

**Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee  
Meeting Agenda**

August 18, 2014 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

Webinar: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/252681623>

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/21836/>

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**Decisional**

- **Welcome (1:00-1:05)**
- **Invasive Catfish Commercial Electrofishing Project Update – Tom Murray (VIMS Marine Advisory Services) (1:05-1:30pm)**
  - *Update 10 min; Discussion 15 min*
  - Background: [Fishery Resource Grant Program](#)
  - Fisheries GIT member Tom Murray will give an update on the progress/status of the commercial catfish electrofishing project that is funded by a Virginia Fishery Resource Grant.
  - Discussion: Questions and comments from Ex Comm members.
- **CBC Meeting September 4-5<sup>th</sup> –Jack Frye (CBC) (1:30-2:00)**
  - Handout: *CBC Agenda Sept 2014 DRAFT II*
  - CBC staff will brief the Ex Comm members on the fisheries-related topics that will be presented at the upcoming CBC meeting at Tangier Island:
    - Presentation on the status of blue crabs, oysters, and striped bass
    - Fisheries Enforcement discussion.
  - CBC staff and Ex Comm will discuss how to best focus these discussions and engage CBC members at the meeting.
  - Discussion: Ex Comm questions and comments about the upcoming meeting and agenda topics?
- **New Agreement Management Strategies (2:00-2:30)**
  - Handout: *FishGIT MgmtStrat Guide\_8-15-14; Fisheries GIT Reorganization 8-11*
  - Staff will present a Management Strategy Guide intended to:
    - Keep Ex Comm and the Fisheries GIT informed and up-to-date on the development of each management strategy.
    - Document who will be participating in strategy development and how the process will work.
    - Be regularly updated with new information, questions and drafts of each strategy.
  - Staff will present options for changing the Fisheries GIT's organizational structure to better incorporate the new Agreement outcomes (Ex: new action teams for fish habitat and forage).
  - Discussion: Initial thoughts on this guide? Will this document be helpful and useful to Ex Comm members while these strategies are being developed?
- **Fisheries GIT Charter (2:30-2:40)**
  - Handout: *Fisheries GIT Charter\_8-13*
  - Staff will present updates made to the Fisheries GIT charter. The charter was last updated in 2011.

- Decision: Ex Comm members can send any comments or edits to Emilie. Decisions on GIT structure reorganization will be incorporated into the charter.
  - **September Ex Comm Meeting Date (2:40-2:45)**
    - Handout: 2014 Calendar
    - A CBP Principals' Staff Committee meeting was just scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Peyton will be attending. This meeting will be important in discussing Management Strategies.
    - Decision: Change September Ex Comm call to September 29<sup>th</sup>?
  - **Ex Comm Updates**
    - Executive Committee members' updates and discussion of management issues.
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## **Informational**

- **CBP GIT Funding Update**
  - CBP is finalizing the details for the GIT funding. Fisheries GIT projects most likely receiving funding are forage metric development, CBSAC priorities, and striped bass health indicator development. Preliminary project proposals can be found [here](#).
- **Forage Workshop**
  - The Steering Committee of the STAC Forage Workshop has continued to have monthly conference calls to plan for the workshop. They are currently finalizing the participant list and working to ensure that necessary scientific and management expertise is represented at the workshop.
  - The workshop is scheduled for November 12-13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Chesapeake Biological Lab in Solomons, MD.
- **CBSAC Updates**
  - CBSAC is planning fall in-person meeting(s) to discuss summer survey data analysis, the gear selectivity pilot study, and the future stock assessment.
- **Invasive Catfish Updates**
  - The Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) is currently reviewing the Catfish Task Force's final report. A few STAC members as well as experts from outside the region are conducting the review. They anticipate the review will complete by October.
- **Confirm upcoming meeting dates**  
*Ex Comm Calls*  
 Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>?? from 1-3pm