Examples of criteria assessment using 4-D interpolation results for entire CB4 segment and a comparison of 4-D interpolation results to observed data from the Gooses Reef vertical arrays.

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(note: Table and Figure numbers correspond to the written report)

## **Reminder of Criteria**:

Table 1. Chesapeake Bay dissolved oxygen criteria.

| Designated Use                                   | Criteria Concentration/Duration Protection Provided                               |  | Temporal Application  |  |
|--|---|--|-----------------------|--|
| Migratory fish<br>spawning<br>and<br>nursery use | 7-day mean ≥ 6 mg liter <sup>-1</sup> (tidal habitats with 0-0.5 ppt salinity)    | Survival/growth of larval/juvenile tidal-fresh resident fish; protective of threatened/endangered species. | February 1 - May 31   |  |
|  | Instantaneous minimum ≥ 5 mg liter <sup>-1</sup>                                  | Survival and growth of larval/juvenile migratory fish; protective of threatened/endangered species.        |                       |  |
|  | Open-water fish and   | d shellfish designated use criteria apply  | June 1 - January 31   |  |
| Shallow-water bay grass use                      | Open-water fish and shellfish designated use                                      | Year-round   |                       |  |
| Open-water fish and shellfish use                | 30-day mean ≥ 5.5 mg liter <sup>-1</sup> (tidal habitats with 0-0.5 ppt salinity) | Growth of tidal-fresh juvenile and adult fish; protective of threatened/endangered species.                | Year-round            |  |
|  | 30-day mean ≥ 5 mg liter <sup>-1</sup> (tidal habitats with >0.5 ppt salinity)    | Growth of larval, juvenile and adult fish and shellfish; protective of threatened/endangered species.      |                       |  |
|  | 7-day mean $\geq 4$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup>  | Survival of open-water fish larvae.  |                       |  |
|  | Instantaneous minimum ≥ 3.2 mg liter <sup>-1</sup>                                | Survival of threatened/endangered sturgeon species.1   |                       |  |
| Deep-water<br>seasonal fish and<br>shellfish use | $30$ -day mean $\geq 3$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup>                                    | ay mean $\geq 3$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup> Survival and recruitment of bay anchovy eggs and larvae.           |                       |  |
|  | 1-day mean $\geq 2.3$ mg liter <sup>-1</sup>                                      | Survival of open-water juvenile and adult fish.  | June 1 - September 30 |  |
|  | Instantaneous minimum ≥ 1.7 mg liter <sup>-1</sup>                                |  |                       |  |
|  | Open-water fish and   | October 1 - May 31   |                       |  |
| Deep-channel                                     | Instantaneous minimum ≥ 1 mg liter <sup>-1</sup>                                  | Survival of bottom-dwelling worms and clams.   | June 1 - September 30 |  |
| seasonal refuge use                              | Open-water fish and   | October 1 - May 31   |                       |  |

At temperatures considered stressful to shortnose sturgeon (>29°C), dissolved oxygen concentrations above an instantaneous minimum of 4.3 mg liter<sup>-1</sup> will protect survival of this listed sturgeon species.

# **Examples**:

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Instantaneous Minimum Criterion (open water)
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CFD assessment (existing assessment method) 10% rule (alternative to illustrate uncertainty)

Weekly Mean Criterion (open water)

Sequential Weeks
CFD assessment
10% rule

Moving Window Weeks
CFD assessment
10% rule

## **Interpolation Data for 2022 in CB4**:

886 1 km x 1 km surface cells

Depths at 1-meter increments - 3,809 cells

Time at 8,760 hourly increments - 33,366,840

100 simulations – 3,336,684,000

### Examples use reduced data set:

Open Water (1-5 meters),

6/1/2022-8/31/2022 (for comparison to vertical arrays)

