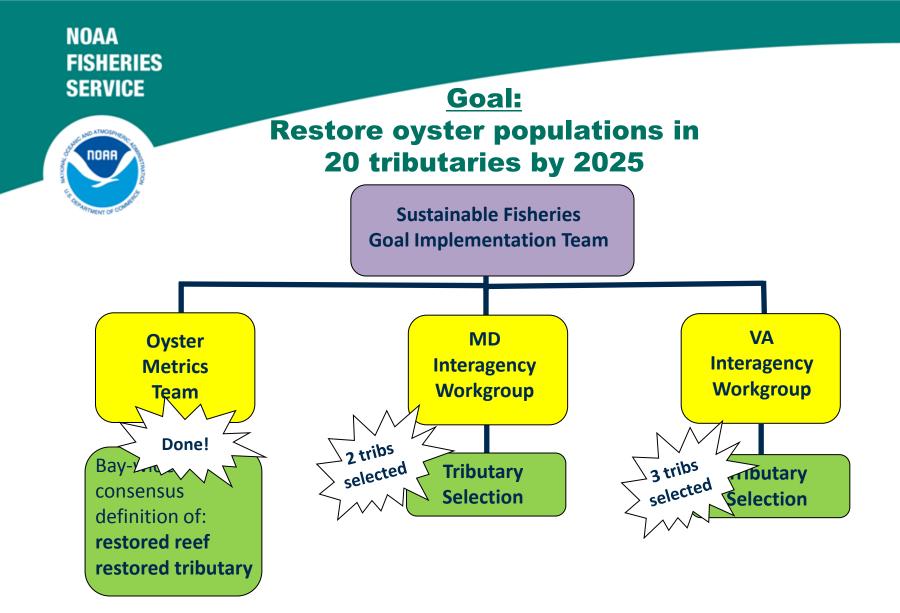
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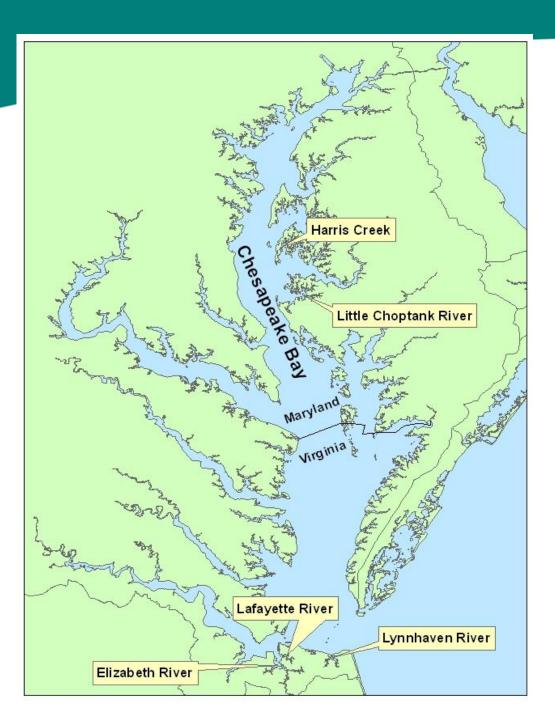
Progress Update: Executive Order oyster goal, Harris Creek focus

