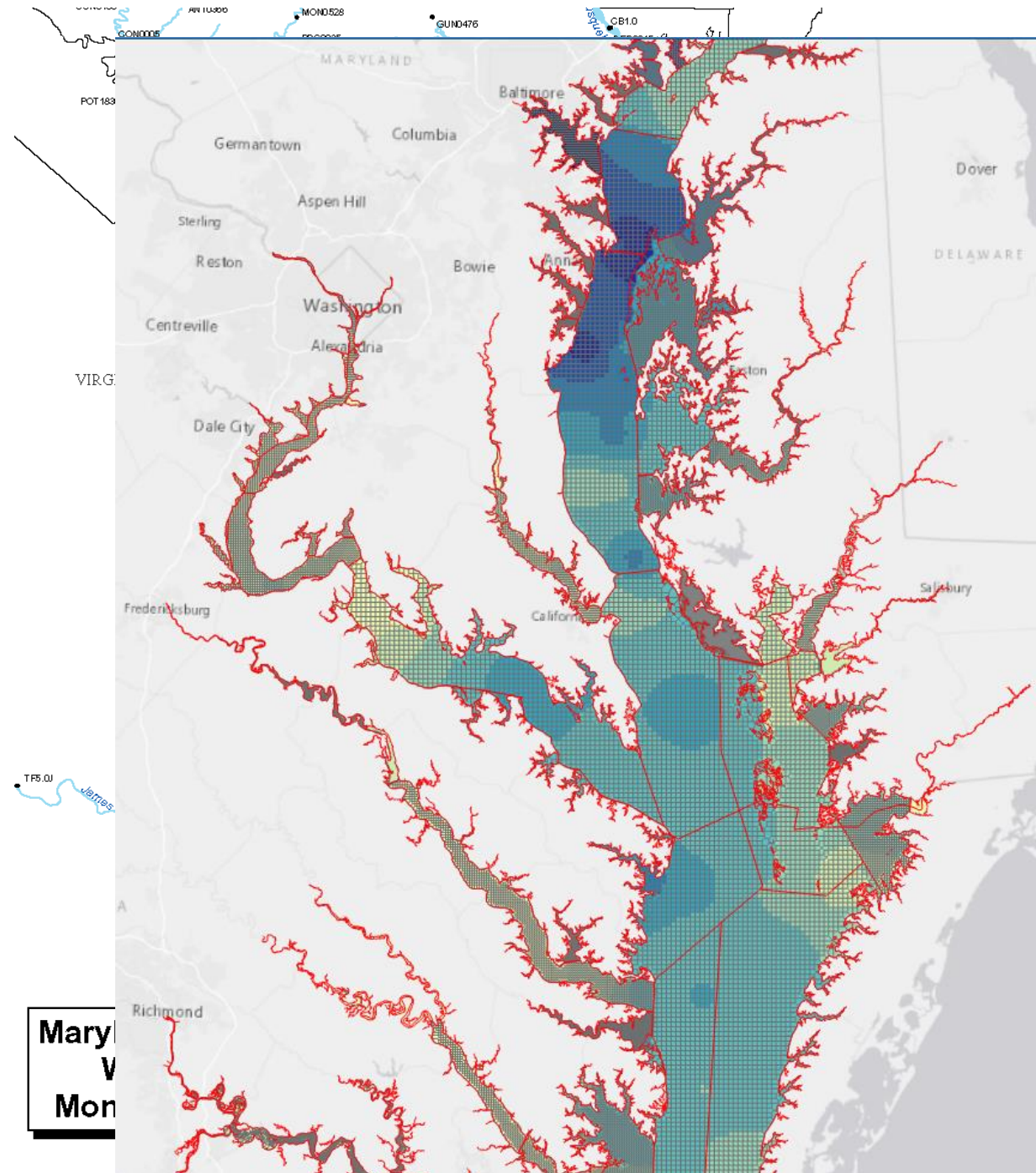


# Web-based 4D Visualization of Habitat Condition of Living Resources

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# Data - Chesapeake Bay Interpolator

- Version: developed by NOAA in 2006
- Cell based interpolator (VOL3D)
  - use water quality concentrations measured at monitoring stations in monthly cruises as input
  - interpolation output for the entire Bay
- Cell size mostly 1km x 1km horizontal, 1m vertical from surface to bottom
  - shallow 50m x 50m



