PROPOSED METHOD FOR REEVALUATING AND APPROVING CREDIT DURATIONS

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GOAL OF THIS DISCUSSION

- Explanation of the Proposed Reevaluation Method
- Approval of the Reevaluation Method

- Presentation of the Priority BMPs
- Approval of the Priority BMPs – List of Practices that has been Curated from Individual Partners

- Proposed Schedule for Reevaluating BMPs
- Approval of Schedule (Flexible)

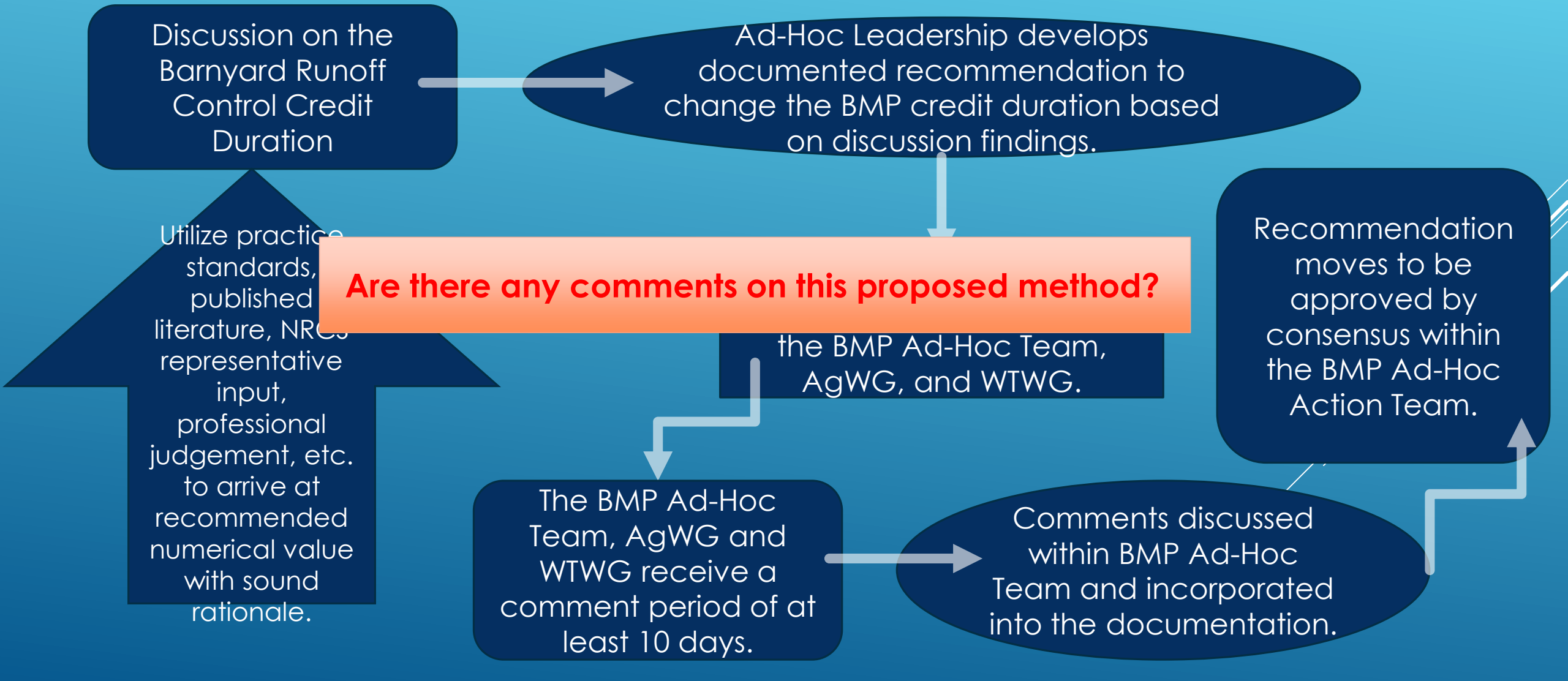
PROPOSED METHOD FOR REEVALUATING CREDIT DURATIONS

- Priority BMPs will be looked at Practice by Practice to ensure that no stone is left unturned.
- A meeting date will be assigned to each practice for a presentation and corresponding discussion to be held.
- Jurisdictions who requested a practice(s) be reevaluated will be asked to present to the group on the reasoning behind the reevaluation of the specific practice(s).
  - **Clarification:** The coordinator will be requesting supporting information, such as, a desired numerical value for a practice's credit duration, studies that support the extension of a practice's credit duration, published updated NRCS practice lifespan values, failure assessments, professional judgement based on field observations, etc. The coordinator will collect this information into a presentation for a group discussion on each practice. Those who support the extension of a practice's credit duration should be prepared to share their findings with the group.
- The goal of the discussion is to arrive at a specific numerical value for the credit duration itself with supporting justification, science, professional judgement, NRCS practice standards that may have been altered by NRCS since the initial establishment of credit durations (if applicable) and/or altered permit/contract duration evidence.
- NRCS Representative Involvement – NRCS representatives will be consulted for each NRCS applicable practice. Their input will be documented prior to each discussion session, but they may be present for the discussions as well.

