

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting

Agenda for March 18th, 2011 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

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ASMFC Meeting Pre-Brief Topics

Menhaden

- Toni Kerns will summarize the Technical Committee work on reference points

River Herring/Shad

- The river herring terms of reference (TOR) agenda item is to approve the TORs for the river herring assessment that is scheduled to be completed at the end of the year for peer review in early 2012
- Chris Zeman from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is planning on asking the Management Board to support the development of a federal FMP for shad and river herring

Striped Bass

- Handout: *MD Striped Bass Factsheet.pdf*
- Tom O'Connell will provide an update on MD poaching incidences

Blue Catfish

- Potential ASMFC statement addressing issues

Presentation (2:00pm)

Blue Crab CIE Review

- Presentation and Q&A session from Tom Miller and Derek Orner

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Oyster Metric Team Update

- Stephanie Westby will update the Executive Committee on the team's progress

Catfish Workgroup Proposal

- Handout: *Catfish Workgroup Paper v3.pdf*
- Discussion with Greg Garman on team's next steps:
 - Kill-on-capture will be difficult to implement/enforce and will not significantly reduce populations
 - Full eradication is not physically or monetarily feasible
- The team could scope out potential "control" approaches:
 - 1.) Public awareness campaign to educate and inform public
 - 2.) "Control" and "Surveillance" Pilot Project: (should include)
 - a. Develop a control pilot project for select (MD and VA) tribes
 - b. Create baseline GIS model of all potential blue catfish habitats across the bay
 - c. Design a targeted monitoring/surveillance and rapid response system to control spread

Proposed FEW Short-Term EBFM Activities for 2011-2012

- Handout: *EBFM Short Term Activity Issue Statements_MDSG.pdf*

June Full Fisheries GIT Meeting

- June 6-7th or 7-8th at PRFC - Colonial Beach, VA

Updates

Next Executive Committee Meeting

- Monday, April 18th from 1:00-3:00pm