

# 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 1 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 1 and 2); *Completing revisions to Level 1 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