# Water Quality Data

- 10 Years Interpolator Outputs: 1991- 2000  
3 Parameters, 4 Scenarios\*

	No Action	WIP3	1985 Progress	2017 Progress
DO	No Action	WIP3	1985 Progress	2017 Progress
Salinity	Observation	Observation	Observation	Observation
Temperature	Observation	Observation	Observation	Observation

\* All scenarios are created by modifying the DO observations

# Habitat Requirements

- Measurements: DO, Salinity, Temperature
- Temporal: 10 years monthly (1991 – 2000)

- Habitat Requirements for Chesapeake Bay Living Resources (1991,EPA)

Life stage:

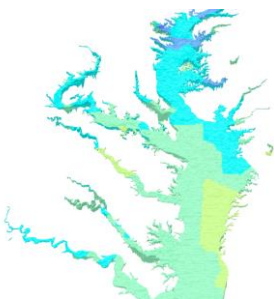
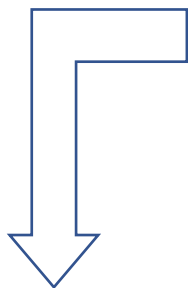
E=Eggs;  
L=Larvae;  
J=Juvenile;  
**A=Adult**

	Striped Bass	Blue Crab
DO (mg/L)	>5	>3
Salinity (ppt)	0.5-10 (E) 1-10.5 (L) 0-16 (J)	>20 (L) <b>0 - 30 (A)</b>
Temperature (°C)	12-23 (E,L) 10-27 (J) <b>20 - 22 (A)</b>	<b>5 -39</b>

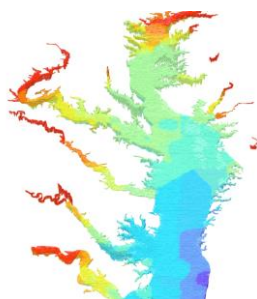
# Water Quality and Habitats

## Method

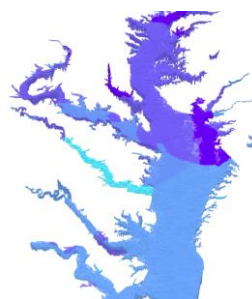
Dissolved Oxygen > 5.0  
Temp 20 - 22 (A)



Dissolved  
Oxygen



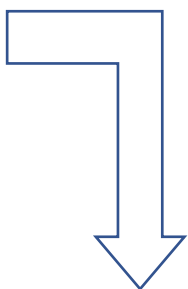
Salinity



Temperature

**Habitat Requirements for  
Chesapeake Bay Living Resources  
(1991, EPA)**

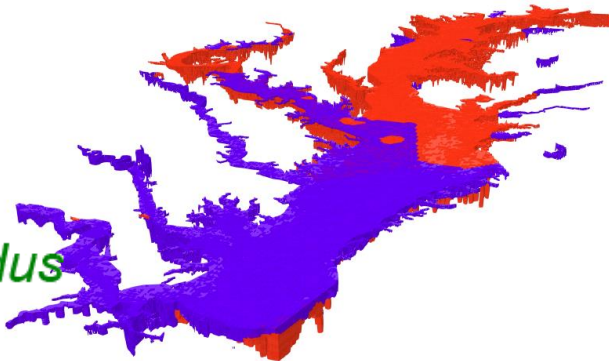
Dissolved Oxygen > 3.0  
Temp 5 - 39  
Salinity 0 - 30 (A)



## Species Occurrence

Striped Bass  
*Morone saxatilis*

Blue Crab  
*Callinectes sapidus*



X	Y	Segment	Habitat Status Depth1	Habitat Status Depth2	...

X	Y	Segment	Habitat Status Depth1	Habitat Status Depth2	...



