

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM
WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
August 16th, 2010 Conference Call

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS, ACTIONS, AND ISSUES

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MINUTES

Announcements

- Dave Hansen will be starting a position with Oregon SeaGrant and is stepping down as Co-Chair of the Water Quality Goal Implementation.

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Chesapeake Bay Basin Sediment Allocations – Bob Koroncai

- The 1% rule applies only to model results, not to monitored results.

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Critical period 1993-1995

1. critical period for nutrients
2. relatively high flow period

ACTION: Sediment Workgroup will consider the issues of more volatile sediment and nutrient-versus sediment-dominated segments.

- TMDLs generally use rather large margin of safety for sediment allocations
- Flexibility in the sediment allocation allows geographical movement in sediment allocation.
When putting together a WIP in the James, these problems will likely resolve themselves.

ACTION: Lewis Linker will follow up with Bill Keeling on the sediment allocation to the James River.

- We will model everyone's loads and see if we are attaining in a basin. In not, we will then have to determine which state(s) are not delivering the necessary reduction and ask for additional reduction from those states.

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State/District Updates on Progress towards Adoption of the Water Quality Standards

Amendments

Maryland

- Changes that we are making are for D.O., we are looking at developing a site-specific criteria for the Pocomoke. Have documentation complete and approved. Now on Legislative Review Board and we plan to propose the change by September 10th
- Variance for the Chester Deep Water (DW): met with local constituents
- Three changes suggested for SAV:
 - Chester Tidal Fresh found 1 acre of SAV, proposing that as standard
 - Back River found 20 acres of SAV in 2005, proposing that as new goal
 - Pocomoke proposed to be characterized as a no growth zone
- 30-day public comment, then to EPA by October

Virginia

- Adopting 2007, 2008 and 2010 addenda for assessments of criteria through fast-tracking approach
- Going out for 30-day public comment after approval from Governor's Office
- Pocomoke Oligohaline: appears to be due to natural condition, working with Region III for areas with issues due to wetland conditions

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District of Columbia

- Began public review period for adopting 2010 criteria addendum
- Hope to submit to EPA at end of September

EPA

- Bay criteria affects Short-nosed Sturgeon and therefore requires Biological Opinion and Evaluation to determine if the change is protective of the endangered species
- Have had two conference calls with required review board, hope to have this completed before states come in for standards approval

Executive Order Federal Action Plan – Jim Edward

- 18 specific actions for water quality, fleshed out into sub-actions
- Distributed document is a first draft that will change over the next few weeks

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- Final Action Plan will include a dollar figure for each major action
- Multiple actions will specifically provide funding or support directly to states

- Will present a revised version of this document at the September 13th WQGIT call before briefing Federal Leadership Committee, OMB, etc. on September 15th
- Stormwater rulemaking would be national, with some Chesapeake Bay regional considerations. CAFO rulemaking would likely be Chesapeake Bay-specific.

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