Chesapeake Bay Program
Principals' Staff Committee Meeting
Annapolis Maritime Museum
December 5, 2012

<u>**Actions and Decisions**</u>

PSC Meeting Schedule

- <u>Decision</u>: Agreed that the PSC should establish its meeting dates well in advance so staff can secure appropriate meeting space. At the Chairman's request, members also agreed to suggest possible locations where meeting space for 70 attendees would be available, preferably at no cost.

2013 Communications Plan

- <u>Decision</u>: Approved the 2013 CBP Communications Plan as presented.

TMDL 2017 Midpoint Assessment

- <u>Decision</u>: Approved the 2017 Midpoint Assessment Principles, Priorities and corresponding schedule as presented.

CBP BMP Verification Framework

- <u>Decision</u>: Approved BMP Verification Principles as presented.

- <u>Action</u>: Agreed to receive the draft recommendations for the basin-wide BMP verification framework for review and decisions at its May meeting. (in progress)

CBP Goal Development and Governance Alignment

Process and Timeline

- <u>Decision</u>: Agreed to the Alignment process and timeline described by GIT 6. Recommendations made by PSC members will be provided to GIT 6 for consideration as it develops options.

Governance

- <u>Decision</u>: Agreed with taking up alignment issues during regular quarterly PSC meetings.

- Decision: Agreed that the five governance principles in the 1987 Chesapeake Bay Agreement are a good starting point for beginning discussions on alignment, recognizing the changes to the voluntary nature of the Program and the more regulatory-focused nature of the current water quality program.

- Decision: Agreed with proceeding with the example governance issues as the types of issues GIT6 would bring forward to the PSC for discussion and decisions.

- Decision: Requested that all meeting materials be forwarded at least two weeks in advance of meetings.

Independent Evaluator

- Decision: Approved the charge as written for GIT 6 to develop a set of options for PSC consideration for establishing a process for independent evaluation of the Chesapeake Bay Program. GIT 6 should include estimated costs of all options being contemplated.