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Next steps: Opportunities to further define and implement environmental flow recommendations

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Comments on draft report and workshop discussions welcome

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By Friday, October 8th (2 weeks from now)



Process and Timeline

October 2010:

TNC and ICPRB to edit draft report to reflect edits and corrections to 8/24 draft, and to reflect workshop discussions

By end October, 2010: will send workshop summary report to all participants and give two-week period to comment.

Final Potomac Large River Flow Needs report will be completed by end of calendar year, incorporating workshop inputs.



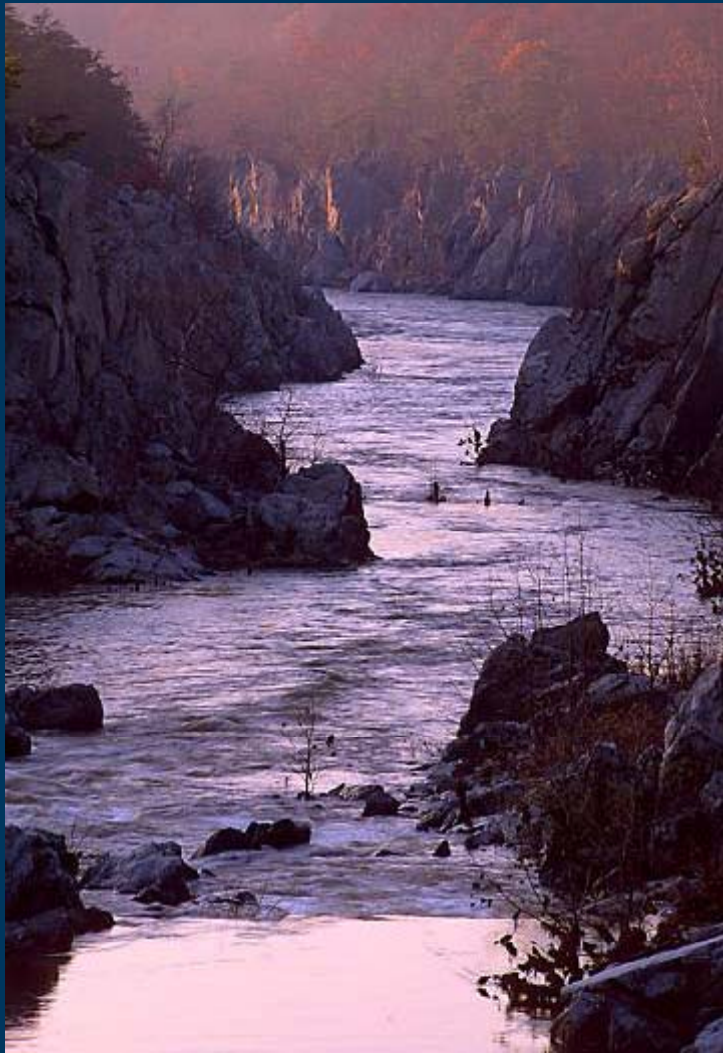
How far did we get? And, where do we go from here?



Proposal: Identify scientific workgroup to move forward in developing (1) protective hydrologic ranges for large river flow needs; and (2) hydro-ecological monitoring plan



Small workgroup to refine large river quantitative flow needs and monitoring plan



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- Designate representatives (10-12?)
- Define scientific workgroup objectives, process, timeline, desired outcomes, and potential applications
- Develop monitoring plan
 - Identify existing efforts and possible efficiencies of “add ons”
 - Support existing efforts
 - Seek new resources/ funding
- Implement and use monitoring plan to refine flow needs in adaptive management context



What is The Nature Conservancy's interest going forward?

TNC is a science-based conservation organization

Our interest : Advance and support development of best science to refine flow hypotheses and develop quantitative protective hydrologic ranges to inform Potomac basin water (and land) management in a proactive, voluntary, collaborative context

- Support new workgroup

- Seek resources to support priority monitoring and research needs



What is The Nature Conservancy's commitment going forward?

Commitment to environmental flows protection in Potomac Basin:

Analysis (Middle Potomac Watershed Assessment)

May 2011 expert workshop: input on defining quantitative flow-ecology relationships for classes of smaller streams

Implementation

Working with jurisdictions and managers to identify how this scientific work and information can support your interests and needs



Final discussion

What are your interests and desired next steps?



Thank you again for your time, interest
and inputs



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