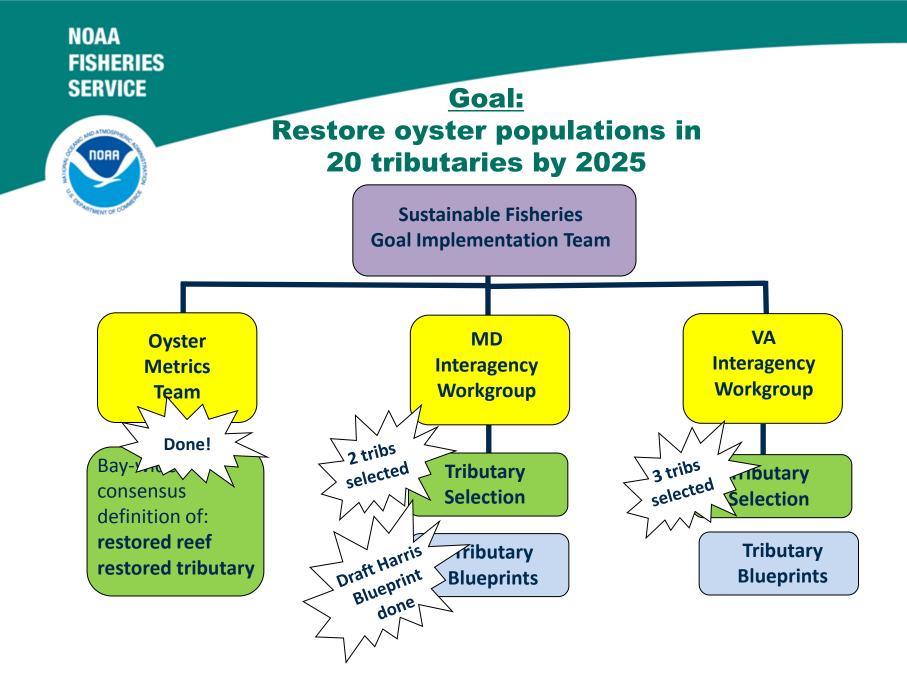
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Tributaries Selected for Targeted Oyster Restoration







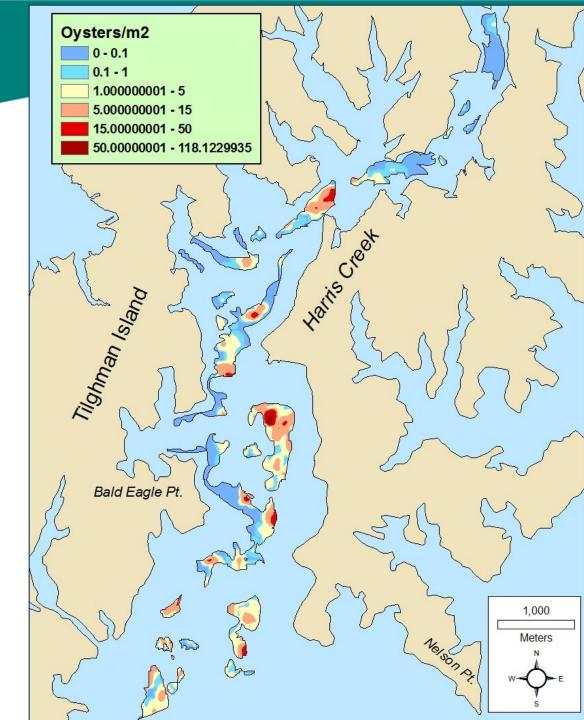
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Harris Creek Oyster Sanctuary 2011 **Broad Scale Acoustic Bottom Classification** nd SPEED, place one point rs c cat **MD** Geological Survey point on 60 and left point will **NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office** ONS CHART 12270 Depths 1.50-6.09m **Restorable Bottom** Artificial oyster reef Aggregate patch reef Fringe reef Patch reef Sand and scattered oyster shell Sand Muddy_sand Non-restorable Bottom Mud and scattered oyster shell Mud Indian Pt CENTER O Sandy mud Unclassified Sanctuary Boundary Bottom DO and Salinity. Interpolated from CBP data from June-Aug 2000-2005. S W GABLE mean do 2.900000 - 5.000000 5.000001 - 8.700000 mean_SAL 0.000000 - 7.000000 7.000001 - 35.000000

