

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Meeting Agenda

December 19-20th

Crowne Plaza Hotel Old Town Alexandria
901 North Fairfax Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

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December 19th → Day 1: Field Trip and Progress Updates

9:00am – 12:00pm **Field Trip** (Optional)

Objectives: Education on the increasing stressors land-use practices are having on available resources.

- Alexandria Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Stormwater Overflows

12:00-1:00pm **Bag Lunches** (Provided for those attending field trip)

1:00 – 1:10pm **Expectations and Outcomes**

Objective: Make certain all participants understand their roles and the reason for being here.

- Facilitator – will discuss ground rules and expectations for how the meeting will operate.

1:10 – 2:10pm **Progress Since Previous Meeting**

Objective: Inform on progress since June meeting.

- Peyton Robertson (NOAA) – Introduction (5 min)
- Stephanie Westby (NOAA) – Oyster Metrics and Adoption (15 min)
 - Report – What metrics say, why important, and acknowledgements
- Lynn Fegley – Blue Crab Update from CBSAC (15 min)
 - Presentation on CBSAC recommendations based on 2011 stock assessment
- Invasive Catfish Progress Report
 - Howard/Andrew/Mejs – Development of Blue Catfish Ecopath with Ecosim Model (15 min)
 - Tom O’Connell (MD DNR) – Policy Statement (10 min)

2:10 – 3:40pm **Next Set of Fisheries GIT Priorities?**

Objective: Take time to brainstorm and discuss the next big topics on which the Fisheries GIT should focus.

- Oyster Sustainability Charge
- Blue Crab Ecological Reference Points
 - Alternative Management Strategies
- Next Generation of Chesapeake Bay Science
- Other Species of Interest (Menhaden, Alosines, etc.)
- Other Ideas?

3:40 – 4:10pm **Public Comment** (3-5 min each)

Objective: Allow the public an opportunity to weigh in on Fisheries GIT decisions and direction.

- Please sign in on the sheet at the main door

4:10 – 4:30pm **Policy Adoption Signing**

Objective: Executive Committee signing of oyster metrics and invasive catfish policy adoption statements.

5:00 – 7:00pm **Evening Reception** (Location TBA)

December 20th → Day 2: Making the Connection – Land, Water Quality, and Fisheries

7:45 – 8:30am

Breakfast

8:30 – 8:40am

Review of Expectations and Outcomes

Objective: *Make certain all participants understand their roles and the reason for being here.*

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8:40 – 9:40am

Setting the Stage (15 min presentations; 5 min Q&A each)

Objective: *Introducing all meeting participants to land-use issues and their impacts.*

- Peter Claggett (USGS) – Projecting human population change and nutrient pollution hotspots within the Chesapeake Bay watershed
- David Secor (UMCES) – Future fish productivity and impacts on water quality
- Troy Hartley (VIMS) – Understanding the policy implementation context

9:40 – 10:10am

Executive Committee Perspectives (5 min each)

Objective: *Allow the Executive Committee a chance to explain why land-use impacts are particularly important to themselves and their overall objectives.*

10:10 – 10:25am

Break

10:25 – 11:05am

Stakeholder Panel (5 min each; 10 min group Q&A)

Objectives: *Provide stakeholders the opportunity to give individual perspectives on how land-use decisions have impacted their particular business/fishery.*

- Jim Gracie – Chairman of the from the Sportfish Advisory Committee from the MDDNR
- Billy Rice – Chairman of the Tidal Fish Advisory Committee from the MDDNR
- Richard Josephson – Director Maryland Department of Planning
- Lewis L. Lawrence III – Director of Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
- Tom Powers or Ken Smith – Representing Virginia recreational or commercial fisheries
- Mary Barber, PhD – Chairman Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

11:05 – 11:40pm

GIT Chairs Perspectives (5 min each)

Objectives: *Provide Chesapeake Bay Program Goal Implementation Team (GIT) chairs the opportunity to give individual GIT perspectives on how land-use decisions have impacted their group.*

- Jeff Horan – Protect and Restore Vital Habitats GIT
- Larry Merrill – Protect and Restore Water Quality GIT
- Mark Bryer – Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT
- John Maounis – Foster Chesapeake Stewardship GIT
- Mike Foreman – Enhance Partnering, Leadership, and Management GIT
- Mark Bennett – Scientific, Technical, Analysis, and Reporting (STAR)
- Christopher Pyke – Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

11:40am – 12:45pm

Case Studies (10 min Group Q&A)

Objective: *Learn firsthand experiences and approaches to solving land-use issues affecting vital resources.*

- Jim Uphoff (MD DNR) – Managing land use and Chesapeake Bay's estuarine fish habitat and fisheries (25 min)
- Margaret McGinty (MD DNR) – Impervious surfaces (15 min)

- Troy Hartley (VIMS) – Network analysis study examining communication and influence in local governance (15 min)

12:45 – 1:30pm **Lunch** (Provided)

1:30 – 2:00pm **Public Comment Session** (3-5 min each)

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2:00 – 5:00pm **Workshops** (1.5 hrs each)

Objectives: *Work together to identify potential actions stakeholders, managers, and planners can take to improve the available resources.*

- Identifying Actions at Local Levels
 - How do fish ensure working waterfronts, jobs, and community identity associated with working waterfronts; given that local action and support for habitat conservation helps fish, getting coastal zone managers to care about local decision making and how implementation can be framed in regards to habitat.
 - Ways to enhance communication between fisheries managers and land use planners and decision-makers.
- Identifying Actions at Federal/State Level
 - Using the CBP GITs to develop cross-cutting/joint projects that better link nutrient reduction efforts with living resource outcomes. Strategies and tools to assist stakeholders in understanding the connection among land use activities and decisions, the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem and a sustainable fishery.

5:00 – 5:10pm **Closing Remarks** (Peyton Robertson & Facilitator)

5:10pm **Adjourn**
