

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting
Agenda for January 18th, 2011 from 1:00pm-3:00pm
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Debrief (30 min)

December Full GIT Meeting

- Handout: *December 2010 Full Sustainable Fisheries GIT Meeting Summary v5 Final.pdf*
 - Executive Summary thoughts and comments?
 - What do you think were the key outcomes?
 - What worked? / What did not work?
 - What did you learn?
 - Did you find the meeting valuable/helpful?
 - *DRAFT Fisheries Goal Team Charter revisions 11-29-2010.pdf* → (pages 5-6; highlighted section)
 - *Sustainable Fisheries GIT Workplan (v8).pdf* → (last page; highlighted section)
 - 2011 Priorities:
 - 1) Blue Catfish Policy
 - 2) Oyster Metrics
 - 3) Blue Crab Abundance Targets
 - 4) Land Use Decision Making Communication Pathways
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Clarification

Oyster Metric Team Update (Stephanie will be calling in at ~1:30pm)

- Stephanie Westby, on behalf of the Oyster Metrics Team, would like to get clarification from the Executive Committee that the charge to the Team does include defining restoration success and goal setting, not just metrics.
 - “Oyster Restoration and Success Metrics and Monitoring Protocols” Document
 - The Fisheries GIT should establish a workgroup/technical team to develop common, bay-wide restoration goals, success metrics and monitoring and assessment protocols. The following should be considered by the team over the next 4 months (March 15, 2011):
 - 1) Develop bay wide restoration goals (*success/performance metrics*) for a sustainable oyster populations that include specific, compatible and quantitative goals for ecological function and ecosystem services from restored oyster populations.
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Decisional

Blue Catfish Workgroup

- Objectives: *Develop straw-man (similar to the Oyster Metric Team) on what their charge should be and tasks they need to accomplish.*
- Tasks this workgroup should address
 - Synthesis of science across the Bay
 - Abbreviated stock assessment
 - List of possible recommendations for the GIT to consider
 - Develop factsheet explaining the issue and next steps
 - Contact Mid-Atlantic Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Panel

Informative

1.) 2011 Blue Crab Plan

- Derek Orner will provide a background on the process and timeline for providing the information for:
 - Handout: *Crab Timeline.pdf*
 - Decisions the ExComm needs to make for the 2011 blue crab season
 - Revision of the blue crab abundance targets
- 2011 Timeline:
 - January - Submission of DRAFT 2010 Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Stock Assessment to NCBO
 - January - Distribution of DRAFT Stock Assessment to state constituents and Center for Independent Experts (CIE) reviewers –not for public distribution
 - March 29-31 - CIE Peer Review Workshop (Annapolis, MD)
 - April - Summary of Stock Assessment and Peer Review Workshop presented to Fisheries GIT Executive Committee
 - May-June - Winter Dredge Survey Preliminary Results presented and available to CBSAC
 - June - CBSAC to meet and prepare 2011 Advisory Report with targets/thresholds/Mgmt recommendations
 - June - Full Fisheries GIT meeting to adopt revised (if necessary) abundance targets and thresholds
 - July - Final Stock Assessment (with CIE peer review comments addressed) published

2.) NOAA & MD Sea Grant Funding Opportunities

- Handout: *2011_chesapeake_bay_fisheries_science_-_noaa-nmfs-ncbo-2011-2002881[1].pdf*
 - Resident fish and shellfish (blue catfish, soft clam, and retrospective analyses)
 - Coastal/interjurisdictional fisheries (Atlantic menhaden, comparative studies on the value of nursery areas within the Chesapeake Bay to those in nearshore/coastal areas, and retrospective analyses)
 - Fisheries stock monitoring
 - Applied oyster restoration research (Bay-wide oyster restoration metrics and exclusion approaches to guard oyster seed from predation)
- Handout: *MDSGrfp2012-2013.pdf*
 - Resilient Ecosystem Processes and Responses
 - Emphasis: Understand and predict large-scale ecosystem responses and trajectories
 - Sustainable Natural Resources of Coastal Maryland
 - Advance ecosystem-based fisheries management
 - Coastal and marine spatial planning
 - Viable Coastal Communities and Economies
 - Develop an understanding of immediate and long-term effects of climate change and its associated hazards to coastal communities

- Develop an understanding of socioeconomic implications of environmental change and efforts to restore the Bay
- Understanding community and ecological adaption of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) and Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs)

3.) Chesapeake Bay Program

- Bay Barometer Changes and Reporting
- ChesapeakeStat - Subject Matter Experts
 - 1) Oysters (possibly tributary specific)
 - 2) Juvenile Reproduction Indices
 - 3) Young-of-Year Striped Bass
- Executive Order Outcome Progress Reports
 - Handouts:
 - *Blue Crab Outcome.pdf*
 - *Oyster Outcome.pdf*

Updates

Next Executive Committee Meeting

- February, 22nd from 1:00pm-3:00pm
- *Note: The third Monday of the month is President's Day, so this meeting will be the following day.