**Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting**

Agenda for April 23rd, 2013 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Call-In: 877-985-4165; Pass Code: 5370599

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/19242>

**Presentation: 1:30pm-2:00pm (15 min presentation; 15 min discussion)**

* *Oyster Decision Support Tool:*

• Peter Bergstrom (NCBO) will present new Oyster Decision Support Tool being developed.

•Discussion: Executive Committee suggestions or improvements on how this tool can best be utilized for management purposes. Virginia inputs are needed

**Decisional Items: 2:00pm**

1. Toxics and setting goals

* It has been requested by the CBP that the SFGIT play a larger role by supporting the development and drafting of goals and targets for toxic contaminants in the watershed.
* Discussion:
* How do you feel about this?
* Primarily, should this happen? If so how can we, the SFGIT support the CBP toxics board?
* If so, identification of a few full GIT members to support this effort?
* Outcome: Resolution, should the Executive Committee approves support of setting toxics goals for the watershed. Members also provide names and support of organizational

1. Blue Crab TAC

* *As highlighted in our 2013 work plan, should we bring up the idea of a bay-wide allocation amongst ex-comm members or at the full GIT.*

**Informational**

1. Catfish Task Force Meeting

• Review of the outline and highlighting tasks set by taskforce members in the “Catfish Action Plan.”

* Review of visual aide and highlighting jurisdictional opportunities to reach out to anglers concerning invasive catfish.
* Discussion
* How does this align with the charge to the Task Force?
* Outcome: Recommendations on places to expand on the outline and actions to be considered.

1. Full SFGIT Meeting June 17th and 18th

* **Business**
* Taskforce presentation and discussion

*The idea here is that SFGIT staff (Bruce) will walk through draft Invasive catfish action plan and recommendations. Also discuss (through GG) increased information on predation impacts, alosines, menhaden.*

* CBSAC presentation and discussion

*CBSAC Chair or coordinator will walk through highlights from the full advisory report as well as the newly developed charter and goals of CBSAC complete with the flexibility and beginning framework to begin to address . We are currently seeking recommendations of how we may achieve a Tech/ASMFC like relationship between the SFGIT Excomm and CBSAC. The membership criteria at this point should also be finalized and will be presented.*

* Update from Mattawoman Creek panel. What has changed, What have we learned.

*In the past we have used Mattawoman as an example of where land use and fisheries connections were effectively made and changes to the comp plan were temporarily successful. What went wrong? Reassembling the panel from the June meeting last year to get a better understanding of what has changed since then. Candice Quinn Kelly, the head of the Charles County Board of Commissioners. What have we learned from this effort, where can we help? How can we begin to make links to other watersheds and previously prioritized areas? Mattawoman Watershed Society (Ken Hastings), DNR, Dennis Flemming, Candice Quinn Kelly, Joe Teiger (EPA), and TNC planning commission with Charles county.*

* STAC Proposal and planned workshop.

*We submitted a land use and fisheries workshop proposal to STAC. We should know the outcome of the submission by now and be able to discuss the next steps.*

* **SCIENCE: Connecting Coastal and Estuarine Systems**
* Funded projects:

*-Telemetry (GG,DS,DO) and the expansive array (Navy) in VA and improving the receivers in MD. If Dave’s presentation is approved/awarded could MD DNR contract out the portion of that telemetry study to save UMCES resources?*

* Dewayne Fox: Maybe an overview of what this project has done in DE, what has he learned and has it been helpful to managers.
* Lenfest: A living connection between forage fish and estuaries.
* Menhaden: retrospective analysis and juvenile menhaden, forage species (index) reference point and utility to mgmt.
* Coastal Management and Estuarine Connections

*Habitat objectives. Jeff Horan of the Habitat GIT to discuss the outcomes of the Sustainable coastal habitat workshops. Are there impacts to a commercially or recreationally important species? Habitat links to crabs or other species.*

* EBFM: Crabs and Striped Bass, Where can we go from here.

*John Jacobs and his work on nutritional reference points for S.Bass, Habitat GIT workshop and other crosscutting opportunities…*

* **Policy**
* FEP and EBFM Integration

*Using specific portions of the FEP to begin to address EBFM integration and identifying potential tools and resources.*

* Invasive catfish implementation of actions

*What policy discussions are needed to achieve actions from Invasive Catfish outline.*

* Discussion
* What’s missing? Do you have any other recommendations?
* Outcome: Executive Committee suggests additional items to be incorporated to the June agenda.

1. GIT Staff Changes

*Adam’s fellowship with Chesapeake Research Consortium has unfortunately come to an end. A new staffer will be starting up soon, in the interim please contact…*

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1. Upcoming Meeting Schedule (1-3 pm)

April 23rd

***May – Need Date (May 23rd 1:30-3:30)***

June 17th-18th (Full GIT Meeting)

July 15th

August 19th

September 23rd

October 21st

November 18th

December (Full GIT Meeting) – Need Date