

Minutes for Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting November 15th, 2010 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

In Attendance: Peyton Robertson, Tom O'Connell, Bob Beal, Jack Travelstead, Sean Corson, Bruce Vogt, Derek Orner, Peter Bergstrom, Jonathan Kramer, Shannon Green, Nancy Butowski, Jason Schaffler, Cynthia Jones, Alexi Sharov, Karl Blankenship, Adam Davis

Presentations

1.) Recent Menhaden Findings (20min + 10 min Q&A)

- Handout: *Schaffler_AFS_10.pdf*
- Presentation by Jason Schaffler & Cynthia Jones
- Study investigated spatial contributions to the coastal stock of Menhaden
 - A. Otolith chemical composition used to determine individual's location of origination (90% certainty)
- Results show that the Chesapeake Bay contributes 62% of the coastal stock
 - A. Few recruits were derived from the upper Chesapeake Bay
 - a) Recruitment may be declining
 - a. Possible Reasons:
 - i. Maybe habitat loss
 - ii. Climate change
 - iii. Upper Bay populations may be under higher predation since they have to traverse the entire Bay
- Further Steps:
 - A. How stable is the Chesapeake Bay's 62% contribution, and is it changing?

Issues

2.) Phytoplankton/Zooplankton

- Handout: *TMAW_11-03-10_Handout_2_11064.pdf*
 - A. <http://archive.chesapeakebay.net/calendar.cfm?eventdetails=11064>
- With the proposed budget for 2011, NOAA may be able to fund the continuation of this monitoring effort
 - A. Need to consider options and come up with a network that supports key fisheries management and water quality objectives
- It is important to tap into those around the Bay
 - A. Want an equal representation of stakeholders/institutions to address this project for water quality and fisheries
 - B. Want something that is modular and can be built upon by other institutions in the future
- Anticipate working closely with the Fisheries GIT Executive Committee and Kevin Sellner (CRC)
 - A. Peter Bergstrom (NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office is the Point Coordinator on this project
- Tom O'Connell → interested in plankton monitoring and plankton communities associated with oyster reefs.

3.) Blue Crab Assessment CIE Review

- Derek Orner walked through the CIE review process.
- **Action Item:** NCBO will consider aligning the CIE review with management deadlines. Provide Bay managers with initial results and synthesis for use in April regulatory/management decisions on the 2011 blue crab harvest.

4.) Update on FEW Scoping Papers

- **Action Item:** Bruce and Adam will create options list for both the Watershed Development and Blue Crab scoping papers
 - A. This list will be presented to the Executive Committee, who will then choose which option(s) to investigate further

5.) Full GIT Meeting Agenda

- **Action Item:** Blue crab catch shares topic has been removed (postponed) from December meeting.

Updates

6.) Next Executive Committee Meeting

- January, 18th from 1:00pm-3:00pm
- **Action Item:** Mark calendars for next Executive Committee meeting. Let Adam know ASAP if this date does not work with your schedule.
 - A. *Note* this is *not* the third Monday of the month. This is the day following MLK holiday.