

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting

Annotated Agenda for April 16th, 2012 from 12:00pm-2:00pm

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

Webinar: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/r4m8w9b6pb4/>

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/18195>

In Attendance: Peyton Robertson, Tom O'Connell, Jack Travelstead, Bob Beal, A.C. Carpenter, Nancy Butowski, Bruce Vogt, Andrew Turner, Karl Blankenship, Mark Mansfield, Angie Sowers, Adam Davis

Presentation

USACE Chesapeake Bay Native Oyster Restoration Master Plan (20 min; 15 min Q&A)

- **Handout:**
 - *OysterMP_FisheriesGIT_16April2012.pptx*
 - *CB_OysterMasterPlan_March2012_LOW-RES.pdf*
 - Angie Sowers (USACE-Baltimore) presented the US Army Corps of Engineers Native Oyster Restoration Master Plan. The master plan ensures that USACE-implemented oyster restoration is conducted in a logical, science-based, and cost-effective manner with the greatest potential for success in achieving the restoration goal. It presents a strategic plan for pursuing long-term, wide-scale restoration throughout the Bay that complements the States' oyster restoration programs as well as other Bay-wide restoration efforts and future uses of the Chesapeake Bay. The plan does not define explicit projects for specific locations; locations will be determined in future tributary plans. Past restoration events have been too small scale to have any ecosystem impacts, whereas future restoration will be on the order of 20-40% of historic habitat. Large-scale oyster restoration will only succeed with the cooperation of all agencies and organizations involved. Resources and skills must be leveraged to achieve the most from restoration dollars.
 - **Action Item:** GIT staff will send the Oyster Decision Framework to Angie Sowers to incorporate her revisions.
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Decisional

Future Development of a Formal CBSAC Structure, Operating Principals, and Yearly Timeline

- **Handout:** *SFGIT CBSAC Scoping Paper.pdf*
 - GIT staff, working with Lynn Fegley (CBSAC Chair) compiled a scoping paper for how to establish a more formal organizational structure for CBSAC that will result in an efficiently designed process for the 2013 blue crab fishing season.
 - The Executive Committee agreed they would benefit from a more tightly coupled report and management recommendations, but the question still remains as to how this can be accomplished.
 - **Action Item:** GIT staff will continue working with Lynn in order to develop a more complete process that will be responsive to the Executive Committee's needs.
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Chesapeake Bay Program Fisheries Indicators Updates

- **Handouts:**
 - *CBP Fisheries Indicators Update.pdf*
- The Executive Committee approved the changes submitted by GIT staff to CBP. Currently the American Shad indicator is on hold and a revision is necessary. Bob Beal offered to help develop a consistent messaging with ASMFC and CBP.

- **Action Item:** GIT staff will compile the current shad indicator and work with Bob Beal to develop a framework for consistent messaging across CBP and ASMFC.

June Full GIT Meeting Brainstorming

- **Handouts:**
 - *June 2012 - Full GIT Meeting - Agenda (v3).pdf*
 - *June, 2012 Full Fisheries GIT Meeting - Invite List.pdf*
- Proposed Ideas for Increased Participation
 - Science Presentation Updates
 - Oysters: disease resistance; shell availability; budget; aquaculture
 - Blue Crabs: recreational harvest accountability
 - Catfish: diet analysis study; health experts on consumption
 - Voting remotes for decisional agenda items will aid engagement
 - Day 2 – Land Use
 - Identify one or two at risk areas within the watershed
 - Discuss how decisions are made, the process for getting involved, and the differences between localities
- **Action Items:**
 - The Executive Committee should submit written comments on the agenda not captured above to Adam and Andrew **by 4/26**.
 - The Executive Committee should submit stakeholder recommendations to Adam and Andrew **by 4/26**.
 - GIT staff will make these additions to the agenda and work with our facilitators on options. The location will be locked down very shortly and food and beverage option will be finalized as well.

GIT 1/GIT 4 Collaboration Meeting

- **Handout:** *GIT 1 & GIT 4 Collaboration 3-27-12 (v2).pdf*
- On March 27th the Fisheries GIT and the Healthy Watersheds GIT chairs, vice chairs, coordinators, and staff met to discuss land use practices and how their effects impact fisheries and habitats.
- **Action Item:** GIT staff will set up a similar meeting with the Water Quality GIT to discuss land use impacts. Further meetings with the Healthy Watersheds GIT will also be organized.

Informational

Invasive Catfish Task Force

- **Handouts:** *Invasive Catfish Taskforce Charge (v3).pdf*
- The *Invasive Catfish Taskforce* membership has been notified of their work charge and GIT staff is currently organizing an initial meeting to discuss the charge and desired products with the taskforce.
- **Action Item:** Membership → Consider Derek Orner as a NOAA representative or add another NOAA invasive expert; add an FWS representative

Oyster Adaptive Management Framework Submitted

- **Handout:** *Oyster Decision Framework (v5).pdf*
- The above oyster adaptive management framework was submitted to the CBP.
- This framework will serve as a living document we can continually update, and will articulate

decisions made for oyster management as a means for transparency and adaptive management within the Chesapeake Bay Program.

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

- May 21st, 2012 from 1:00-3:00pm

Executive Committee Meeting Schedule

- June 11th-12th (Full GIT)
- July 16th
- August 20th
- September 17th
- ***October – Need date***
- ***November – Need date***
- December 3rd-4th (Full GIT)