

Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team

Biannual Full GIT Meeting

December 2-3rd, 2014Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Schmidt Building
Edgewater, MDMeeting Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/22157/>

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

Day 1 Webinar: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/380600879>Day 2 Webinar: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/433441359>

The Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team (Fisheries GIT) continues to provide a forum for connecting science and policy across jurisdictions and the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. The diverse team meets bi-annually in June and December of each year.

The December 2014 full GIT meeting will focus on the fisheries outcomes of the new Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement that set specific targets through the year 2025. Day 1 will focus on the forage and fish habitat outcomes, including a summary of the recent STAC Forage Workshop and discussion on characterizing and prioritizing fish habitat. We will also hear from Fisheries GIT members on fisheries updates from their organizations/agencies. Day 2 will feature updates on oyster restoration and monitoring in Virginia and Maryland as well as an update from CBSAC on the next blue crab stock assessment. Day 2 will also include an update on invasive catfish diet studies and the latest from the Invasive Catfish Task Force.

Tuesday, December 2nd

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| 10:00 am | Welcome and Overview of Day 1 – Peyton Robertson (NOAA, Fisheries GIT Chair) and Tuck Hines (SERC)
<i>Introductions</i> |
| 10:30 am | STAC Forage Workshop Outcomes and Summary – Tom Ihde (ERT/NOAA)
Presentation-20 min; Discussion-20 min
Objectives: Present the outcomes and summary of the November 2014 STAC Forage Workshop and the plans for the post-workshop products. |
| 11:10 am | Fish Habitat Action Team Progress – Jennifer Greiner (USFWS, Habitat GIT)
Presentation: 20-min; Discussion-15 min
Objectives: Discuss the vision and progress for the fish habitat management strategy and present examples of existing resources that could contribute to the strategy development and fish habitat characterization. |
| 11:45 am | Management Strategy Overview – Bruce Vogt (NOAA) and Emilie Franke (CRC)
Presentation: 15-min; Discussion-15 min
Objectives: Outline the key elements of the management strategies. Discuss the current status of the fisheries management strategies and plans for the afternoon work session. Update on EPA funding provided to the GITs this year from the Chesapeake Bay Program to support projects related to management strategies. |

12:15 pm	Lunch (provided)
12:45 pm	SERC Tour of Mathias Lab
1:30 pm	<p>Management Strategy Work Sessions in SERC Mathias Lab</p> <p>1 hour session in main group; 15 min review of other group</p> <p>Objectives: Work in small groups to provide input on specific aspects of either the fish habitat or forage management strategies including strategy objectives, factors influencing work toward these outcomes, etc. For the last 15 min, members will switch rooms to review and comment on the other outcome group. Breakout rooms in the Mathias Lab.</p>
2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm	<p>Summary and Full Group Discussion</p> <p>Objectives: Provide a summary of the major discussion points from the small-group work sessions on the forage and fish habitat strategies. Discuss any other issues and the next steps for each strategy and identify collaboration opportunities with other CBP GITs and workgroups.</p>
4:00 pm	<p>Fisheries GIT Member Updates</p> <p>Objective: Discuss current fisheries efforts and updates from GIT members and their organizations. This is an opportunity for Fisheries GIT members to discuss relevant work in the Bay that is not covered on this agenda.</p>
5:15 pm	Public Comment Period
5:30 pm	Day 1 Recap and Recess
6:00 pm	<p>Dinner at Killarney House (6 miles from SERC) 584 W Central Ave Davidsonville, MD 21035</p> <p>Overnight Accommodations Hampton Inn & Suites Annapolis 124 Womack Dr, Annapolis, MD 21401</p>

Wednesday, December 3rd

- 9:00 am** **Day 2 Overview** – Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair
- 9:10 am** **MD Oyster Update** – Stephanie Westby (NOAA) and Lynn Fegley/Mike Naylor (MD DNR)
Presentations 30 min; Discussion 25 min
Objective: Discuss the recent progress and next steps for oyster restoration in Maryland tributaries and how the annual Maryland oyster survey provides insight into planning for restoration.
- 10:05 am** **VA Oyster Update** – Susan Conner (USACE) and Jim Wesson (VMRC)
Presentations 30 min; Discussion 25 min
Objective: Discuss the recent progress and next steps for oyster restoration in Virginia tributaries. Present long-term data on shell budget changes over time and how this should be considered when planning restoration efforts.
- 11:00 am** **Oyster Restoration Management Strategy**
Discussion 20 min
Objective: Overview and discussion of the draft oyster management strategy outline being developed by the oyster strategy team.
- 11:20 am** **Break**
- 11:30 am** **CBSAC Updates** – Joe Grist (VMRC, CBSAC Chair)
Presentation-20 min; Discussion 20 min
Objective: Update on current CBSAC priorities including developing Terms of Reference and timeline for the next blue crab benchmark stock assessment.
- 12:10 pm** **Blue Crab Management Strategy**
Discussion-20 min
Objective: Overview and discussion of the draft blue crab management strategy outline being developed by the blue crab strategy team.
- 12:30 pm** **Lunch (provided)**
- 1:15 pm** **Watermen Panel (TBD)** – Facilitator: Andrew Turner (ERT/NOAA)
Panel – 1 hour
2-3 blue catfish trappers, pound netters, fyke netters, and hoop netters will discuss current catfish fishery/market conditions, historical perspective, and their perspective on blue catfish impacts in the Bay relative to landings of other species.
- 2:00 pm** **Invasive Catfish Diet Study Updates** – Matt Ogburn (SERC) and Don Orth (VA Tech)
Presentation-25 min; Discussion 20 min
Objective: Updates on the latest results from blue catfish diet studies in both Maryland and Virginia.

- 2:45 pm** **Invasive Catfish Task Force Report** – Bruce Vogt (NOAA)
Presentation-15 min; Discussion 15 min
Objective: Discuss the comments received from the STAC peer review of the Task Force final report and the Task Force’s plans to address these comments and move forward.
- 3:15 pm** **Public Comment Period**
- 3:30 pm** **Day 2 Recap; Next Steps**
- 3:45 pm** **Adjourn**
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