

### **Cold Water Advisory Committee Meeting Highlights (April 20<sup>th</sup> 2018):**

- Committee members introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of the perspective they represent
- MDE's Water Quality Standards Section (WQS) provided an overview of how MDE re-designates stream Use Classes and data requirements
- EASP highlighted the need to formalize a process to protect coldwater obligate species in streams that are located in Use Class I or IV waters
- WQS gave a presentation and answered questions regarding the Clean Water Act and associated Water Quality Standards
- WQS described how "existing uses" are articulated in Federal Statutes and Maryland regulations
- The major objective of the committee were enumerated
- The first objective (the development of an MDE policy that protects streams with coldwater obligate species in advance of changing the use classification) was discussed under different scenarios
- Action items were compiled

### **Action items**

- Schedule meeting for next month
- Matt Stover and Tim Fox will outline data requirement for identifying existing uses
- Matt Stover and Tim Fox will examine example scenarios for protecting existing uses
- Representatives from Wetlands and Waterways, Sediment, Stormwater and Dam Safety, and the Wastewater Permits Program will be asked to provide an overview of the how the permitting process is influenced by the presence of a coldwater obligate population found within a Use I or IV stream for the next meeting
- WQS will continue to update the "streams under evaluation" document as new data becomes available