

Next Steps for CBSAC per discussion 5/11/2012: (Bruce V, Derek O, Lynn F, Andrew T, Adam D)

On this call we discussed the plans for the CBSAC Blue crab advisory report in 2012. We also discussed an addition to the 2013 process where CBSAC will review initial WDS results and develop a consensus statement for consideration by jurisdictions at the spring WDS results meeting.

Drafting the 2012 report....

1. Plan a meeting with full CBSAC membership on or around the week of June 18th to discuss the initial draft of the report via Webinar organized by NCBO staff.
2. Following the June 18th CBSAC meeting, NCBO staff have offered to incorporate edits, changes, and recommendations to finalize advisory report.
3. CBSAC chair will facilitate the revision process by setting a final date for receiving edits and approving the final document.

Male Reference points...

1. At the full June meeting CBSAC Chair will briefly describe the process and workshop plans for development of male reference points.
2. CBSAC Chair will also explain the plans for the development of the advisory report for 2012.
3. Following a discussion of commercial accountability from stakeholders, CBSAC Chair will discuss previously outlined recommendations (from December 2011 Fisheries GIT meeting above) on how to improve recreational accountability and touch on current efforts underway in MD.

Drafting Consensus Statement by CBSAC...

We acknowledge that when asking scientists to weigh in on preliminary data, we need to ensure that we avoid making any strong management recommendations before all data have been fully and carefully considered by the full committee. Throughout this process, we have agreed make every effort to ensure sound science supports any and all management recommendations that come from CBSAC.

1. It was agreed that in 2013, CBSAC will develop a consensus statement in addition to the advisory report. The goal is that the statement will be released closer to the release of the WDS as well as management decisions in each jurisdiction.
2. Also in 2013, it was agreed that the full CBSAC membership will be incorporated into a conference call and supplied with preliminary WDS results for review. This will take place after the initial analysis of the survey results and before the Spring WDS release meeting (PRFC, 2011). The purpose of this conference call will be to develop a consensus statement concerning the preliminary results.