PROPOSED METHOD FOR REEVALUATING CREDIT DURATIONS (CONTINUED)

- **Per the Chain of Approval Outlined Process:**
- Following the discussion, if enough data and information is available to do so, an official documented recommendation will be drawn up by the BMP Ad-Hoc Leadership.
- The official recommendation will be presented to the BMP Ad-Hoc group and relevant workgroups.
- Following the presentation of the official recommendation, all workgroups will be allowed a period of at least 10 days to provide comments on the recommendation.
- Comments will be presented to the BMP Ad-Hoc Team. The team will discuss and incorporate the comments.
- Once comments are incorporated into the documentation by the BMP Ad-Hoc Team, the official recommendation will be presented for consensus-based approval.
- If a decision is made, the recommendation will proceed to the next decision-making body on the chain of approval.

PROPOSED METHOD FOR REEVALUATING CREDIT DURATIONS (EXAMPLE)



PROPOSED METHOD FOR EVALUATING CREDIT DURATIONS: DECISION ITEM

- **Seeking Approval:** Are there any objections to the proposed method of reevaluating credit durations?

LIST OF PRIORITY BMPS: DISCUSSION OUTLINE

Broken down into:

1) Practices to be addressed by the Forestry Workgroup (a recommendation will come from the FWG to the BMP Action Team).

2) Practices to be addressed by the Ad-Hoc Group.

LIST OF PRIORITY BMPS

To be addressed by the Forestry Workgroup (a recommendation will come from the FWG to the BMP Action Team):

- Ag Riparian Forest Buffers
- Exclusion Fencing with Forest Buffer
- Exclusion Fencing with Narrow Forest Buffer
- Narrow Forest Buffer
- Urban Forest Buffers – Unable to find documentation of the Urban decision, but the urban forest buffer falls within the forestry guidance of the framework document.
- Urban Narrow Forest Buffer
- To Add: Ag Tree Planting, Urban Tree Planting, Urban Forest Planting.

Is the FWG comfortable with grouping these practices under the reevaluation of Forest Buffers?

Narrow Forest/Grass Buffers: https://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/BMP-Guide_A.12_Forest-Buffers-and-Grass-Buffers_.pdf

LIST OF PRIORITY BMPS

To be addressed by the Ad-Hoc Group (recommendations will be forwarded to relevant source sector workgroup):

- Animal Waste Management Systems
- Barnyard Runoff Control
- Loafing Lot Management
- Grass Buffers
- Narrow Grass Buffers
- Exclusion Fencing with Grass Buffers
- Exclusion Fencing with Narrow Grass Buffers
- To Add: Grassed Waterways and Wetland Restoration

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LIST OF PRIORITY BMPS: DECISION ITEM

- Does anyone have any additional comments on the priority list?

- **Seeking Approval:** Are there any objections to moving forward with the priority list of BMPs?
  - Note: This decision means we will not be reevaluating every BMP in CAST. Prioritization will enable the group a higher probability of incorporating changes into CAST-21.
    - This group has a two-year charge for the credit duration task. Should additional concerns regarding different BMP credit durations arise, they can be addressed as we progress forward.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR REEVALUATING CREDIT DURATIONS

- **January Meeting:** Internal Discussion (within the BMP Ad-Hoc Team) on Barnyard Runoff Control and Loafing Lots
- **February Meeting:** Internal Discussion on Animal Waste Management Systems
- **March Meeting:** Internal Discussion on Grass Buffers (Including Narrow Grass Buffers) Exclusion Fencing Systems
- **April Meeting:** Internal Discussion on Urban and Ag Tree Planting

Would anyone like to propose a change to the proposed schedule?

Note: Discussion dates are flexible. The schedule may be changed to accommodate the recommendations from the FWG.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR REEVALUATING CREDIT DURATIONS: DECISION ITEM

- **Seeking Approval:** Are there any objections to proceeding forward with the proposed schedule?

ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?