



Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES

February 22, 2020 1:00 -2:00pm

➤ Attendance:

- Sean Corson (Chair, NOAA), Marty Gary (Vice Chair, PRFC), Bruce Vogt (NOAA), Mandy Bromilow (NOAA), Pat Geer (VMRC), Lynn Fegley (MDNR), Keith Lockwood (USACE), Alicia LoGalbo (USACE), Bryan King (DOEE), Bob Beal (ASMFC), Mike Bednarski (VDWR), Justin Shapiro (CRC/NOAA)

➤ Introduction (Sean Corson & Marty Gary: 5 min)

- Article of interest: [A ubiquitous tire rubber-derived chemical induces acute mortality in coho salmon](#)
- Group input:
 - Marty Gary - Curious if there would be interest in inviting authors to present these findings to the ExComm?

➤ CBSAC Chair Nomination Approval (Mandy Bromilow: 5 min)

- Nomination letter has been sent to ExComm Members
- Vote:
 - Unanimous approval of the nomination. Pat Geer (VMRC) will chair the CBSAC

➤ Fish GIT Meeting Debrief (Sean Corson: 10 min)

- Highlight [GIT summary report](#)
- Group input:
 - Pat Geer - Thought the meeting structure and theme worked well. Generally positive feedback for the team.

➤ Incorporating DEIJ into the Fish GIT (Sean Corson: 20 min)

- Discuss [PSC](#) Action Statement and DEIJ Action Team
 - Sean defined some of the important terms, under the statements written by the Bay Program.
- Examples of operationalized DEIJ from NCBO/Fish GIT

- Step one has been baseline education on terms/definitions. Defining DEIJ as a group is very important. NCBO has been holding educational sessions on these topics
- Relevant steps taken that overlap fisheries work with DEIJ principles - Revised language in NOFO to attract diverse applicants, steps taken to engage with the recreational fishing sector (work with CCA/CBF on Cambridge fishing pier), providing opportunities through internships
- Thoughts or ideas from members:
 - Pat Geer - Agrees about the importance of fishing advisories in multiple languages (In VA this also includes an engaged Vietnamese population). Also notes that CARES act highlighted the importance of DEIJ and access to resources.
 - Lynn Fegley - MDNR working on fisheries engagement plans. Extremely focused on urban areas (which are underrepresented with regards to licensing). Mentions in regards to work with CCA, that incorporating education on the importance of fishing licenses could be a direction to go
 - Marty Gary - Fisheries management organizations should be making an effort to diversify their advisory committees. An important way to bring voices to the table (Bryan King concurs with this idea)
 - Mike Bednarski - These DEIJ conversations have taken off in VDWR. Talking about recreational fishing, VDWR have an extensive urban fishing program. They are working on a quantitative approach to how constituencies utilize resources. They are presenting at the upcoming AFS meeting, and will send around an abstract to this body.