Exploring Next Gen Chesapeake Bay Oyster Restoration Goals:

Where to after 2025?



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Why do we need a Next Gen/ Post-2025 oyster goal?

- Prep for next Chesapeake
 Bay Agreement
- Prep for gap between current and next Bay Agreement/initiative
- Maintain momentum, partnerships, progress
- Build on success



Operating Principles for Developing Next Gen Oyster Goal/s



- SMART goal (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, timebound)
- Ambitious
 (maintain or increase scale)
- Understandable, concise
- Ecologically sound
 (scale; clustered; recognizes climate change impacts)
- Recognizes goal (specific target) vs purpose (cumulative effect of meaningful goals)

Goal setting & restoration implementation process



- Inclusive process; inclusive & equitable implementation
 - -Human community is important ("Oysters are easy; people are hard")
 - -Specifically include: diverse and underserved communities; industry
- Partnerships are key
 - -Collective: goal; metrics; planning; implementation; tracking; monitoring; adapting
 - -States on board
- Maintain momentum
- Rebuilding networks (clusters) of sanctuary reefs, at large scale, will likely remain a key tool.
 - -Inclusive of large-scale initiatives currently planned beyond 'Ten Tribs'
- Recognize & communicate the value of ecosystem services, beyond the goal**

'Goal Translator' X Tribs (X human & ecological communities; X rec fishing hubs, etc.) X% historic oyster bottom \$X economic impact X acres <u>functioning</u> X% increase in at Y level oyster (of reefs; of fish habitat; of reproductive rec fishing grounds, etc.) capacity X gallons of water X pounds striped filtered annually bass primary X pounds of (X% of the Bay's volume production N and P filtered annually; X% of a trib (or some other species...) filtered annually, etc.) removal annually

Goal Translator User Guide

- Pick a box
- Pick a value for X
- Recognize, quantify, and message around all boxes
- Additional, out-ofthe-box boxes welcome and encouraged