

STAR's American Shad Indicator Action Team (ASIAT)

Logistics:

Time: Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Call in: Conference Bridge: 866-299-3188, Code: 267-985-6222 (DC Line #2)

Adobe Connect: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/americanshad2/> (enter as guest)

Annapolis CBP On-site Location: Conference Room 303

Meeting Materials: available at <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/20859/>

Agenda:

Welcome/Introductions (5 mins) – Eric Brittle and Jim Cummins

Revised Population Metrics in Virginia: Changes, Additions and Re-weighting (60 mins) – Eric Brittle, All

- Eric Brittle and Joe Cimino will present the work of the VA Team and seek input from the ASIAT.
- VA team members are Eric Brittle, Eric Hilton, Brian Watkins, Mike Odom, Alan Weaver, Mike Isel and Joe Cimino. Eric B., Eric H., Alan, Mike I. and Joe met on Aug 1st to discuss adding adult monitoring gillnet data from the lower James River and adult monitoring data from the Rappahannock River; using historical commercial catch data to set the targets for each of the additional metrics; and re-weighting each portion of the tributaries to better represent the populations returning to each of the rivers.

Mock-ups of New Maps for the Indicator Webpage (30 mins) – John Wolf, Howard Weinberg, All

- John and Howard will present mock-ups of the new maps and seek input from the ASIAT in order to make refinements prior to posting to the American shad abundance indicator webpage. Refer to [dynamic map concept slides](#) and [mock-up of static map](#).
- Discuss additional information needed from ASIAT members in order to finalize the maps.

Finalizing the Revised Indicator (20 mins) – All

- Discuss status of web-link provision from MD, VA, Potomac.
- Discuss best ways to portray the revised indicator information on the webpage (http://www.chesapeakebay.net/indicators/indicator/american_shad_abundance).
- Discuss best ways to communicate the changes to the shad abundance indicator to the Fisheries Goal Implementation Team, the Scientific, Technical Assessment and Reporting Team, and the Management Board.
- Discuss Timeline for finalizing the revised indicator including:
 - Provide update to the Fisheries GIT Executive Committee and the STAR in September (to get their feedback for moving forward with plans to finalize the revised shad abundance indicator, including the links to the supplemental information).
 - Request Fisheries GIT and STAR acceptance of the revised indicator in October.
 - Anticipating Fisheries GIT and STAR approval, recommendation of revised indicator to the MB for approval in November.
 - Anticipating MB approval, post revised indicator in December

Summarize Action Items (5 mins) – Nita Sylvester