

Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team
Semiannual Full GIT Meeting
June 19th -20th 2017

Address: Chincoteague Bay Field Station, 34001 Mill Dam Rd, Wallops Island, VA 23337

June 19th Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7334027712290391042>

June 20th Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1207195979090031874>

Meeting Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/25044/>

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The Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team (Fisheries GIT) continues to provide a forum for connecting science and policy across jurisdictions and the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. The diverse team meets biannually in June and December.

Day One of the June 2017 meeting will begin with a special session exploring habitat connectivity and fishery production between the Chesapeake Bay, coastal and marine systems. Recent efforts of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Atlantic States Marine Fishery Commission and others will tee up a conversation on integrating inshore-offshore habitat connections into fishery management. On Day Two, we will explore advances in blue crab and forage research and review our progress on our efforts to enhance our understanding and management of these important species.

Throughout the meeting, the Sustainable Fisheries GIT will focus on reviewing and improving our efforts as we move forward to achieve the Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team's Outcomes under the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. This year, the Sustainable Fisheries GIT will conduct reviews of our current efforts and approaches, identifying challenges that are inhibiting our progress, and adapting our approaches moving forward.

Monday, June 19th

10:00 am **Welcome and Overview of Day 1**
Sean Corson, Fisheries GIT Chair (NCBO)
Introduction to the meeting structure and objectives, including a review of recent GIT activity.

Fish Habitat

10:15 am **Inshore and Offshore Connections: Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission**
Presenters: Bob Beal (ASMFC), Lisa Havel (ASMFC); Facilitator: Rob O'Reilly (VMRC)
Objective: Discuss ecosystem-based fisheries connections and learn how ASMFC has addressed ecosystem factors with their efforts.

11:05 am **BREAK**

11:15 am **Inshore and Offshore Connections: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

Presenters: Jessica Coakley (MAFMC); Facilitator: Bob Beal (ASMFC)

Objective: Discuss ecosystem-based fisheries connections and learn how MAFMC has addressed ecosystem factors with their efforts.

- 12:10 pm** **LUNCH**
Lunch will be catered by the Ocean Deli
- 1:00 pm** **Inshore and Offshore Connections: Chesapeake Bay - Fish Habitat Outcome**
Presenters: Bruce Vogt (NCBO); Facilitator: Marty Gary (PRFC)
Objective: Discuss ecosystem-based fisheries connections and how the Chesapeake Bay Program’s Fish Habitat Action Team is addressing ecosystem factors, such as impervious surface and shoreline hardening in their efforts.
- 1:30 pm** **Inshore and Offshore Connections: Bringing it all Together**
Presenters: Jessica Coakley (MAFMC), Bob Beal (ASMFC), Lisa Havel (ASMFC), Bruce Vogt (NCBO); Facilitator: Sean Corson (NCBO)
Objective: Identify connections in the different regional and local bodies efforts to evaluate and implement ecosystem-based fisheries management.
- 2:30 pm** **BREAK**
- 2:45 pm** **Adaptively Managing**
Presenter: Bruce Vogt (NCBO)
Objective: Learn how the Sustainable Fisheries GIT is adaptively managing their outcomes under the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.
- 3:30 pm** **Fisheries GIT Member Updates**
Objective: Goal Team members will have the opportunity to share brief reports on current projects, recent accomplishments, and emerging issues that contribute to Fisheries GIT priorities.
- 4:30 pm** **Recap of Day One Actions/Takeaways**
- 4:45 pm** **Adjourn**
- 6:00 pm** **Dinner**
Dinner will be held at Etta’s Channelside Restaurant, located at 7452 East Side Drive, Chincoteague Island, VA

Tuesday, June 20th

- 9:00 am** **Day 2 Overview**
Sean Corson (NCBO), Fisheries GIT Chair

Blue Crabs

9:15 am **Blue Crab Recreational Harvest Estimates**
Presenter: Matt Ogburn (SERC), Facilitator: Dave Blazer (MD DNR)
Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min
Objective: Learn about a study which assessed recreational blue crab harvests in the Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay.

9:55 am **2017 Blue Crab Advisory Report**
Presenters: Glenn Davis (MD DNR); Facilitator: Dave Blazer (MD DNR)
Presentation: 40 min; Discussion: 20 min
Objective: Review the results of the Winter Dredge Survey, blue crab population status, harvest and CBSAC’s recommendations.

10:55 am **BREAK**

Forage

11:10 am **Drivers of Forage Population Trends**
Presenter: Ryan Woodland (UMCES-CBL), Facilitator: Rob O’Reilly (VMRC)
Presentation: 30 min; Discussion: 20 min
Objectives: Provide an overview of the GIT-funded study, which investigated factors influencing forage population trends in the Chesapeake Bay. Explore implications for forage and the species who consume them.

12:00 pm **LUNCH**
Chincoteague Bay Field Station’s Cafeteria will provide sandwich platters

1:00 pm **Emphasizing the Importance of Forage: Forage Workplan and Strategy (Discussion)**
Presenter: Emilie Franke (ERT/NCBO), Bruce Vogt (NCBO); Facilitator: Sean Corson (NCBO)
Objectives: Discuss how recent developments in forage should influence our management priorities and objectives. Consider how we can best utilize available data to communicate the importance of forage and advance our proposed strategy.

1:30 pm **Recap of Meeting Actions and Takeaways**

2:00 pm **Adjourn**