NOAA

Harris Blueprint Process

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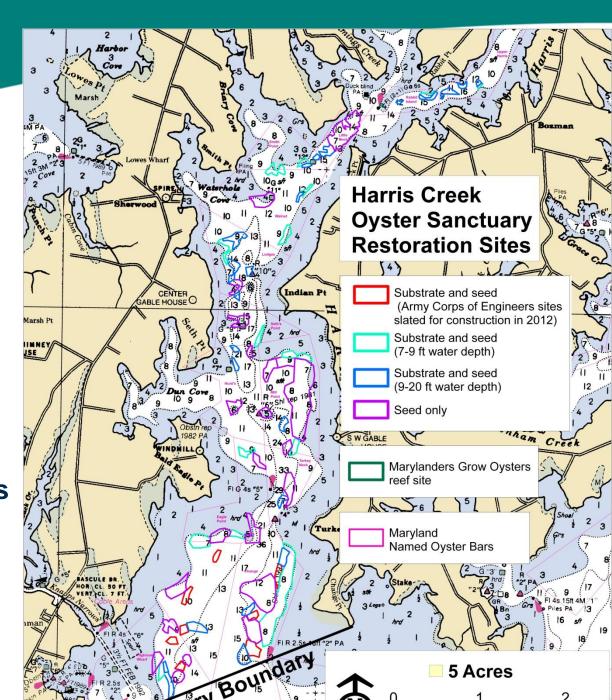
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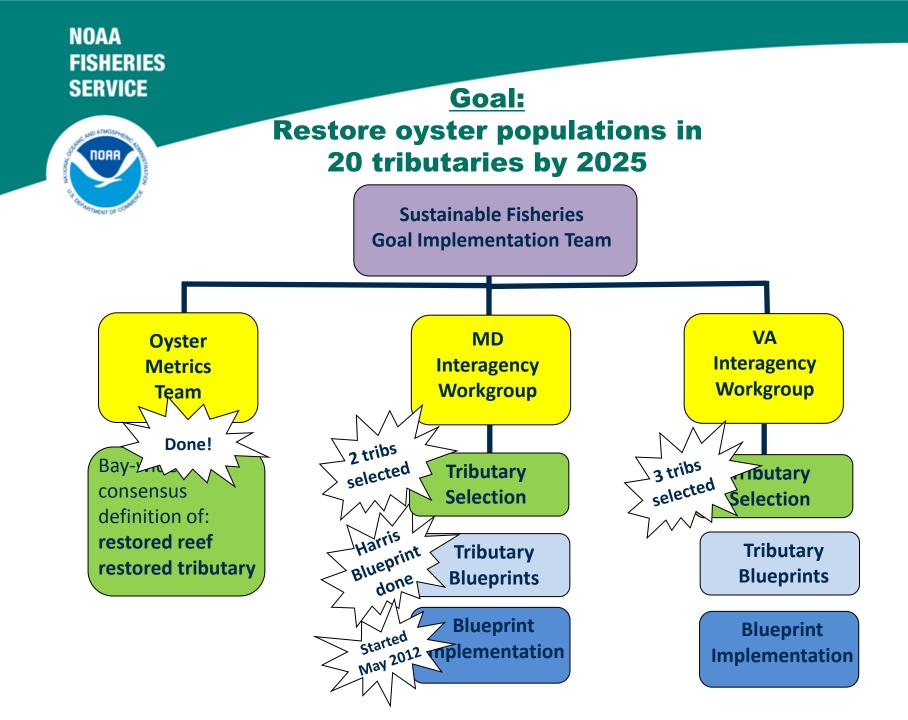


NOAF

Draft Harris Creek Blueprint

- Acres targeted: 360
- Seed required: 2 billion
- Substrate needed: 250,000 cubic yards
- •Cost: \$27 million







Roles of NOAA, Army Corps, DNR

- Benthic mapping for site selection & post-construction monitoring; restorable bottom analysis
- Funding to DNR for production & planting of seed oysters
- Funded population surveys on Harris & Little Choptank

USACE, Baltimore District:

- Reef construction, etc. (presentation to follow)

DNR:

- Funding for production & planting of seed oysters
- Manages bay bottom
- Holds permits
- Benthic mapping (MGS)
- Reef construction (\$7 m from O'Malley for Harris)
- Population surveys on other sanctuaries
- Monitoring

Collective:

— Planning, coordination, collaboration, trib selection



Harris Blueprint Progress

• 22 acres of reefs were constructed by USACE Baltimore this summer.

•As of yesterday, NOAA completed post-construction survey work and analysis on these 22 acres of reefs.

• With FY11 NOAA funding to MD DNR, Over \$00 million seed oysters have been produced and planted on Harris this summer (NOAA, ORP and DNR funding).

•NOAA is funding the production and planting of another 300 million oyster seed to be planted on 60 acres in Harris Creek in summer 2013 (FY12 funding).

•USACE Baltimore plans to construct approximately another 25-30 acres of reefs in summer 2013.

•MD's Governor O'Malley has put approximately \$7 million into the state budget for restoration in Harris Creek.

•NFWF has expressed interest in contributing funding for implementation of oyster restoration in Harris Creek.