8,410,272 spatial-temporal cells

x10 simulations 84 million data points

#### **Instantaneous Minimum Methods**

#### **CFD** Assessment

Fraction of Space Violations computed for each hour

Hourly fractions ranked as plotted using CFD method

Process repeated for each simulation

#### 10% Rule

Fraction of Space-Hour violations computed for each simulation

Distribution Function fitted to fractions of Space-Time

Estimate likelihood of exceeding 10%

### **Instantaneous Minimum Results**:

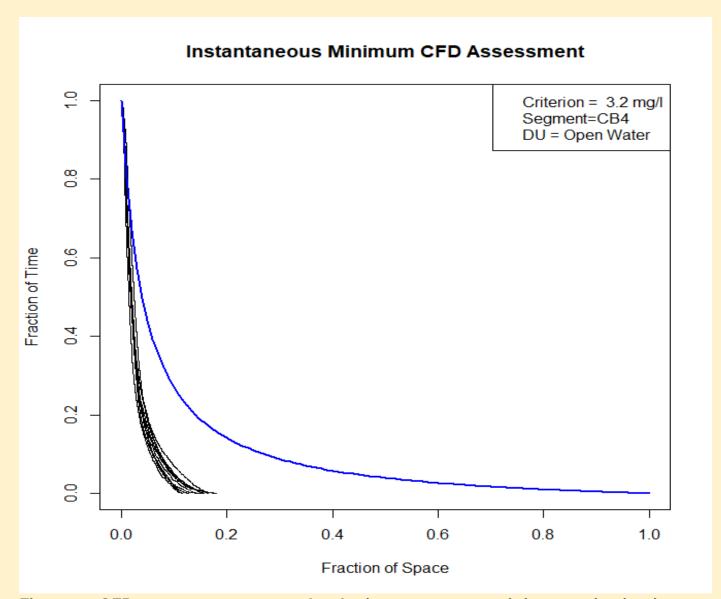
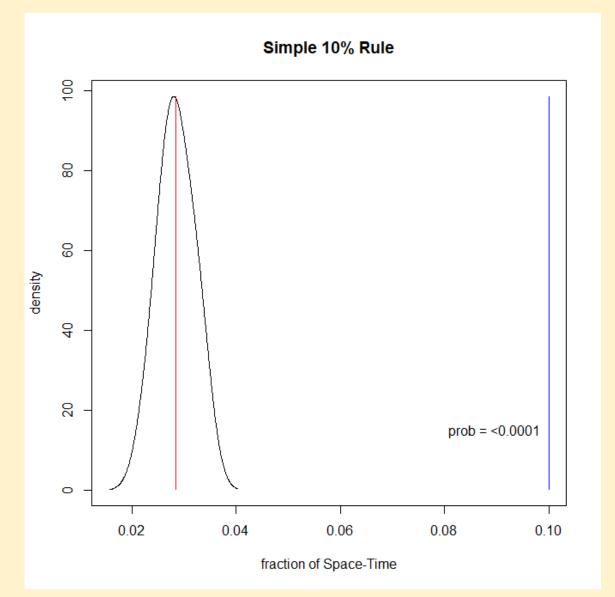


Figure 1. CFD assessment curves for the instantaneous minimum criterion in segment CB4 for the period 6/1/2022-8/31/2022.

Table 1. Fraction of Instantaneous Minimum Violations Over Space and Time for Each of Ten Simulations.

|            | criteria   |         | fraction   |
|------------|------------|---------|------------|
| simulation | violations | count   | violations |
| 1          | 222070     | 8410272 | 0.026      |
| 2          | 245999     | 8410272 | 0.029      |
| 3          | 281274     | 8410272 | 0.033      |
| 4          | 274834     | 8410272 | 0.033      |
| 5          | 224135     | 8410272 | 0.027      |
| 6          | 189384     | 8410272 | 0.023      |
| 7          | 259074     | 8410272 | 0.031      |
| 8          | 240456     | 8410272 | 0.029      |
| 9          | 233703     | 8410272 | 0.028      |
| 10         | 215423     | 8410272 | 0.026      |

Count = 3809 spatial cells x 2208 hours = 8,410,272 interpolator cells



## **Weekly Mean Methods:**

#### **CFD Assessment**

Mean DO computed over week within each spatial cell.

Fraction of Space Violations computed for each Week

Weekly fractions ranked as plotted using CFD method

Process repeated for each simulation

#### 10% Rule

Mean DO computed over week within each spatial cell.

