

**Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee
Meeting Agenda**

March 24, 2014 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Call-In: 877-921-8911; Pass Code: 7762916

Webinar: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/642408831>

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/21532/>

Decisional

- **Update on Oyster Population Assessment and Additional Funding – Roger Mann (VIMS) (1:00-1:40)**
 - *Presentation 20 min; Discussion 20 min*
 - Handout: *Science_Presentation_GITMarch24_Mann;Oyster stock assessment Terms of Reference_2012*
 - Roger Mann will present the results from his Oyster Population Assessment and additional analyses needs. He will review the terms of reference developed for this work and explain which objectives have been achieved.
 - Discussion: Ex Comm feedback on results and continuation of this work.

- **Freshwater Fish Outcome Discussion (1:40-1:55)**
 - Handout: *Draft_Watershed_Agreement_1-28-14*
 - There has been some discussion at the Bay Program about adding a freshwater fish outcome and/or addressing freshwater fish species in the future. Currently, the Fisheries GIT's focus is tidal waters species and the Habitat GIT's focus includes freshwater habitat and brook trout specifically.
 - Discussion: Where in the New Agreement and/or Bay Program should a freshwater fish outcome go? How could the Fisheries GIT support this outcome or focus area of the Bay Program?

- **CBSAC Charter and 2014 Preliminary Recommendations (1:55-2:20)**
 - Handout: *CBSAC Draft Charter_March21st_Edits*
 - Andrew Turner will present the next draft of the CBSAC charter incorporating jurisdictions' comments.
 - The Ex Comm will discuss the utility of the 2013 preliminary recommendation put forth by CBSAC in April 2013 and endorsed by the Ex Comm in advance of the 2013 Blue Crab Advisory Report.
 - Decision: Does the Ex Comm endorse this draft of the charter? Should CBSAC and the Ex Comm put forward a 2014 preliminary recommendation in April to prelude the Blue Crab Advisory Report?

- **June Meeting (2:20-2:40)**
 - Handout: *June 2014 agenda brainstorm*
 - Staff will present initial ideas for the June meeting for discussion by the Ex Comm.
 - Wednesday-Thursday, June 18-19th at VIMS
 - Discussion: What topics would the Ex Comm like to discuss at the June meeting? Confirm meeting dates.

➤ **March Newsletter (2:40-2:45)**

- Handout: *March 2014 FishGIT newsletter draft*
- Staff will present draft March newsletter that will go out to the full Fisheries GIT on Friday, March 28th.
- Decision: Ex Comm has until COB Thursday, March 27th to provide comments.

➤ **Ex Comm Updates**

- Executive Committee members' updates and discussion of management issues.
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➤ **Chesapeake Bay Program Updates**

- Handout: *STAC_March FishGIT update*
- New Agreement:
 - The public comment period closed on March 17th. The Management Board, Principals' Staff Committee, and CBP leadership will be discussing these comments at upcoming meetings. The Fisheries GIT may be asked for their input on fisheries-related comments.
 - The Executive Council meeting and final Agreement signing is planned for June.
- Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC):
 - Peyton attended the STAC meeting on March 18th to update STAC members on the activities of the Fisheries GIT and opportunities for support and collaboration with STAC. Other GIT Chairs were also in attendance.
 - STAC and the GIT Chairs plan to continue more regular interaction with each other to foster better communication and collaboration.
 - The Invasive Catfish Task Force has formally submitted their final report to STAC for review. STAC members Mike Ford (NOAA) and Donna Bilkovic (VIMS) will be leading the review. Bruce is developing specific questions for the STAC reviewers' consideration.
 - STAC approved the Fisheries GIT's forage workshop proposal for full funding. The workshop will be co-chaired by Tom Ihde (STAC/NCBO) and Ed Houde (CBL).

➤ **Confirm upcoming meeting dates**

(Mondays 1:00-3:00 pm)

April 21, 2014

May 19, 2014

June 18th-19th (full GIT)