

SFGIT and Stakeholder Involvement in the New Agreement Drafting Process

July 16, 2013

January-May 2013

- The GIT Executive Committee discussed, revised, and updated the fisheries goal and associated outcomes with continued input from the CBP Management Board.

June 2013

- The full GIT was briefed on the New Agreement and discussed the fisheries goal and outcomes. They discussed options for new outcomes in addition to the existing blue crab and oyster outcomes.
- Staff polled the full GIT and meeting attendees to determine which outcome options had the most support.
- The GIT chair brought two outcomes supported by a majority of the full GIT to the Management Board and Principals' Staff Committee to be further discussed and considered for inclusion in the New Agreement.

July 2013

- The first stakeholder comment period runs from **July 10th – August 15th** for review of an abridged version of the New Agreement.
- Various stakeholders including CBC, EDF, CBF, and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay gave comments specifically for fisheries outcomes. Comments included a request for a new blue crab management outcome, a specific tributary oyster outcome, and new outcomes for forage fish and habitat.
- July 22 Ex Comm Meeting - the Executive Committee and the full GIT will address questions and comments on the fisheries outcomes from the Principals' Staff Committee, Management Board, and stakeholders
- In addition to input from the full GIT, the **Executive Committee will identify additional key stakeholders to contact for their input on the fisheries outcomes.**

August 2013

- **All GIT and stakeholder input on the abridged draft must be received by August 15th.**
- The **SFGIT will prepare recommendations** on how to proceed with the fisheries outcomes based on stakeholder input, Executive Committee discussion, and input from the full GIT.

September-October 2013

- **A full draft of the New Agreement will be available for public comment from September 23rd – October 23rd** (approximately).
- It is essential again for the **Executive Committee to reach out to the full GIT and other key stakeholders within their jurisdiction to provide comments on the full draft.**
- All stakeholder comments related to the fisheries outcomes can be compiled to ensure that the Management Board is able to process these comments and address the fisheries section of the New Agreement thoroughly.