Fraction of Space-Week violations computed for each simulation

Distribution Function fitted to fractions of Space-Time

Estimate likelihood of exceeding 10%

# **Sequential Weeks vs. Moving Window Weeks**

Table 2. Illustration of Sequential Week Means vs. Moving Window Week Means using artificial data.

| Day | Daily DO | Sequential Week Means | Moving Window Weeks |      |      |      | MWW Means |      |      |      |
|-----|----------|-----------------------|---------------------|------|------|------|-----------|------|------|------|
| 1   | 8.04     |                       |                     |      |      |      |           |      |      |      |
| 2   | 6.96     |                       |                     |      |      |      |           |      |      |      |
| 3   | 6.43     |                       |                     |      |      |      |           |      |      |      |
| 4   | 5.82     |                       |                     |      |      |      |           |      |      |      |
| 5   | 7.74     |                       |                     |      |      |      |           |      |      |      |
| 6   | 8.27     |                       |                     |      |      |      |           |      |      |      |
| 7   | 6.15     | 7.06                  | 7.06                |      |      |      |           |      |      | 7.06 |
| 8   | 6.45     |                       |                     | 6.83 |      |      |           |      |      | 6.83 |
| 9   | 6.43     |                       |                     |      | 6.76 |      |           |      |      | 6.76 |
| 10  | 8.01     |                       |                     |      |      | 6.98 |           |      |      | 6.98 |
| 11  | 8.11     |                       |                     |      |      |      | 7.31      |      |      | 7.31 |
| 12  | 5.75     |                       |                     |      |      |      |           | 7.02 |      | 7.02 |
| 13  | 8.66     |                       |                     |      |      |      |           |      | 7.08 | 7.08 |
| 14  | 7.08     | 7.21                  | 7.21                |      |      |      |           |      |      | 7.21 |
| 15  | 8.88     |                       |                     | 7.56 |      |      |           |      |      | 7.56 |
| 16  | 8.07     |                       |                     |      | 7.79 |      |           |      |      | 7.79 |
| 17  | 8.84     |                       |                     |      |      | 7.91 |           |      |      | 7.91 |
| 18  | 5.06     |                       |                     |      |      |      | 7.48      |      |      | 7.48 |
| 19  | 8.25     |                       |                     |      |      |      |           | 7.83 |      | 7.83 |
| 20  | 9.47     |                       |                     |      |      |      |           |      | 7.95 | 7.95 |
| 21  | 5.62     | 7.74                  | 7.74                |      |      |      |           |      |      | 7.74 |
| 22  | 8.82     |                       |                     | 7.73 |      |      |           |      |      | 7.73 |
| 23  | 5.31     |                       |                     |      | 7.34 |      |           |      |      | 7.34 |
| 24  | 8.62     |                       |                     |      |      | 7.31 |           |      |      | 7.31 |
| 25  | 8.08     |                       |                     |      |      |      | 7.74      |      |      | 7.74 |
| 26  | 7.69     |                       |                     |      |      |      |           | 7.66 |      | 7.66 |
| 27  | 6.83     |                       |                     |      |      |      |           |      | 7.28 | 7.28 |
| 28  | 6.99     | 7.48                  | 7.48                |      |      |      |           |      |      | 7.48 |
| 29  | 7.18     |                       |                     | 7.24 |      |      |           |      |      | 7.24 |
| 30  | 7.47     | 7.33                  |                     |      | 7.55 |      |           |      |      | 7.55 |

