# Indicator Framework

SUPPORTING THE CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM INTO THE FUTURE

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### Purpose for today

- Provide background on current state of Indicators Framework
- Explain why it needs to be updated
- Describe what we're doing and the proposed process
- Request formation of an Indicators Framework Action Team

#### Past

- Current Indicator Framework 10 years old
  - ▶ Based on the commitments of Chesapeake 2000
  - Developed on a communication model.
- Many changes in the program since then (Bay TMDL, Executive Order, Decision Framework)
- Better alignment needed with Chesapeake Bay Program work.

#### Present and Future

- Our indicators and the way they are organized need to evolve to help us
  - Understand whether we are achieving goals and outcomes of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement,
  - Adapt our efforts as needed using the Decision Framework, and
  - Communicate our progress more effectively.
- Initial work has begun resulting in a framing of the issues and need.

#### Proposed Mission

- To recommend an updated indicators framework to the Management Board with the goals of:
  - ▶ (a) better aligning our environmental indicators with the work of the Chesapeake Bay Program (including, but not limited to, the vision, goals and outcomes of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement), and
  - ▶ (b) creating a framework that helps the Bay Program adaptively manage our work and communicate our progress.

### Proposed Objectives

- Revise Indicators Framework to better support our work,
- Support transparency efforts with Independent Evaluator (described in Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act),
- Establish process to approve and update new indicators, and adjust framework as needed.

#### Relationship of proposed Indicators Framework Action Team to other CBP work | Process and Schedule Fall •Update indicators framework in light of Watershed Agreement •Will sunset when new framework is established **Monitoring User** Council\* •Review monitoring and assessment strategies and metrics for Watershed Agreement outcomes **Status and Trends Workgroup** Assessment Team •Will be incorporated into S&TW **Integrated Monitoring Workgroup** Operational Integrated •Evolve from BASINs work Monitoring •Identify monitoring funding priorities •Will continue to contribute to work of S&TW Workgroup \*Not yet established

## Suggested Membership

- ► Carin Bisland (BAT, GIT6)
- Rich Batiuk (STAR)
- Mark Bennett (STAR)
- Bill Dennison (STAR)
- Melinda Ehrich (STAR)
- Margaret Enloe (Communications Team)
- Jennifer Gundersen (BAT)
- Catherine Krikstan (Communications Workgroup, ChesapeakeStat)

- Scott Phillips (STAR)
- Guy Stephens (Web Team, ChesapeakeStat)
- Peter Tango (STAR)
- Doreen Vetter, Chair (GIT6, ChesapeakeStat)
- Denice Wardrop (STAC)
- John Wolf (STAR, GIS Team)
- ► OTHERS?

### Request

- Formation of an Indicator Framework Action Team
  - Mission
  - Objectives
- ► Timing: Sunset in September 2015 after MB presentation and approval
- Membership as presented
  - ▶ Gaps?