**Fish Habitat Action Team agenda**

May 28, 2020 1:00-3:00 pm

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**Introductions (1:00-1:05)**

**Chesapeake Bay Fish Habitat Assessment**

**Tidal Update from A.K. Leight (NOAA) (1:05-1:40)**

* A.K. Leight will share the tidal waters analytical framework for Chesapeake Bay assessment, Action 2.3 in [Logic & Action Plan](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/22036/2020-21_fish_habitat_logic_and_action_plan_01152020_final_(clean).pdf), for feedback and discussion
  + Focus on technical feedback on approach
  + See Discussion Questions from A.K.
    - What are your initial thoughts about the analytical framework?
    - Are there "must have” habitat variables that are missing?
    - Do you have suggestions on how to best include water quality?
    - Do you have suggestions on conducting the July workshop with experts given Covid-19?

**Non-Tidal Update from Steve Faulkner (USGS) (1:40-2:00)**

* Steve Faulkner will share an update on the non-tidal waters framework, Action 2.2

**Other Updates from Gina Hunt (2:00-2:15)**

* Metadata inventory complete in June, [Action 2.5](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/22036/2020-21_fish_habitat_logic_and_action_plan_01152020_final_(clean).pdf)
  + Discuss next steps for use of report and recommendations
* Stakeholder Feedback report, [Action 4.1](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/22036/2020-21_fish_habitat_logic_and_action_plan_01152020_final_(clean).pdf)
  + Stakeholders interviewed have reviewed the report

**Fish Habitat and Forage Projects / Complementary Efforts (2:15-2:25)**

* Multiple ongoing projects around themes of fish habitat suitability and utilization
* Discuss use of results, and areas to build from
  + Focus of a future cross-workgroup meeting with the Forage Action Team and/or the delayed summer Fisheries GIT meeting
* Common areas of interest in indicators relating forage fish abundance to water column habitat conditions (temperature, DO)

**GIT Funding FY2020 Update (2:25-2:45)**

* 2020 GIT-funding project proposals due June 15
* Projects of interest to this group include:
  + Developing a suite of forage indicators, relating forage abundance for Bay anchovy and benthic species to habitat and water quality
    - Builds on previous work establishing relationships between forage relative abundance and spring warming water temperature
  + Marsh migration barriers under sea level rise, synthesis of existing efforts to develop and pilot a tool for decision making at local level

**Member Updates (2:45-3:00)**