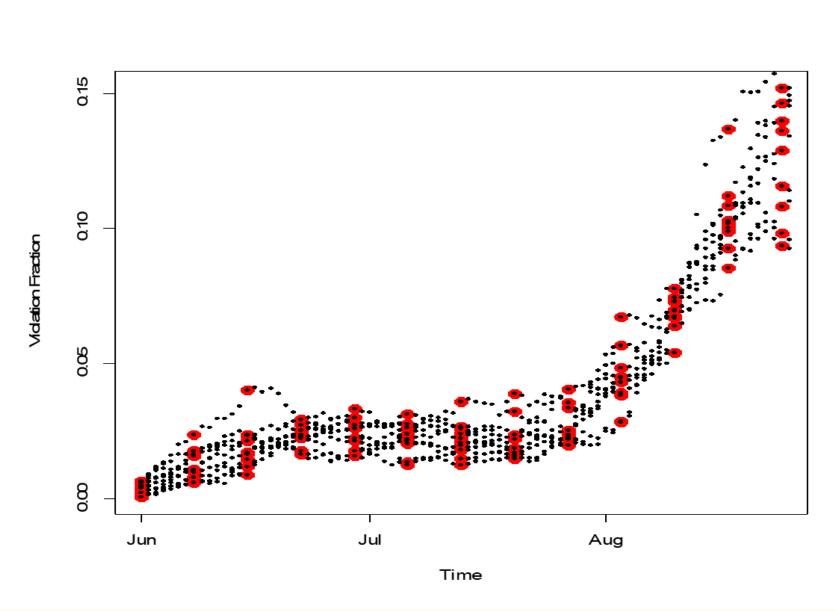


Figure 2. Sequential Weekly Means (red) and Moving Window Weekly Means (black) of fraction of violations as a function of time for 10 simulations in segment CB4 during the period 6/1/2022 – 8/31/2022.

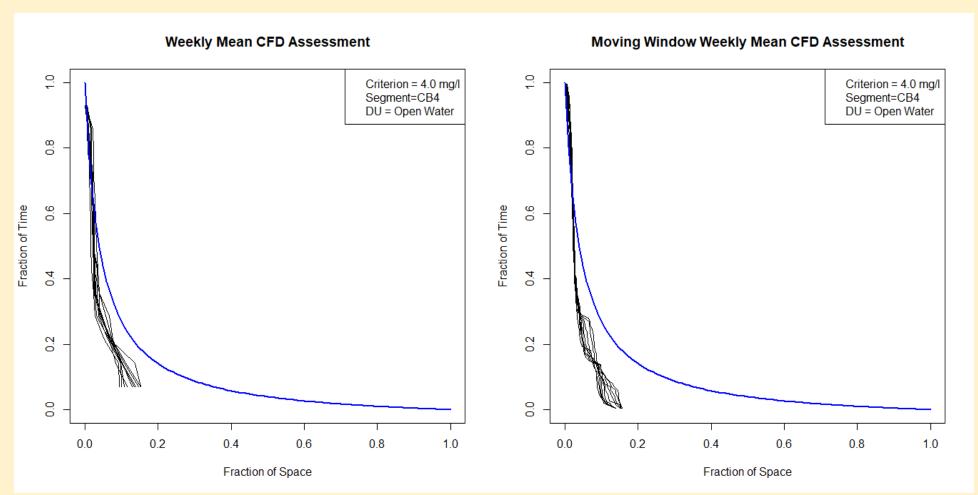


Figure 3,5. CFD assessment curves for the weekly mean criterion in segment CB4 for the period 6/1/2022-8/31/2022 using 13 sequential weeks and 86 moving window weeks.

