

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting

Agenda for July 22, 2013 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Call-In: 866-917-0618; Pass Code: 1613714

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/19245/>

➤ Welcome to the Fisheries GIT (1:00-1:05)

- New Ex Comm member Martin Gary (PRFC Executive Secretary)

➤ Membership (1:05-1:15)

- Handout: *Fisheries GIT Membership 7-12-13*
- Discussion of current members and commitment
 - Recent additions: Martin Gary (PRFC); Susan Conner (USACE); Melanie Frisch (DOD)
- Decisional: Additional members for the SFGIT?
 - MD and VA Sea Grant folks?
 - Jim Price – Chesapeake Bay Ecological Foundation

➤ June Full GIT Meeting (1:15-1:30)

- Handouts: *June 2013 Meeting Summary final*
- Discussion of outcomes and identified next steps from the meeting
 - Are we focused on the right things?
 - Staff will update the GIT work plan for the next Ex Comm meeting

➤ Review of Chesapeake Bay New Agreement (1:30-2:00)

- Handouts: *Abridged New Agreement, CBP discussion notes, Stakeholder Comments & draft language, SFGIT Stakeholder Involvement*
- Review of the New Agreement structure and goals/outcomes
- Timeline
 - Need GIT and stakeholder input on goals/outcomes by mid-late August
 - Full draft of Agreement mid-September
 - Stakeholder review periods: Jul 10-Aug 15 (abridged draft) and late Sept-late Oct (full draft)
 - Final Agreement signed in December

➤ Discussion of Fisheries Outcomes (2:00-3:00) → Full GIT + Stakeholders

- Handouts: *Abridged New Agreement, CBP discussion notes, Stakeholder Comments & draft language, SFGIT Stakeholder Involvement*
- Discussion: stakeholder comments on additional fisheries outcomes
 - **Blue Crab** - future management (allocation, etc.)
 - **Oysters** – agreement on tributaries
 - **Forage fish** – concern that the New Agreement should address more than just blue crabs and oysters
 - **Habitat** – Do the outcomes under the Habitat goal support fisheries? Is there a way to incorporate land use planning (impervious surface, etc.) into a habitat outcome under fisheries or somewhere else in the Agreement?

- Decisional:
 - Does the SFGIT recommend adding any of the above outcomes in the New Agreement?
 - Who should the GIT reach out to directly for stakeholder input?
 - Advisory commissions?

Informational

➤ **Navy Telemetry Letter**

- Handout: *DRAFT Navy Telemetry Letter*
- Letter to the Navy expressing GIT support for their telemetry arrays and the opportunity for long-term monitoring of migratory fish species

➤ **Public Service Announcement explaining the Chesapeake Bay Program (1:25-1:40)**

- Handout: *PSA CBP info*
- The Chesapeake Bay Program is developing a 2-3 minute PSA video as a public outreach tool about the Bay program and Bay restoration. Each GIT will be featured in the video by having a representative read a short mission statement to be filmed at a field location.
 - **DRAFT STATEMENT:** ***"We're studying the Bay's complex underwater ecosystems -- using science and technology to help create a sustainable future for the Bay's fish and fishermen."***
- You will be updated as the content develops – the handout has some preliminary ideas for filming locations
- Ask: Are there any communications folks that should be informed?

➤ **Land Use and the Fisheries GIT**

- Currently developing a summary of potential land use impacts on fisheries and potential SFGIT involvement in land use decisions
- Collaboration with MD DNR

➤ **Confirm upcoming meeting dates**

Upcoming Meeting Schedule (1-3 pm)

August 19th

September 23rd

October 21st

November 18th

December (Full GIT Meeting) – Need Date