

**Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee
Meeting Agenda**

July 18th, 2016 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2944087894183650050>

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/24111/>

Decisional

➤ **Blue Crab Management Topics (1:00-1:45pm)**

- Handouts: *William Rice's letter, PRFC letter, blue crab 2016-17 workplan, blue crab activities*
- Discussion of letters sent to the Sustainable Fisheries GIT on two blue crab topics:
 - 1. Recommendation of a uniform minimum size limit for male blue crabs at 5.25 inches carapace width (PRFC and William Rice, Sr.).
 - 2. Preference not to pursue a jurisdictional based allocation system at this time (PRFC).
- Discussion:
 - What is the Ex Comm's response to the recommendation for a uniform size limit of 5.25 inches for male blue crabs? Is this something the jurisdictions would consider? Follow-up actions?
 - In addition to PRFC's comments, what is the current thinking in the other jurisdictions on the evaluation of an allocation-based management framework? Does this impact moving forward with the actions outlined in the 2016-17 workplan?

➤ **Shad and River Herring (1:45-2:05pm)**

- Handout: *Shad and river herring position statement*
- Bill Goldsborough will provide background information on the shad and river herring ocean bycatch issue and share a position statement drafted on behalf of the Fisheries GIT.
- Discussion:
 - Does the Ex Comm endorse the position statement for the Fisheries GIT on this issue?

➤ **Takeaways from June Full Sustainable Fisheries GIT Meeting (2:05-2:25pm)**

- Handout: *June 2016 Takeaways*
- Review action items from the June 2016 meeting. Discuss how the GIT will act on items and determine the next steps.
- Discussion:
 - What actions does the Ex Comm and GIT/workgroups need to pursue in the near-term?

➤ **GIT Funding (2:25-2:40pm)**

- Handout: *Ex Comm ranking, SERC study update, Sustainable Fisheries GIT Funding Proposals*
- Discuss the process by which we solicited GIT funded project ideas and selected our top three priorities. Determine expectations for the top three selected ideas. Inform Ex Comm of the next steps in the GIT funding process. Remind Ex Comm of previously funded projects through CBP-CBT.

- Discussion:
 - What are the priorities for the Fisheries GIT for CBP funding for this year?
- **Updates, Membership and Logistical Items (2:40-3:00pm)**
 - **Cownose Rays**
 - Discuss the recent media attention on cownose ray tournaments and continued high profile coverage of the issue in the summer months.
 - Discussion:
 - Does the Fish GIT need to consider additional discussions or actions?
 - Is there potential to have a discussion at ASMFC about cownose rays given their migratory nature?
 - This was initially discussed on the [January 2016 Ex Comm call](#).
 - **Federal Catfish Regulations**
 - Updates from jurisdictions on the status of the new regulations for catfish inspection.
 - Discussion: Need further discussion on August Ex Comm call?
 - **Sustainable Fisheries Membership Change Request**
 - Thomas Murray (VIMS) is retiring, has requested Bob Fisher, commercial fisheries specialist at VIMS, become a GIT member as his replacement.
 - Discussion:
 - Does the Ex Comm approve of this membership change?
 - **August Ex Comm Call**
 - Handout: *2016 calendar*
 - Confirm August Ex Comm Call date – August 15th
 - Propose September Ex Comm Call date – September 26th
 - **Ex Comm Updates**
 - Executive Committee members' updates and discussion of management issues.

Informational

- **Confirm upcoming Ex Comm meeting dates**

Monday, August 15th 1:00-3:00pm
Monday, September 26th 1:00-3:00pm
- **Diversity Questionnaire**

Brief (<2 minutes) diversity questionnaire to establish a baseline demographic profile of individuals engaged on a regular basis in the Chesapeake Bay Program organization
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WHBSG9L>
- **Fall Oyster Discussion**

TBD in October

Based on discussion on the [March Ex Comm call](#), Ex Comm discussion to share information on how oysters are managed in each jurisdiction and to identify common efforts/challenges among the jurisdictions. Amy Freitag (NCBO/VASG) will help organize the meeting.

Action from March: An Oyster Work Session was suggested for the Ex Comm. This session would focus exclusively on jurisdictional oyster management. Jurisdictions would share how they manage the oyster resource. The Oyster Summit report and materials could be used to help guide the discussion. The SFGIT set this as a future action to revisit in the late summer and more clearly define the objectives for an Oyster Work Session at that time.

➤ **Fish Consumption Advisory Committee Conference Call**

Hosted by the Toxic Contaminants and Diversity Workgroups

July 19th, 2016, 11:00am – 12:00pm

<http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/24155/>

Call In: (866) 299-3188

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