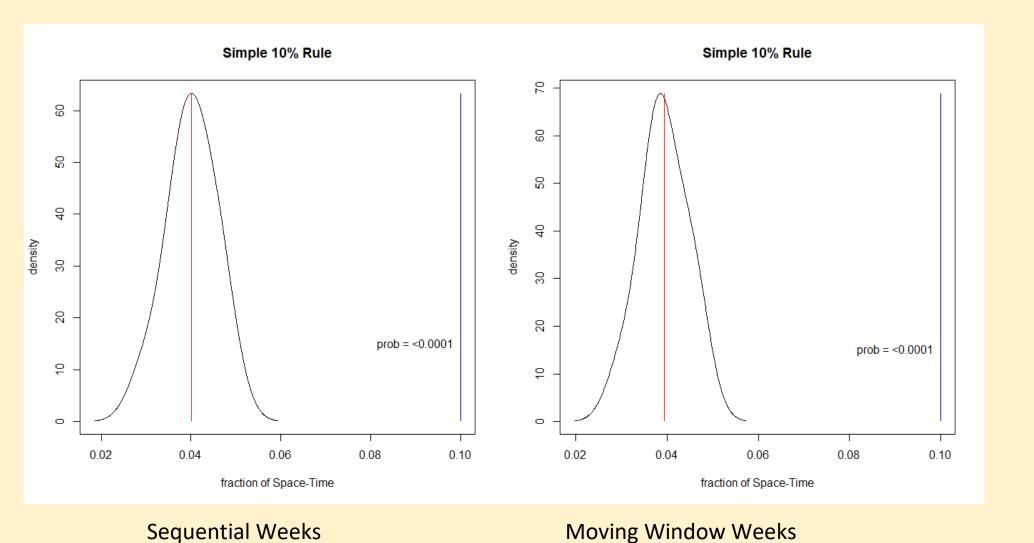
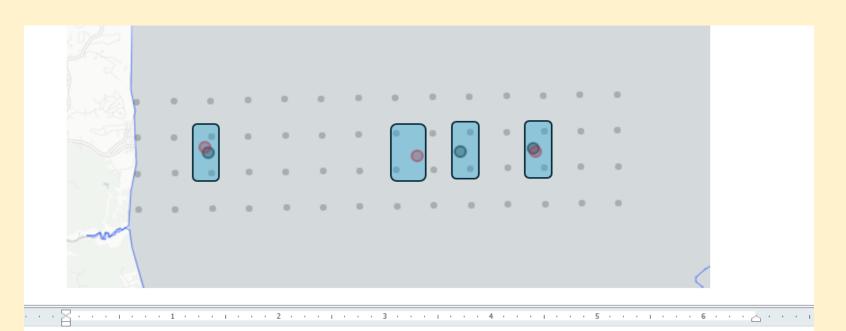


Figure 4,7. The Density function (black line) is estimated from 10 simulations of fraction of violations of the weekly mean criterion in segment CB4. The mean violation rate is shown in red.

# **Comparison to Gooses Bottom Reef Vertical Array Data**



| Station     | UIDSTR                           | Depths                                 |
|-------------|----------------------------------|--|
| CB4.3W      | 3700004269000, 3700004268000     | 1, 3, 5, 7, 9                          |
| west-gooses | <u>i</u> =2, j=3                 |  |
| CB4.3C      | 3750004269000, 3750004268000     | 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, |
|             | (bottom depth closest to CB4.3C) | 23, 25                                 |
| XEF3551     | 3770004269000, 3770004268000     | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12  |
| CB4.3E      | 3790004269000, 3790004268000     | 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, |
| east-gooses |                                  | 23, 24                                 |
|             |                                  |  |
|             |                                  |  |

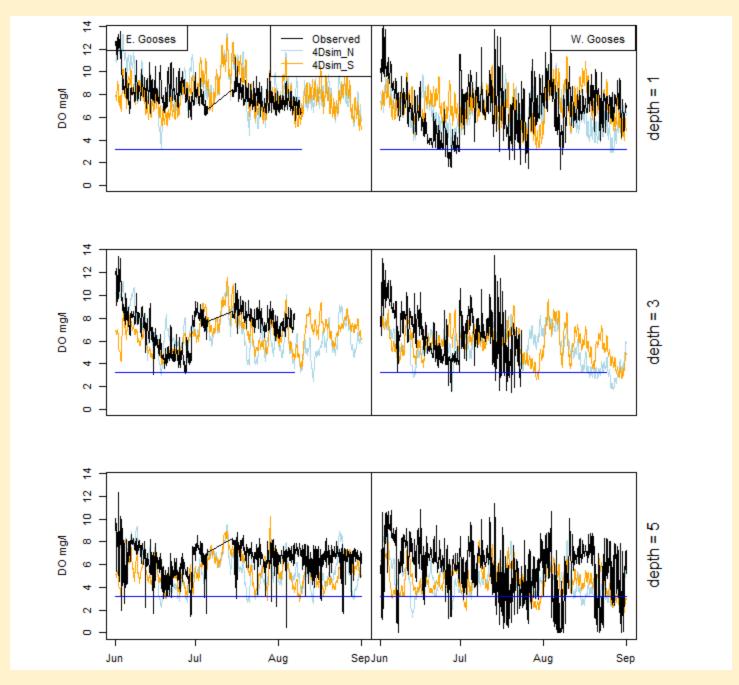


Figure 5. Comparison of simulated 4-D data (blue and orange) to observed data (black) for the Gooses Reef vertical array sites. The horizontal blue line shows the instantaneous minimum criterion. Simulated data just to the north of the observed site is in blue and to the south is in orange. Three depths (1,3,5) for the assessment period (6/1/2022 – 8/31/2022) are shown.