## No Action



### Monthly Habitat condition

Select the Year below:

1991 1992 1993 1994 1995

#### Legend

##### Summary

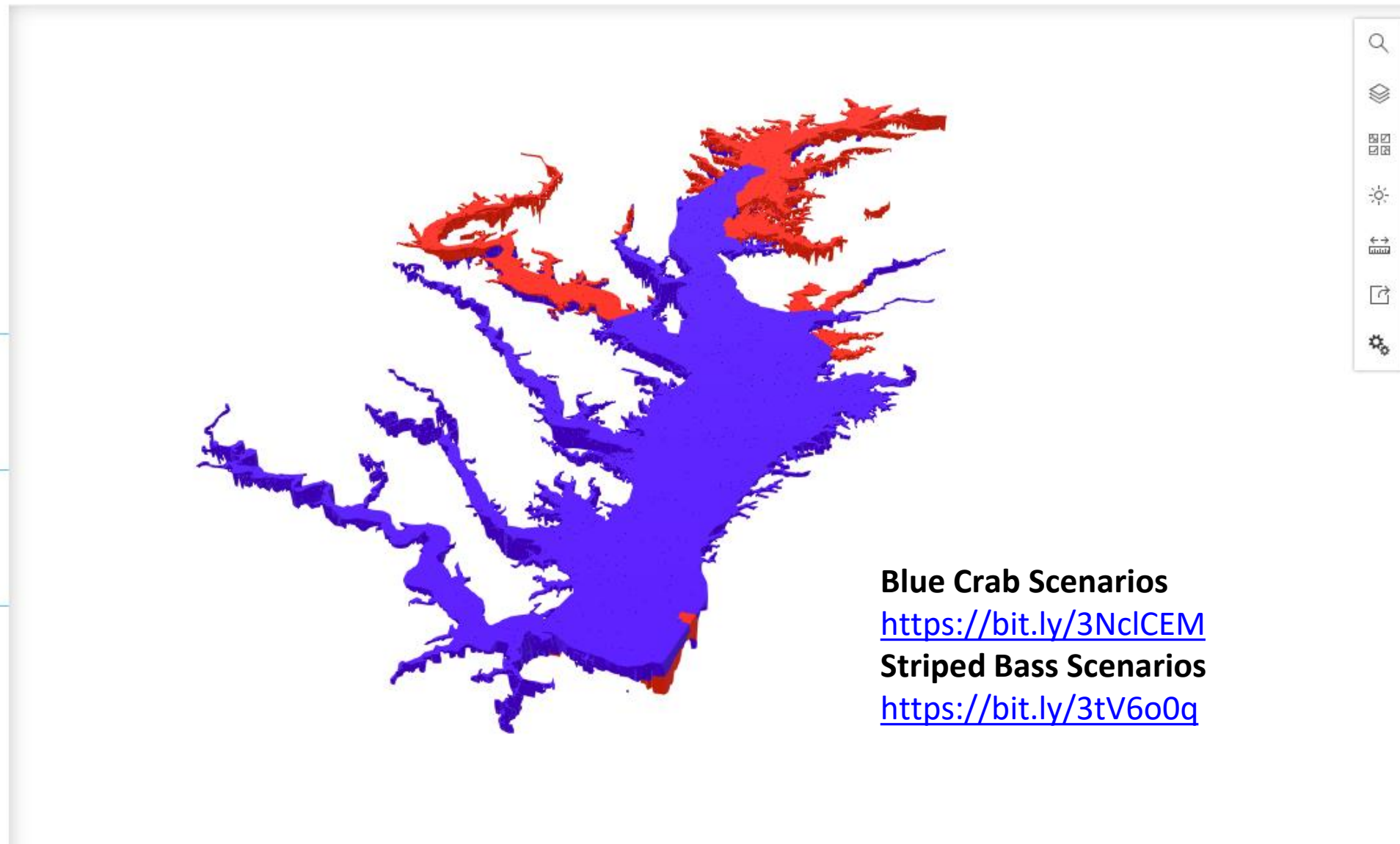
-  Non-habitat
-  Habitat

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## WIP3

