### CESR UPDATE TO STAC

STAC Quarterly Meeting
14 March 2023

#### REPORTED TO STAC DECEMBER 2022

- Over 600 comments from both Steering Committee and STAC membership, in varying forms of submission (annotated pdfs, narrative form with index to document, general)
- Three bins:
- 1. Agree or editorial; done without documented response; professional editor retained. *In process with external Technical Editor*

Jeremy: I think this can be deleted. It is non-essential

2. Agree but need help; one-on-one conversations with reviewer and documentation of response. *In process with individuals; responses documented* 

**Lara**: Section 3.6, page 42: in the paragraph on behavioral biases, look to recent STAC workshops on behavior. (Overcoming the hurdles, more). Talk also w/ Leah Palm Forester about this section.

3. Fundamental disagreement, we are misrepresenting science, or significant organizational change; in discussion with Steering Committee (four issues). Resolved with Steering Committee on 11/3/2022; responses documented

## PROGRESS SINCE DECEMBER STAC MEETING

- Executive Summary: Draft (12/7/2022); Comments from SC and outside reviewers (12/23/2022); Revised Executive Summary draft for inclusion in main report (1/20/2023).
- CESR Report: Draft (without Executive Summary) to technical editor, Pat Norris (12/23/2022).
- Draft final report (including Executive Summary) + response to comments to Steering Committee (2/2/2023)
- Steering Committee review call (2/23/2023) for major comments and decision to pursue USGS review for CESR report (USGS reviews in progress for Watershed and Estuary Resource Documents)
- USGS Review includes three rounds; Round I reviews received on CESR (3/1/2023), included technical comments and suggested rephrasing for policy review in Rounds 2 and 3.

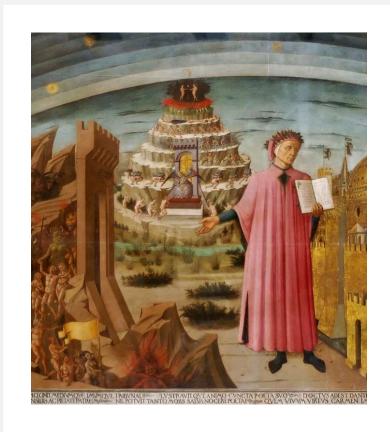
#### **NEXT STEPS**

Editors respond to USGS reviewers (Level I and 2); Completing revisions to Level I and resubmitting by 20 March 2023.

Editors send Steering Committee revised final document (including changes made from USGS review)

Steering Committee meets to finalize and approve CESR report

Send report to STAC membership (sign-on)



#### POST-REPORT?

- What role does STAC and the CESR Steering Committee play in CBP program discussions surrounding issues raised by CESR? Examples: expanding adaptive decision-making, improving living resource response, tiered approach to TMDL, NPS program effectiveness, etc.
- Proposal by Steering Committee to STAC at June meeting
- Communication strategy headed by Rachel Felver

# INVITED PREPARATORY PRESENTATIONS TO RECEIVING GROUPS (AS PER STAC/CBP WORKSHOP PROTOCOL)

- Management Board: 13 October 2022; 10 November 2022
- Chesapeake Bay Commission: 17-18 November 2022
- GIT Chairs and Leadership Quarterly Meeting: 30 November 2022
- Sustainable Fisheries GIT: 2 March 2023