Table 5. Fraction of violations for East Gooses Vertical Array for depths 1-5 for period 2022-06-01 to 2022-08-31.

| Location                   | Violations | Count | Fraction |
|----------------------------|------------|-------|----------|
| East Gooses Vertical Array | 42         | 4747  | 0.0088   |
| West Gooses Vertical Array | 442        | 5624  | 0.0786   |

The observed data for West Gooses site shows a higher violation rate than the East Gooses Site (Table 5.).

Table 6. Open Water Interpolator Predictions from 10 Simulations Near Gooses Reef Vertical Array.

|            | West Goose grid | West Goose grid | East Goose grid | East Goose grid |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Simulation | cell 1          | cell 2          | cell 1          | cell 2          |
| 1          | 0.0457          | 0.076           | 0.0025          | 0.0146          |
| 2          | 0.0507          | 0.0517          | 0.0208          | 0.0027          |
| 3          | 0.1293          | 0.0818          | 0.001           | 0.0014          |
| 4          | 0.1121          | 0.1431          | 0.0272          | 0.0092          |
| 5          | 0.0418          | 0.0766          | 0.0106          | 0.0088          |
| 6          | 0.0971          | 0.154           | 0.0093          | 0.0151          |
| 7          | 0.1555          | 0.076           | 0.0065          | 0.0036          |
| 8          | 0.0617          | 0.1064          | 0.0168          | 0.0032          |
| 9          | 0.0683          | 0.0542          | 0.0176          | 0.0012          |
| 10         | 0.0644          | 0.0991          | 5e-04           | 0.0064          |

Range for East Gooses Cells: 0.00005 - 0.0272 - Vertical Array 0.0088

Range for West Gooses Cells: 0.0418 - 0.1555 - Vertical Array 0.0786

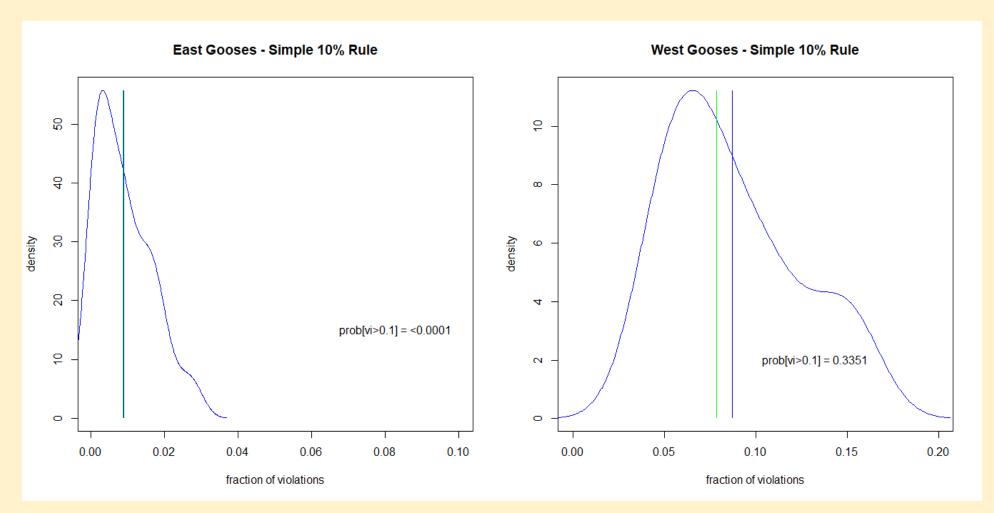


Figure 6,11. Density function (blue) estimate for interpolator predictions near the East and West Gooses array site with the mean observed violation rate (green) based on array observations.

## Next Steps:

Implementing Dynamic Pycnocline for delineating designated uses.

Conduct assessment testing in Deeper Water.

Implement assessment using more simulations?: Test approach with 100 simulations

Additional case study comparison in segment with intensive monitoring (i.e., Fishing Bay example)