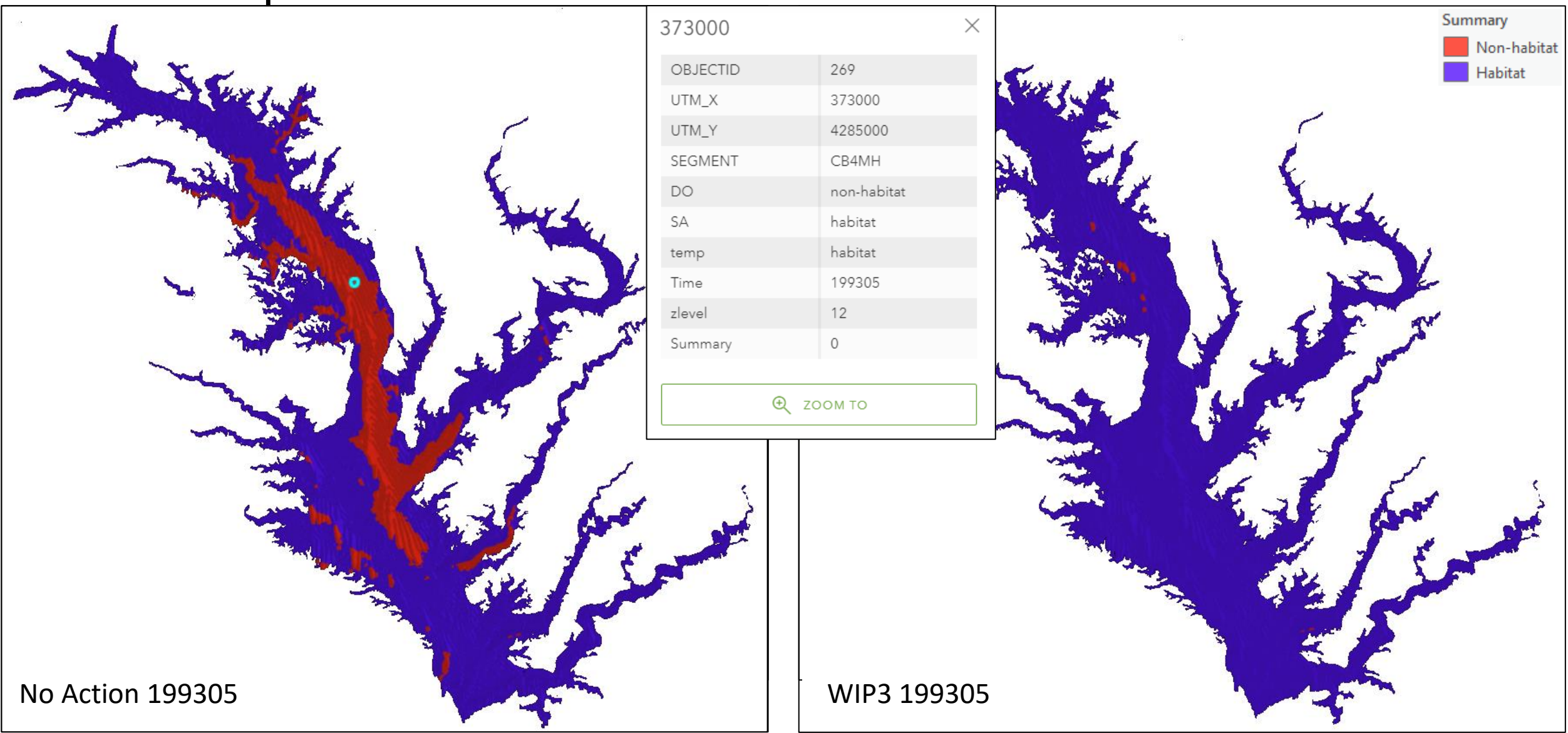
## 1985 Progress

## 2017 Progress



# Example - Bottom Blue Crab

500x Vertical Exaggeration



# Habitat Volume Days Metric Calculation

- Vol days: unit (km<sup>3</sup> days)

