Update on DCR Initiatives
Chesapeake Bay SAG Meeting

September 3, 2015
Agenda

Status of Livestock Stream Exclusion
Agricultural Needs Assessment Process
Resource Management Plans
  Chesapeake Bay
  Outside of the Chesapeake Bay
Status of Livestock Stream Exclusion

• 100% guarantee began late calendar 2012
• Sign up ended June 30, 2015
  – Only for SL-6 practice
  – No expiration on guarantee of funding
  – Must sign contract within 90 days of offer of funds
• Sign up after June 30, 2015 – three options
  – State cost share alone – 80% w/$70K cap
  – 100% + w/USDA-CREP if plant buffer
  – RCPP - $1.45 million w/state match through Sept ‘17
Status of Livestock Stream Exclusion

• As of August 31, 2015
• Approved (expended/obligated) $53.5M
  – ChesBay $30.5M
  – Includes $1.7M from Bay Grants
  – Outside ChesBay/So. Rivers $23M
• Benefits in Chesapeake Bay from $30.5M
  ~2.5M linear feet of stream bank protected
  ~30,000 animal units excluded
Status of Livestock Stream Exclusion

- As of August 31, 2015
- Changing every few days
- SWCDs have begun using FY2016 funds
- Backlog (Pending) SL-6 sign up - $68M
- Chesapeake Bay <$34M
- Outside ChesBay/So. Rivers >$34M
Status of Livestock Stream Exclusion

• Additional benefits to Chesapeake Bay
  – 3.2M more feet of stream bank protected
  – 42,000 more animal units excluded

• Benefits statewide of SL-6 initiative
  – $121M expended/obligated/or still needed
  – 9.9 M feet of stream protected
  – 131,000 animal units excluded
Agricultural Needs Assessment Process

- Calculate reduction benefit from SL-6
  - N benefits of SL-6s very promising
  - Bacteria benefits promising but not WIP
- Remaining 2025 reduction needs
- Evaluate projected funding needs
- Extend projections
- Make adjustments to funds needed if necessary
Resource Management Plans

• Original goal of 40 RMPs by Dec ’15
• DEQ/Bay Grant  $472,000
• Awarded 2015 calendar year contracts
• New goal 274 RMPs in ChesBay
• 47,000 acres
• As of August 31, 2015 met both targets
• 285 RMPs/47K acres for SWCDs review
• Implementation will then follow
Resource Management Plans

• Will provide report to Soil and Water Conservation Board in December 2015
• 2016 expansion into OCB/Southern Rivers
• $100,000 for contracts in OCB
• $120,000 for contracts in ChesBay
Questions?