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Strategies to Address Endocrine Disruption in Fish and Wildlife in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

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Intersex in the News

NPR "What do intersex fish mean for water quality?"

Washington Post "As more male bass switch sex, a strange fish story expands"

Washington Post " Bay's intersex fish mystery remains unsolved"

New York Times "Intersex fish are found at a high rate in the region"

LA Times "Intersex fish found in Pennsylvania spur search for chemicals"



Fish Kills, Intersex and EDCs





Hepatocyte Estradiol-17β or estrogen mimic Hsp 90 ER ER Hsp 90 ER ER Hsp 90 ER ER Vtg and Zrp genes Vtg and Zrp mRNA Vtg and Zrp mRNA









Session Overview

SOURCES + PATHWAYS

- Sources, transport, distribution of EDCs
- EDA to identify chemicals causing ED



RECEPTORS + CONSEQUENCES/EFFECTS

• Wild fish monitoring to understand ED





- Pat Phillips (USGS): "Endocrine Disrupting Compounds in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed – Where are we going? Where should we go?"
- 2. Vicki Blazer (USGS): "Biological Effects Monitoring to Identify Consequences of Exposure to Endocrine Disruptors"
- Jenny Brennan (USGS): "Effects Directed Analysis of Endocrine Disrupting Compounds in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed: An Important Step on the Road to Managing Fish Health in the Watershed"
- Yan Li (Penn State): "Assessing the Impacts of Endocrine Disrupting Compounds on Fish Population Dynamics: A Case Study of Smallmouth Bass in Pennsylvania, USA"