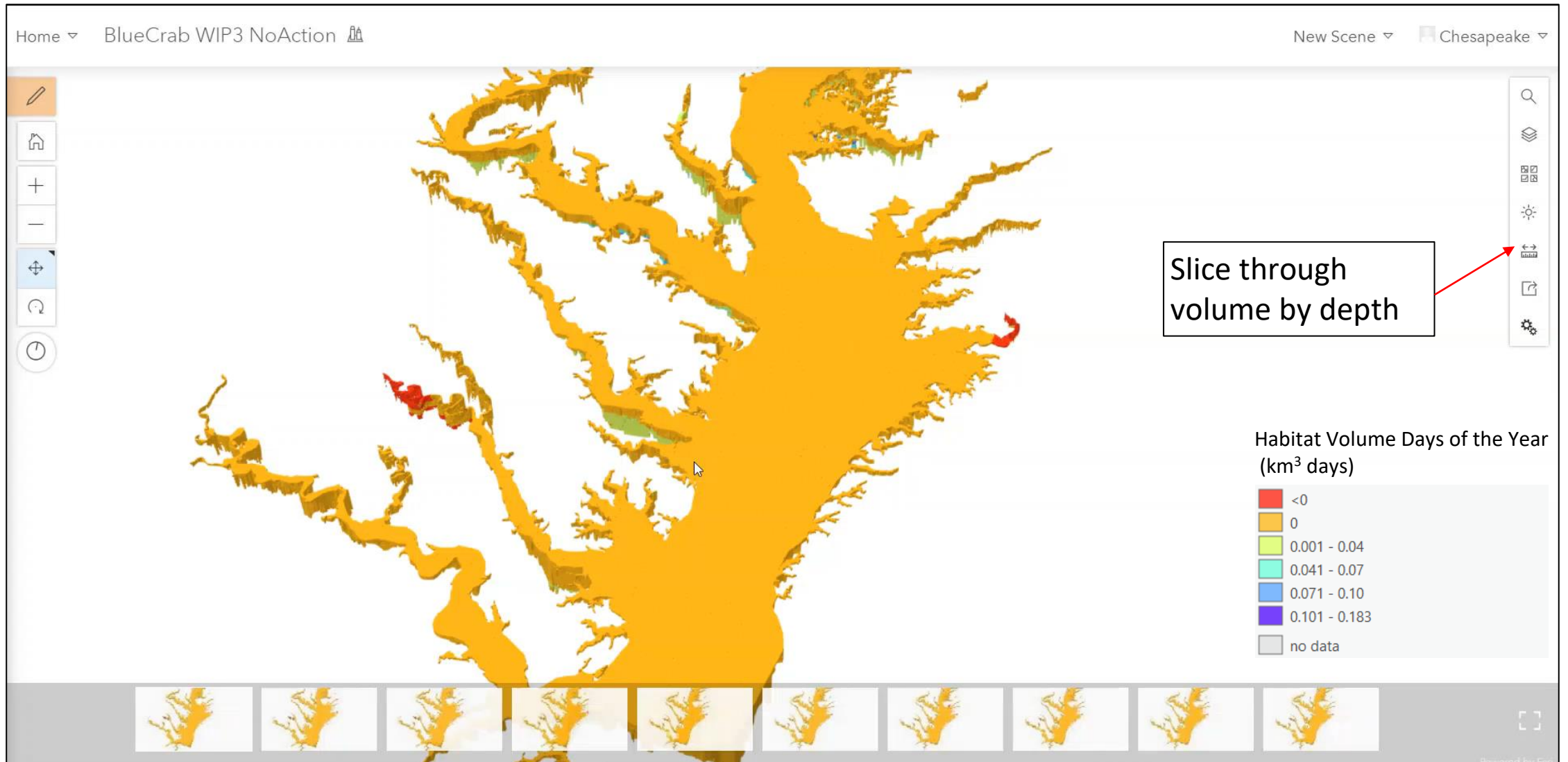
**Vol days in the Month i** = Monthly Vol \* #days of Month i

