

Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team

Semiannual Full GIT Meeting
June 1-2nd, 2015
CBF Brock Environmental Center
3663 Marlin Bay Drive
Virginia Beach, Va. 23455



Meeting Materials:

Call-In: 866-917-0618; Pass Code: 1613714

Day 1 Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6929404119271923457>

Day 2 Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3846048059546233345>

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 semiannually in June and December.

Day 1 of this June 2015 meeting will include discussion on climate change, striped bass telemetry, and research projects on striped bass health and forage indicators funded by the Chesapeake Bay Program via the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Day 2 will begin with research results on fish and nearshore habitat followed by a focus on blue crabs, including a report from CBSAC on the 2015 Blue Crab Advisory Report and plans for the upcoming blue crab benchmark stock assessment.

Monday, June 1st

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| 9:30 am | Local Stakeholder Meet ‘n’ Greet – All
Fisheries GIT Executive Committee and GIT members meet and discuss the work of the Fisheries GIT and shared priorities with local stakeholder groups. |
| 10:30 am | Welcome and Overview of Day 1 – Peyton Robertson (Fisheries GIT Chair, NOAA)
Introductions, review recent activity of the GIT and the objectives for this two-day meeting. |
| 11:00 am | Watershed Agreement Management Strategies – Peyton Robertson (Fisheries GIT Chair, NOAA) and Fisheries GIT Staff
Objective: Review the development of the four fisheries management strategies for the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. Discuss the public input received on the drafts and the next step of developing work plans. Update on future EPA Chesapeake Bay Program funding to support the Goal Implementation Teams (GITs). |
| 11:40 am | Lynnhaven Restoration Evaluation – David Schulte (USACE)
Presentation-20 min; Discussion 15 min
Objective: Update on the evaluation of past oyster restoration projects on the Lynnhaven River per the Oyster Metrics. Discussion of USACE’s Lynnhaven Ecosystem Restoration Project. |
| 12:15 pm | Lunch |

1:00 pm	Striped Bass Telemetry in the Potomac – Dave Secor (UMCES-CBL) Presentation-20 min; Discussion 15 min Objective: Present and discuss the research on striped bass populations using telemetry receivers in the Potomac River and throughout the Bay.
1:35 pm	CBP Funding: Striped Bass Health Indicator – Rebecca Scott (Ecoanalytics) and Howard Townsend (NOAA) Presentation-20 min; Discussion 15 min Objective: Update on this project using force-of-infection models to estimate the potential increase in mortality associated with mycobacterial infection in the Maryland portion of the Bay.
2:10 pm	Break
2:20 pm	CBP Funding: Forage: Nutritional Profiles for Major Predators – Andre Buchheister (UMCES-CBL) <i>teleconference</i> Presentation: 25 min; Discussion-15 min Objective: Progress on this project that will develop a suite of indicators for priority forage species identified by the STAC Forage workshop and will develop nutritional profiles for five major predators. Tom Ihde, co-Chair of the STAC Forage Workshop, will provide a brief background on the workshop to start the presentation.
3:00 pm	ASMFC Update: Striped Bass and Menhaden – Bob Beal (ASMFC) Presentation/Discussion: 20 min Objective: Updates on recent striped bass and menhaden decisions from ASMFC.
3:20 pm	Break
3:35 pm	Chesapeake Atlantic Model (CAM) Climate Change Scenarios – Tom Ihde (ERT, NOAA) Presentation-20 min; Discussion 15 min Objective: Present and discuss the results of various climate change scenarios simulated with the Chesapeake Atlantis Model. Scenarios focus on predicting the effects of temperature and salinity changes on living resources of the Chesapeake Bay.
4:10 pm	Fisheries GIT Member Updates Objective: Fisheries GIT members submitted written updates from their organization regarding fisheries-related projects/initiatives. Members will give a brief overview of each update. Meeting attendees will then have time to ask questions and discuss the updates presented.
5:15 pm	Public Comment
6:00 pm	Dinner Offsite

Tuesday, June 2nd

9:00 am	Brock Center Tour with CBF Staff
10:00 am	Day 2 Overview – Peyton Robertson (NOAA, Fisheries GIT Chair)
10:05 am	Fish and Nearshore Habitat: Land-water Interface Project Key Findings – Denise Breitburg (SERC) <i>teleconference</i> Presentation-15 min; Discussion-15 min Objectives: Present the key findings and results from research on fish and benthic productivity, nearshore habitats, and land use as part of the Land-Water Interface Project.
<u>Blue Crabs</u>	
10:35 am	2015 Blue Crab Advisory Report – Joe Grist (CBSAC Chair, VMRC) Presentation-20 min; Discussion 20 min Objective: Review the results of the Winter Dredge Survey, blue crab population status, and CBSAC’s recommendations.
11:15 am	Break
11:30 am	Blue Crab Electronic Reporting Updates – Brenda Davis (MD DNR) Presentation-15 min; Discussion 15 min Objective: Update the full GIT on the status of the electronic reporting pilot project in Maryland and plans for the future.
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:45 pm	Blue Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment Planning – Joe Grist (VMRC/CBSAC Chair), Rom Lipcius (VIMS/CBSAC member), Lynn Fegley (MD DNR/CBSAC Members) Presentation-20 min; Discussion-20 min Objective: Discuss the final terms of reference (TORs) that will guide the upcoming benchmark stock assessment and the major management questions scientists hope to address.
1:25 pm	Public Comment Period
1:55 pm	Day 2 Recap; Next Steps
2:00 pm	Adjourn
