

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 28th, 2010 3:00pm – 5:00pm

In Attendance: Peyton Robertson, Tom O’Connell, Bob Beal, Jack Travelstead, Jonathan Kramer, Shannon Green, Bruce Vogt, and Adam Davis

1) June GIT Meeting Follow-Up:

- Research Priorities:
 - Create some sort of annual science review (Research Conference)
 - Useful tool for identifying research gaps/needs and how to fund them
 - Will aid in prioritizing projects and eliminating redundancy
 - ExComm will identify science needs and structure what issues to present
 - Have science present what they know on those issues
 - Focus could be on species not covered by ASMFC
 - FEW:
 - Developing ‘white papers’ on Blue Catfish, Oysters and Blue Crab as identified at the GIT meeting in June (2 pages max)
 - Expect completion by August/September ExComm Meetings
 - Action Item: ExComm members provide guidance on what they want to see in the white papers for Jonathan Kramer/Shannon Green to communicate to drafters.
- Membership:
 - Add John Wells & Don Boesch or their designated representative
 - Rob Latour (VIMS) has expressed interest
 - Dave Secor (on both the FEW and STAC?). Need to work out appropriate interaction for individuals serving on multiple groups.
 - Action Item: Peyton Robertson & Tom O’Connell will contact Don Boesch directly about being a member of the Fisheries GIT

2) Timeline for Charter Finalization:

- Must be fully completed by *September* for adoption

3) Executive Order Action Plan:

- Use the GIT for state engagement and review
- Want input from the Executive Committee for an Action Plan for the GIT
 - Due September 30th for fiscal year starting October 1st
 - Action Item: Send EO action plans to GIT for review and send list of all actions GIT may have interest in.

4) Prepare for ASMFC Meeting: (Discuss Priority Interjurisdictional Issues)

- Update on ASMFC – EBFM Effort by Bob Beal

- The Commission will be holding a EBFM workshop on Wednesday, August 4
- The goal of the workshop is to develop a strategy for incremental transition from single species management to a management program that integrates ecosystem considerations
- The Commission already has many "building blocks" for ecosystem management (e.g. habitat program, multispecies modeling efforts addressing predator/prey relationships, socio-economic committee, etc.)
- The transition to EBFM will need to be structured to not require significant additional resources

Action Items

- Land-Use Issues:
 - Tom O'Connell has staff available to work on impacts of land-use
 - Need to identify networks/decision makers GIT should be reaching out to to influence land use decisions affecting fisheries
 - Bruce Vogt: help with organization
 - Troy Hartley may be able to help with network analysis
 - Jack Travelstead: will look into who he can get to help
- What do the Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) look like? → Staff
 - Can we affect the WIPs for fisheries management