**Vol days in the Year** =  $\sum_{i=1}^{12}$  Vol days in the Month i



# Example - Surface

500x Vertical Exaggeration



## No Action

### Monthly Habitat condition

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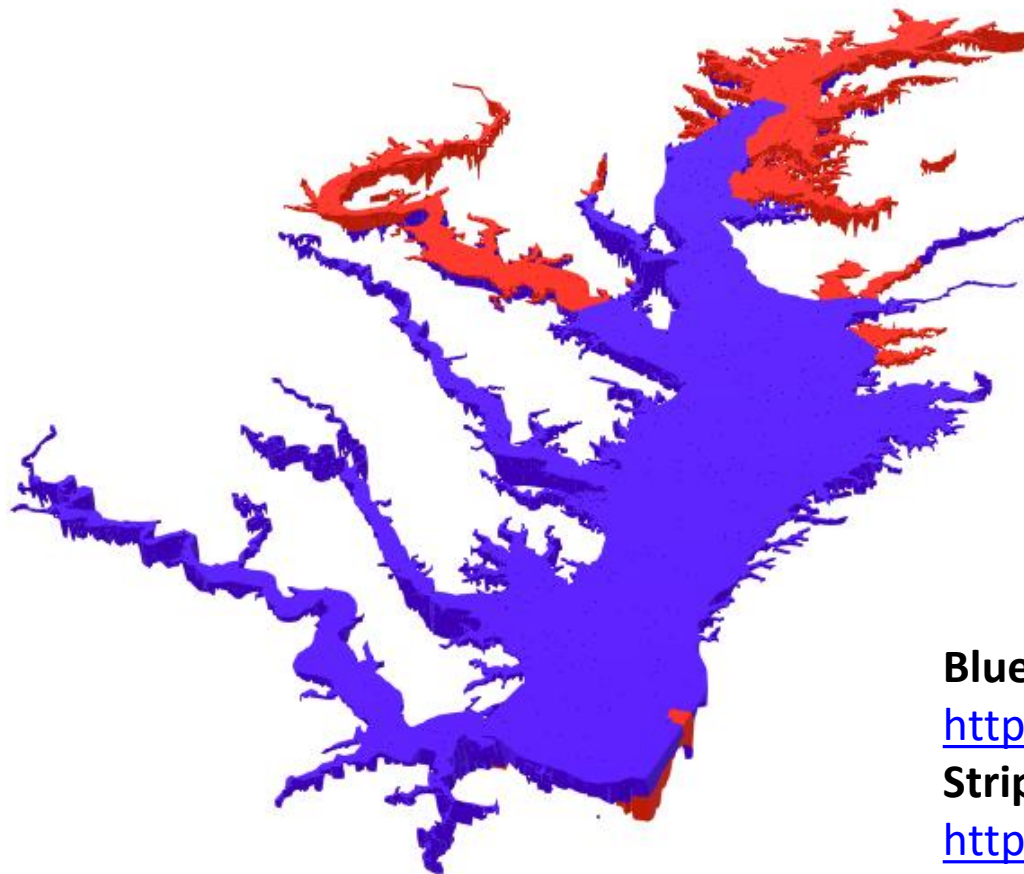
- Non-habitat
- Habitat

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## WIP3

## 1985 Progress

## 2017 Progress



### Blue Crab Scenarios

<https://bit.ly/3NclCEM>

### Striped Bass Scenarios

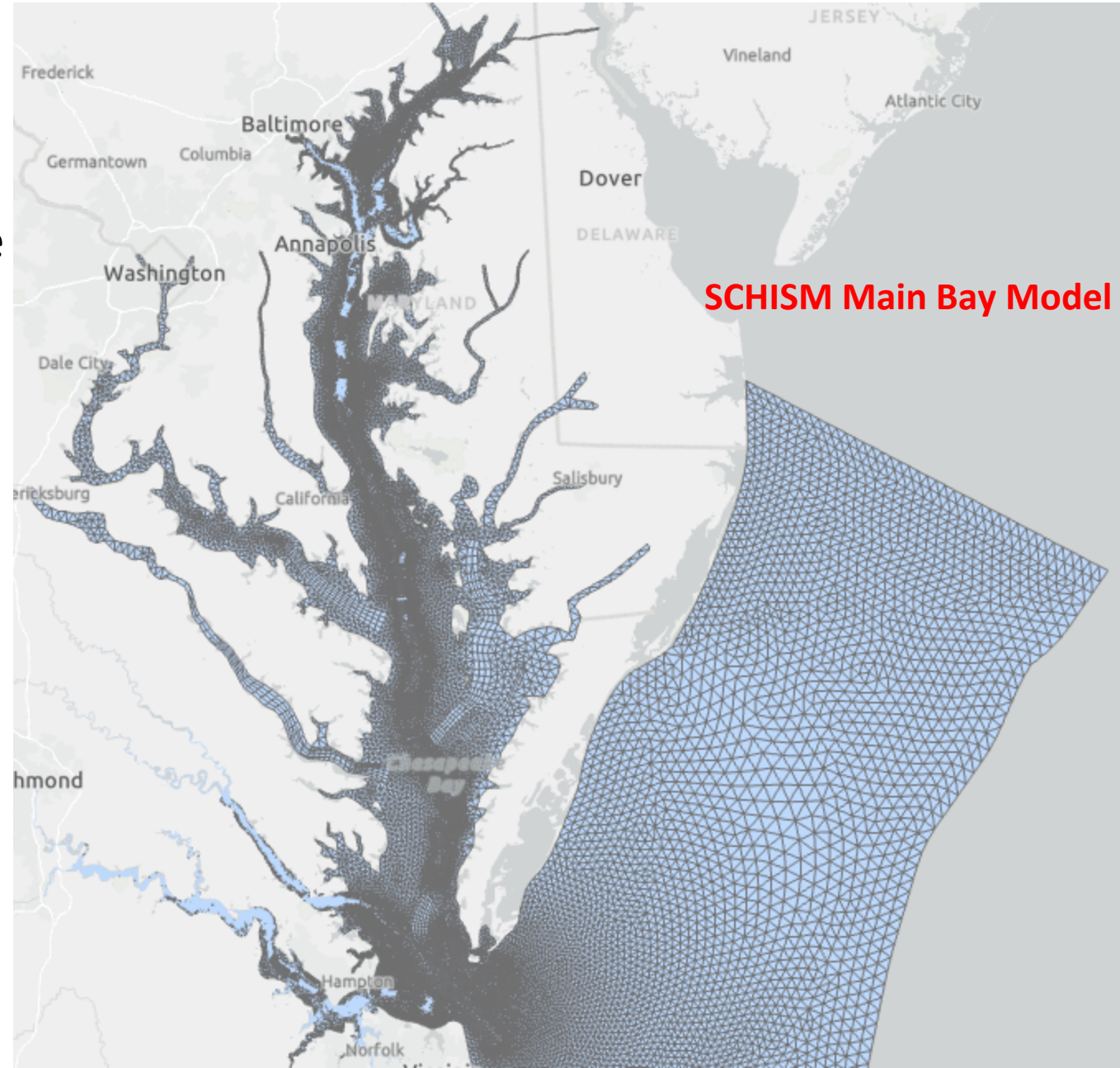
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# 3D Chesapeake Bay Segment Explorer

