

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting

Agenda for August 19, 2013 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

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Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/19247/>

➤ Membership Review (1:00-1:20)

- Handout: Fisheries GIT Membership Review 7-24-13
- Discussion of changes proposed by Ex Comm members
 - Focus on commercial/recreational watermen (SFAC, TFAC, etc.)
 - STAC Liaisons

➤ Discussion of New Agreement Fisheries Outcomes (1:20-2:00)

- Handouts: forage fish and habitat language; management strategies draft elements; stakeholder comments
- Review: Blue crab abundance and management outcomes
 - **New Management Outcome**: Improve our ability to manage for a stable and productive crab population and fishery by working with the industry, recreational crabbers, and other stakeholders to improve commercial and recreational harvest accountability and evaluate the establishment of a Baywide allocation-based management framework with annual levels set by the jurisdictions that will provide stability for crabbing businesses and accountability of the harvest for each jurisdiction.
- Discussion:
 - Oysters – # of tributaries; language around ecological benefits
 - **Oyster Outcome**: Restore native oyster habitat and population in **ten?** tributaries by 2025 to recover the benefits of fish habitat and water quality improvements provided by healthy oyster reefs.
 - Forage fish
 - Stakeholders and public concerned that only blue crabs and oysters are represented in the New Agreement
 - Proposed outcome language
 - Habitat and Watershed GITs have provided input
 - Habitat
 - Outcomes under the Habitat GIT represent mostly terrestrial habitat; need to make the connected to aquatic species
 - Proposed outcome language
 - ASMFC, CBC, Habitat and Watershed GITs have provided input
- Decisional:
 - What is the Ex Comm's recommendation on adding a forage fish and habitat outcome?

➤ Priorities and Work plan (2:00-2:15)

- Handout: SFGIT Aug 2013 Work plan
- Discussion of GIT work plan and priorities

➤ **December Full GIT Meeting (2:15-2:30)**

- Potential Dates: first or third week of December
 - Monday-Tuesday, December 2-3?
- Location Ideas
 - Promote increased stakeholder participation, especially watermen
 - Chesapeake Biological Lab; St. Mary's College

Informational (2:30-3:00)

➤ **Public Service Announcement explaining the Chesapeake Bay Program**

- Handout: *PSA CBP info*
- The Chesapeake Bay Program is developing a 2-3 minute PSA video as a public outreach tool about the Bay program and restoration in the Bay. Each GIT will be featured in the video by having a representative read a short mission statement to be filmed at a field location.
 - **DRAFT STATEMENT: “We’re working to create a sustainable future for the Bay’s fish and fishermen by using science and technology to study the Bay’s ecosystem and inform management.”**
- Discussion:
 - Filming location to represent GIT priorities
 - Proposed location: ORES Project (Oyster Reef Ecosystem Services) in Choptank River complex; video footage of fish sampling
 - Representative: Peyton or Tom

➤ **Catfish Public Outreach**

- Handout: *BCF Handbook Messaging*
- The Invasive Catfish Task Force has reached out to jurisdictional representatives on the Task Force for input on catfish content for guidebooks
- Review proposed content

➤ **Science presentations for Executive Committee meetings**

- Handout: *Ex Comm science presentations*
- Discussion: Are there additional topics or research Ex Comm members would like to see?

➤ **Letter to the Navy**

- Handout: *Fish GIT Navy Letter*
- Peyton sent the letter to the Navy expressing the Fish GIT’s support for their telemetry array and its potential use for long-term tracking of migratory fish

➤ **Confirm upcoming meeting dates**

Upcoming Meeting Schedule (1-3 pm)

September 23rd

October 21st

November 18th

December (Full GIT Meeting) – Date?