Chesapeake Bay Program
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Watershed Agreement Edits: Governance and Operations Workgroup

Policy Steering Committee

November 5, 2026

Proposed Edit #1

Vision Statement

Existing Language:

"We envision a Chesapeake Bay region where clean water flows, wildlife thrives and farms, forests and fisheries are healthy and productive."

Proposed Revisions:

“We envision a Chesapeake Bay region where clean water flows, wildlife thrives**,** and farms, forests and fisheries are healthy and productive.”

Description: A comma is needed between “wildlife thrives” and “farms, forests, and fisheries”.

Proposed Edit #2

Thriving Habitat, Fisheries & Wildlife
Goal: Blue Crab Outcome Language

Existing Language:

"Achieve a sustainable Bay-wide blue crab fishery through cross-jurisdictional coordination that supports healthy blue crab populations and thriving fish communities."

Proposed Revisions:

" Achieve a sustainable Bay-wide blue crab fishery through cross-jurisdictional coordination that supports healthy blue crab populations and thriving fish**ing** communities."

Description: Change current "thriving fish communities" language to "thriving fishing communities."

Proposed Edit #3

Thriving Habitat, Fisheries & Wildlife Goal:
Blue Crab Target #1 Language

Existing Language:

"Maintain blue crab abundance and harvest rate targets as determined by the most recent benchmark status assessment"

Proposed Revisions:

“Maintain blue crab abundance and harvest rate targets as determined by the most recent benchmark ~~status~~ **stock** assessment."

Description: Change current “benchmark status assessment” to “benchmark stock assessment”

Proposed Edit #4

Clean Water Goal: (RENPS) Outcome Title Language

Existing Language:
"Reducing Excess Nitrogen, Phosphorous, & Sediment"

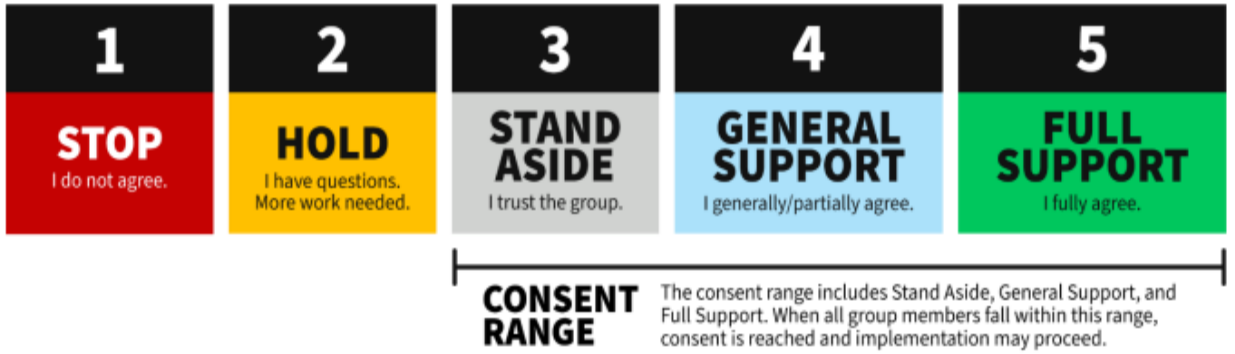
Proposed Revisions:

“Reducing Excess Nitrogen, Phosphor~~o~~us, & Sediment”

Description: spelling

1) Discussion: Thoughts? Concerns?
2) Decisional: Approve all edits to Watershed Agreement
3) Decisional: Watershed Agreement edits are not significant, do not require EC approval

Figure 2. Chesapeake Bay Program's Decision-Making Continuum. Based on the University of Maryland's Center for Leadership and Organizational Change Consensus Continuum.



Questions? Thank you!

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