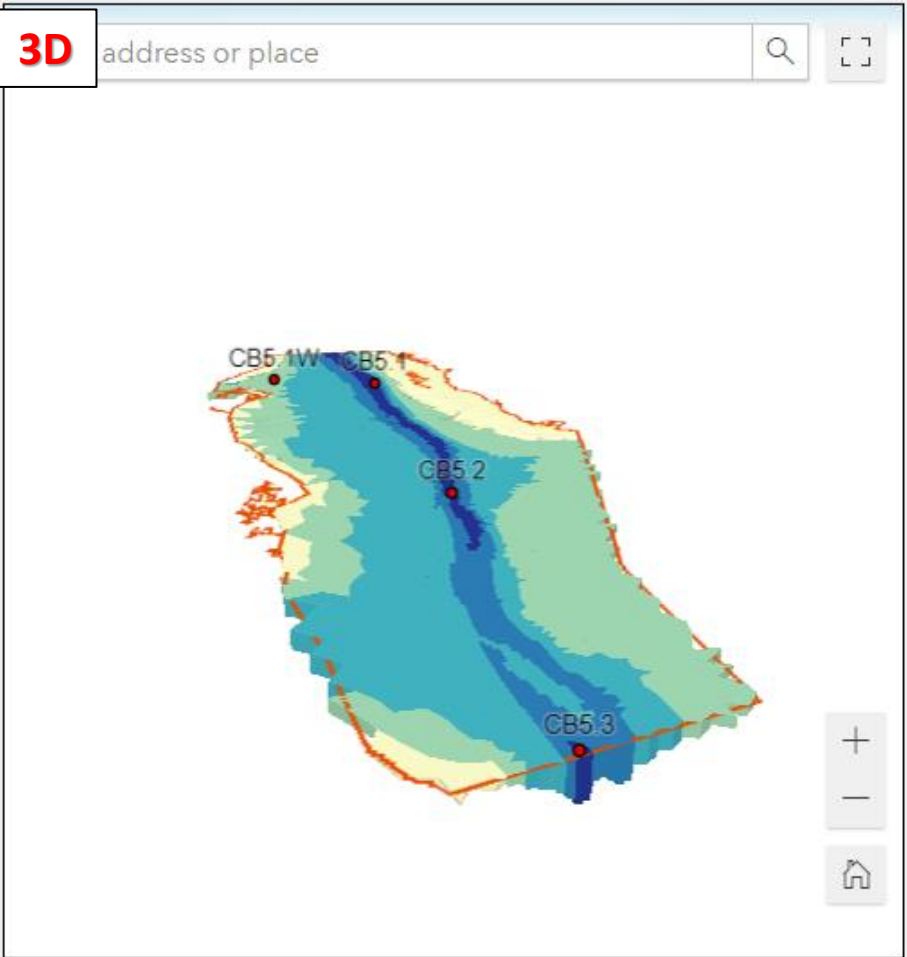
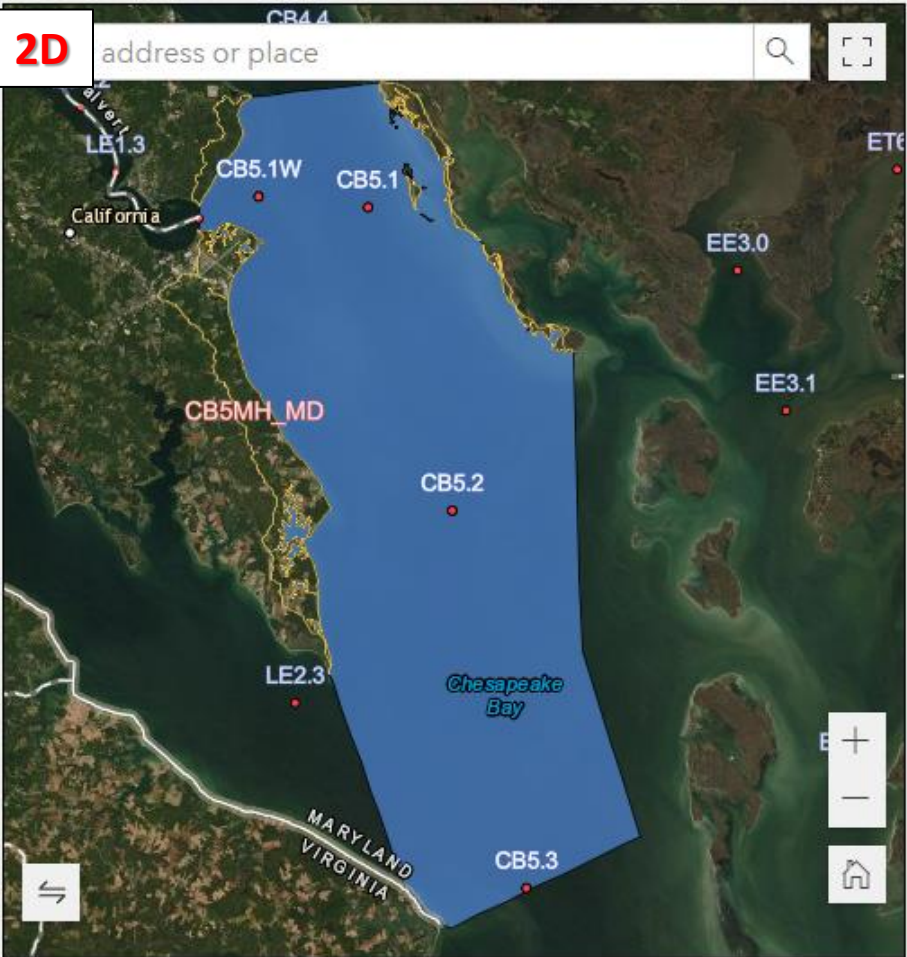
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# Data – refined SCHISM

