**Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee**

**Meeting Agenda**

April 23, 2018 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Call-In (877) 921-8911; Passcode: 7762916

Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5212470556860325377>

Materials: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/april_2018_sfgit_executive_committee_conference_call>

* **STAC Fish Habitat Workshop (April 25-26)**
  + Gina will review workshop objectives and expected outcomes.
* **Follow-up on Roger Mann’s oyster shell study**
  + Can large scale restoration be sustainable?
    - Can reseeding rates be predicted?
    - Do we have enough data to characterize metapopulation bottlenecks?
    - Can restoration sites be large enough to reseed themselves?
* Decision: Ask Roger to develop a shell budget for each oyster restoration tributary.
* **June 2018 Joint Fish and Habitat GIT meeting**
  + Potential agenda items:
    - **Science and Data Tools**
      * STAC Fish Habitat Workshop debrief - recommendations and next steps (Gina Hunt)
      * Shoreline threshold project leads discuss planned approach
      * SAV tech synthesis and fishery management opportunities
    - **Planning and Policy Tools**
      * USACE Comprehensive Plan – overview and Chesapeake applications (Amy Guise, Angie Sowers)
  + Currently we have a hold on the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum and Smithsonian Environmental Research Center for June 19-20.
* **Continually Improving the Fish GIT (see questions on next page)**
  + Where does the Fish GIT add the greatest value?
  + What should we work to improve?
* **Ex Comm Updates** 
  + Executive Committee members’ updates and discussion of management issues.

**Informational**

* **Marine Stewardship Council reviews for striped bass, oysters, summer flounder, scup.**
* **We have a new Chesapeake Bay Commission member-Adrienne Kotula**
* **Blue Crab workplan is being revised**
* **Forage Action Team updates**
* **Confirm upcoming Ex Comm meeting dates**

Monday, May 21, 2018 – 1pm-3pm – Conference Call

June 19-20, 2018 – Proposed joint meeting with Habitat GIT

**Questionnaire for Improving the Fish GIT**

As part of the Chesapeake Bay Program, we are responsible for completing outcomes related to the Sustainable Fisheries Goal, as stated in the 2014 Watershed Agreement. We see our role in providing the following:

* coordinating cross-jurisdiction issues and providing the latest science to managers (for example with the invasive catfish symposium and cownose ray workshop)
* bringing together other managers outside of fisheries to work towards holistic, ecosystem based management (such as with the STAC Forage and Fish Habitat Workshops)
* hosting a forum to connect managers from state and federal agencies, as well as ASMFC and MAFMC

We also want to make sure we are meeting your needs in coordinating fishery management across the Bay. Please answer the following so that we can ensure the Fish GIT is meeting its full potential.

1. What is your vision for the Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team (Fish GIT)? What do you see as the highest value of the Fish GIT?
2. In addition to our outcomes (oyster, forage, fish habitat and blue crab) under the Bay Agreement, are there other issues or priorities the Fish GIT should work on? If so, please list them.
3. In order to ensure our monthly conference calls are productive and useful, would you like to suggest discussion topics ahead of time?
4. Would closing Ex Comm meetings to all but Excomm members and invited guests as appropriate allow for more open discussion?