

Member Updates

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Biannual Meeting

June 19, 2017

Critical habitat designation webinar on July 24th from 1pm to 2pm by Julie Crocker (NOAA)

- July 18th – final publication date
- Fisheries GIT members can send questions in advance

Proposed Joint Meeting with Habitat GIT (Nov/Dec)

- Focus on shoreline modification
- Fish passage (innovative culvert design)
- Working with Department of Transportation
- Fish habitat benefits/consequences of stream restoration
- Fisheries GIT members can provide agenda topics of interest

Maryland DNR

- Legislation on cownose ray, creating a fisheries management plan
- Blue catfish USDA legislation. Educational meetings:
 - o June 27 in Richmond, VA (9am-3pm)
 - o July 20 – Linthicum Heights, MD (9am-3pm)

Potomac River Fisheries Commission

- Blue catfish USDA legislation is a concern to processors and harvesters
 - o Increased costs expected
- Oyster Panel will convene in mid-August; discuss leasing for oysters

ASMFC

- Stock assessment results for menhaden, Atlantic sturgeon, river herring

Chesapeake Bay Commission

- May 2017 CBC meeting: Discussed how potential budget would impact Chesapeake Bay efforts
- Presented a top 10 list of recommendations to members of congress
 - o Some members have reached out to have a briefing (Tentative - June 28th)
 - o Ann can send top 10 list