- Semi-implicit Cross-scale Hydroscience Integrated System Model (SCHISM)
  - Finite element/volume formulation
  - Unstructured mixed triangular/quadrangular grid in the horizontal dimension
- Finer grids currently available in Mainstem, James River and York River







Lower Central  
Chesapeake  
Bay - MD

River Basin

MD MAIN

Salinity Regime

MH

Surface Area (square meters -  
from Modeling Team)

920.5M m2

Mean Depth (m) (from  
Topobathymetric data)

High-resolution 2016  
USGS CoNED  
Topobathymetric Model

11.1 m

Maximum Depth (m) (from  
Topobathymetric data)

50.3 m

Maximum Depth (m) (from  
Weinberg - mean low water)

50.2 m

Total Volume (cubic meters) (from  
Weinberg UTM 18N)

Historical soundings

10,045.5M m3

Shoreline Meters

High-res shoreline (Albers  
Equal Area Projection)

205.9 Km



# Features

- 2D map shows boundaries of the segment, any tidal water quality monitoring stations found in the segment, and TMDL segmentsheds
- 3D scene depicts the extent of the segment in refined SCHISM grids, color-coded by bathymetric depth with 100x vertical exaggeration
- Both synced and interactive
- Potential integration of the segment explorer with water quality standards attainment information currently presented in the Watershed Data Dashboard.

<https://gis.chesapeakebay.net/wip/dashboard>