

**Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee
Meeting Agenda**

September 21th, 2015 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3804377671551934209>

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/22872/>

Science Presentation

- **Evaluating the Relative Impacts of the Recreational and Commercial Sectors of the Blue Crab Fishery in Maryland (1:00-1:20pm) – Matt Ogburn (SERC)**
 - 10-min presentation and 10-min discussion
 - The Fish and Invertebrate Ecology Lab at SERC is conducting two sets of mark-recapture experiments to estimate male and female blue crab exploitation rates by fishery sector. The primary project was funded by Maryland Sea Grant with the objective of determining sex-specific exploitation rates of the recreational fishery in Maryland. A second project focuses on determining the composition of the female spawning stock by nursery habitat origin.
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Decisional

- **Cownose Rays (1:20-1:40pm)**
 - Handout: *Cownose ray Workshop Scope*
 - Emilie Franke (ERT/NOAA) will provide an update on the workshop planning and potential dates/venue.
 - On the July 27th Ex Comm call, there was agreement that the Fisheries GIT should host the workshop pending Ex Comm input on the workshop scope. There are differing expectations of workshop deliverables that may impact procuring travel funding.
 - Discussion:
 - Resolve hosting/funding support.
- **Workplan Progress and GIT Funding Updates (1:40-1:50pm)**
 - Handout: *GIT Funding Timeline*
 - The CBP GITs prioritized their proposals for the GIT funding. Ex Comm input resulted in the following fisheries project priorities: 1) forage indicator development, 2) blue crab predation/habitat assessment, 3) oyster hatchery and water quality investigation.
 - The GIT Chairs will be deciding how to allocate the available funding later this month. Preliminary discussions suggest that each GIT will receive funding for one project.
 - Other funded projects may include those that benefit multiple outcomes/GITs across CBP and the Watershed Agreement.
 - Discussion:
 - How can we fund other priority projects that will not receive GIT funding?
- **Oyster Summit and December Full GIT Meeting (1:50-2:10pm)**
 - Handout: *Chesapeake Bay Oyster Summit scope*
 - Bruce Vogt (NOAA) will review the scope and plan for the Oyster Summit, which was discussed on the July 27th Ex Comm call.
 - The potential of combining the December full Fisheries GIT meeting with the Oyster Summit will be discussed.

- Discussion:
 - Does it make sense to combine the Fisheries GIT meeting with the Oyster Summit?
 - Potential dates for the Summit/GIT Meeting? Dec 14-18th?
- **Membership Change (2:10pm)**
 - Ron Lukens (Omega Protein) is retiring and has proposed Peter Himchak (NJ DEP) as his replacement. Peter has been involved with menhaden and other species issues at ASMFC for a number of years.
 - Decision: Ex Comm approval of this membership change.
- **October and November Ex Comm Calls (2:10-2:15pm)**
 - Handout: 2015 calendar
 - Identify dates for October and November 2015 Ex Comm calls. Mondays from 1:00-3:00pm.
 - Suggested dates: October 19th and November 16th
- **Fisheries GIT Quarterly Newsletter**
 - Handout: Draft Sept 2015 newsletter
 - Kara Skipper (CRC) will review the components of the September 2015 newsletter for the Fisheries GIT.
 - Ex Comm members will have until COB Monday September 28th to submit comments and additional content.
- **Ex Comm Updates**
 - Executive Committee members' updates and discussion of management issues.

Informational

- **STAC Forage Workshop Report**
 - The STAC Forage Workshop report "Assessing the Chesapeake Bay Forage Base: Existing Data and Research Priorities", has been released by STAC. This final report can be found [here](#).
- **Confirm upcoming meeting dates**

Ex Comm (Mondays from 1:00-3:00pm)

October 19th, 2015

November 16th, 2015

Full GIT/Oyster Summit in December?