

Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team

Semiannual Full GIT Meeting

June 2nd-3rd 2016

Day One: VCU Life Sciences Building, Richmond, Virginia

Day Two: [VCU Rice Rivers Center](#), Charles City, VA

Call-In: 866-985-7304; Pass Code: 6899520

Meeting Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/23909/>

Day 1 Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1157815804568710147>

Day 2 Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2444893120927023875>

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 biannually in June and December.

This June 2016 meeting is focused primarily on the recently published 2016-2017 Sustainable Fisheries Workplans supporting the [2014 Watershed Agreement](#). Agenda topics focused on the blue crab, forage and fish habitat outcomes will highlight science supporting these workplans to inform next steps moving forward. This meeting also includes an overview of the 2016 Blue Crab Advisory Report and discussion on current activity around Atlantic sturgeon and invasive catfish in the Bay.

Day One of the meeting will be held at the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Eugene P. and Lois E. Trani Center for Life Sciences Building in Richmond, VA. Day Two of the meeting will be held at the VCU Rice Rivers Center in Charles City, VA.

Thursday, June 2nd

10:00 am Welcome and Overview of Day 1

Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair (NCBO)

Introduction to the meeting structure and objectives, including a review of recent GIT activity.

10:30 am Workplan Discussion

Bruce Vogt (NCBO)

Explanation of Chesapeake Bay Program workplan process with a focus on the current status of actions within each workplan and how it relates to this meeting agenda.

Forage

11:00 am Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC) Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM): Intersections with Sustainable Fisheries GIT

Presenter: Rich Seagraves (MAFMC), Facilitator: Rob O'Reilly (VMRC)

Presentation: 30 min; Discussion: 30 min

Objectives: Provide an overview of the Council's efforts, lessons learned, and next steps in addressing EAFM. Draw potential connections to the Fisheries GIT's forage

and fish habitat workplans. Questions and discussion will be addressed throughout the presentation.

12:00 pm LUNCH

1:15 pm Forage Workplan: Moving Forward (Discussion)

Discussion highlighting specific workplan actions and progress towards scientific, communications, and management goals.

Fish Habitat

1:45 pm Effects of Land Use on Aquatic Health in the Chesapeake Bay

Presenter: AK Leight (NOAA), Facilitator: Marty Gary (PRFC)

Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min

Objectives: Evaluate implications of land use analyses in fisheries management applications and the translatability of this research to other tributaries.

2:25 pm BREAK

2:40 pm NFHP Fish Habitat Assessment

Presenters: Dana Infante and Wes Daniel (Michigan State University), Facilitator: Bob Beal (ASMFC)

Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min

Objectives: Deliver results on Chesapeake Bay fish habitat vulnerability based on the study finding and assess how this assessment can influence management strategies in the Chesapeake Bay.

3:20 pm Discussion Moving Forward on Fish Habitat

3:50 pm Fisheries GIT Member Updates

Objective: Goal Team members will have the opportunity to share brief updates on current projects, efforts and recent accomplishments corresponding to the Fisheries GIT. If time permits, a discussion can follow these updates to relate these contributions to the bigger vision of the Fisheries GIT.

5:00 pm Adjourn

6:00 pm Dinner

Friday, June 3rd

9:00 am Day 2 Overview and Rice Rivers Center Introduction

Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair and Greg Garman (VCU)

9:20 am Status of the Invasive Catfish Fishery

Presenter: Matt Balazik (VCU), Rob O'Reilly (VMRC), Marty Gary (PRFC), Dave Blazer (MD DNR), Bob Greenlee (DGIF) Facilitator: Marty Gary

Presentation: 25 min; Discussion: 15 min

Objectives: Review Virginia, Maryland, and Potomac River catfish landing information, electrofishing research and the current observed distribution of invasive catfish.

10:00 am Sturgeon Update

Presenter: Jason Kahn (NOAA), Facilitator: Peyton Robertson (NCBO)

Presentation: 15 min; Discussion: 15 min

Objective: Provide a synopsis of the May 2016 sturgeon meeting, which included technical research on sturgeon mapping, spawning behavior and life history research.

10:30 am Tours of the Rice Rivers Center

Fisheries Team members will tour the Rice Rivers Center and discover VCU's contributions to the study of wetland restoration, environmental technology, and water quality.

Blue Crabs

11:15 am The Effect of Climate Change on Blue Crabs

Presenter: Tom Miller (UMCES-CBL), Facilitator: Dave Blazer (MD DNR)

Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min

Objective: Learn about the study that is being initiated by UMCES to evaluate the effects of climate change on blue crabs

11:55 am 2016 Blue Crab Advisory Report

Presenter: Glenn Davis (MD DNR), Facilitator: Dave Blazer (MD DNR)

Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min

Objective: Review the results of the Winter Dredge Survey, blue crab population status, and CBSAC's recommendations.

12:35 pm LUNCH/Meeting Recap

1:45 pm Adjourn
