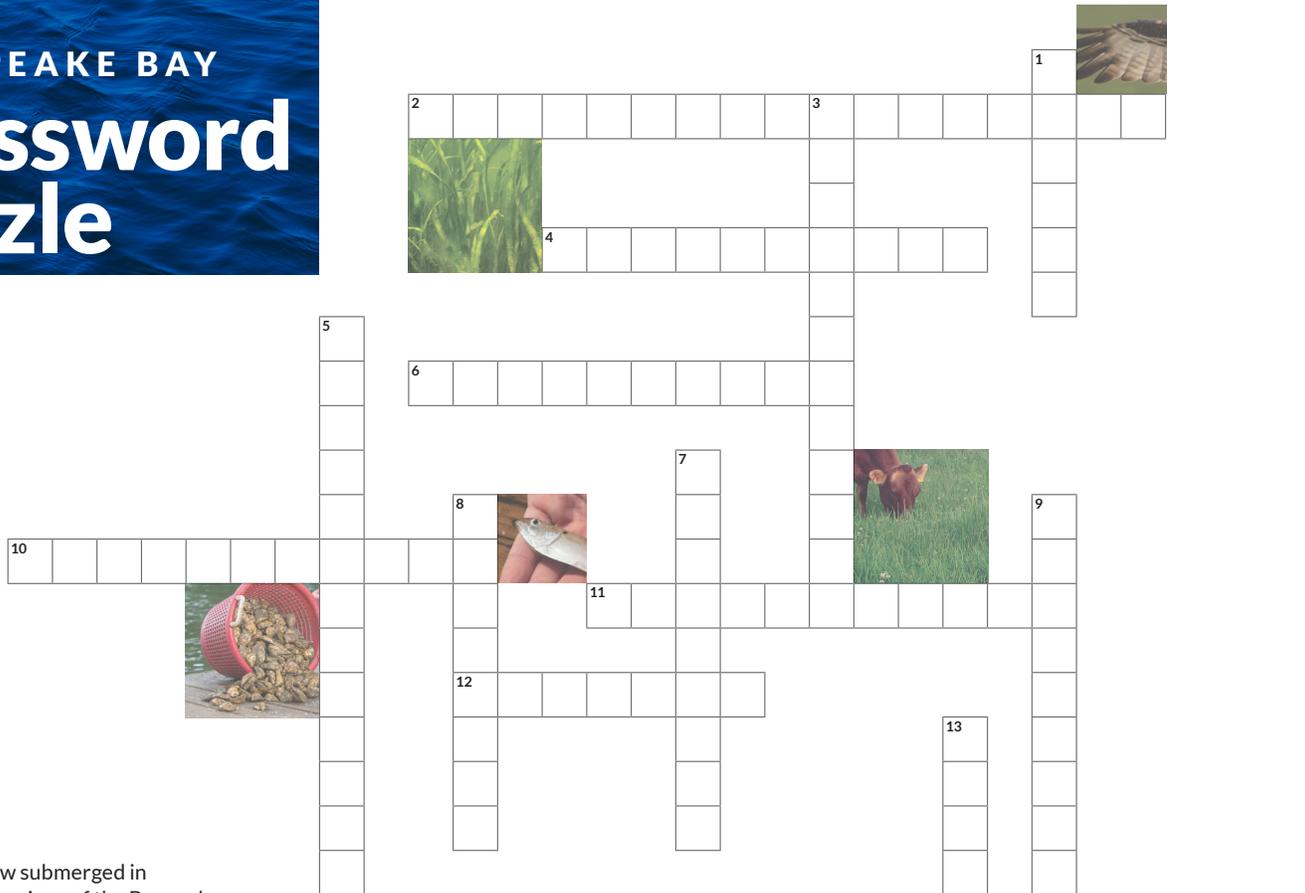


CHESAPEAKE BAY

# Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

- 2. Plants that grow submerged in shallow water regions of the Bay and its rivers, filtering pollutants and providing habitat
- 4. CBF's mission and a rallying cry for pollution reduction throughout the Chesapeake Bay region
- 6. The official state amphibian of Pennsylvania and critical clean water indicator species
- 10. The process of cultivating shellfish for food that reduces the seafood trade deficit and increases jobs
- 11. Also called rockfish, it's an iconic sport fish deeply dependent on the health of the population of clue #8 Down
- 12. The air over the Chesapeake region that travels from as far away as Canada in the north and Indiana in the west
- 14. A body of water formed where freshwater from rivers and streams flows into the ocean, like the Chesapeake Bay
- 17. Also known as 'beautiful swimmers,' it is one of the most resilient—and iconic—Bay species
- 18. An effective and safe artificial oyster home used for habitat restoration
- 19. A single healthy adult of this Bay bivalve can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day
- 20. An area of little or no oxygen, created by an excess of pollution, where aquatic life cannot survive

**DOWN**

- 1. A Chesapeake region raptor that will dive for fish from heights up to 200 feet
- 3. An approach to agriculture that goes beyond sustainability to also improve the environment
- 5. Warming temperatures and sea level rise that increase risk to the Bay, its rivers and streams, its wildlife, and its residents
- 7. Excessive amounts of these, primarily nitrogen and phosphorus, pollute the Bay and degrade its water quality
- 8. Often called 'the most important fish in the sea,' it is a rich food source for many of our favorite Bay critters
- 9. The Chesapeake Bay is the tidal portion of this mighty river that spans across three watershed states
- 13. Rows of native trees, shrubs, and grasses along streams and rivers that capture and filter out polluted runoff
- 15. A sprawling system of rivers that all drain into one shallow tidal basin (the Chesapeake Bay's spans 64,000 miles)
- 16. Critical low-lying areas that soak up excess water from storm surges, trap polluted runoff, and provide unique habitat

ANSWER KEY—ACROSS: 2. Underwater grasses; 4. Save the Bay; 6. Hellbender; 10. Aquaculture; 11. Striped bass; 12. Airshed; 14. Estuary; 17. Blue crab; 18. Reef ball; 19. Oyster; 20. Dead zone; DOWN: 1. Osprey; 3. Regenerative; 5. Climate change; 7. Nutrients; 8. Menhaden; 9. Susquehanna; 13. Forested buffer; 15. Watershed; 16. Wetlands

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