Algal Turf Scrubber Expert Panel Organization Recommendations to the Watershed Technical Workgroup January 7, 2013

How the panel will be organized

The core panelists listed below will be invited to all panel meetings and will be asked to complete the following tasks:

- Review the current literature regarding algal turf scrubbers.
- Review current monitoring protocols used by research scientists and private industry representatives.
- Review monitoring data collected at a variety of sites, both by research scientists and private industry representatives.
- Develop monitoring protocols that will require states to report removal rates at each site at multiple times throughout the year. These protocols should emphasize what is monitored, when the monitoring takes place and how removal rates are calculated.
- Ensure that currently reported removal rates from individual sites are consistent with research or literature reported ranges for removal rates.
- Draft and edit a report describing the panel's findings and recommendations.

In addition to the core panelists, a number of contributors will be invited to provide input from time-to-time. These contributors will be technical experts from the industry and the research community. They may undertake the following tasks to aid the panel:

- Provide monitoring data, estimated removal rates and monitoring protocols for specific sites.
- Provide feedback on a variety of issues when solicited by the core panelists.
- Review the findings on the core panelists as they are developed and at the end of the process. It is important to note that the core panelists and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay Program's Water Quality Goal Implementation Team will approve the final expert panel recommendations.

Recommended Core Panelists

Josh McGrath, UMD
Josh Loman, Towson
Kevin Sellner, Chesapeake Research Consortium
Dave Sample, VT
Laurie Fox, VT
Pat Kangas, UMD
Walter Adey, Smithsonian
Emmett Duffy, USDA-ARS
Elizabeth Canuel, VIMS
John McLaughlin or representative from NYC DEP
Russell Hill, UMCES
Feng Chen, UMCES
Peter May, Biohabitats
Others as suggested by the WTWG

Recommended Contributors

Jay Diedzic, Blackrock Algae Andrew Lazarr, Wye Research Center Sarah White, Clemson HY-TEK Bio representative Hydromentia representative David Koran, Army Corps of Engineers Others as suggested by the WTWG