

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Work Plan*Written August 2013*

Category	Priority	Lead	Timeline	Status
Chesapeake Bay Program	Review stakeholder comments and make recommendations for New Agreement fisheries outcomes	Executive Committee and full GIT	July-Aug 2013	In progress
	Develop Management Strategies for each fishery outcome and collaborate with other GITs on their outcomes	Executive Committee and full GIT	Dec 2013 – Dec 2014	In Progress – GIT Staff developing a plan of action
Blue Crabs	Develop a plan to address blue crab research needs	CBSAC	Aug-Sept 2013	In progress – Meeting scheduled August 30 th 2013
	Initiate discussions to evaluate a baywide allocation framework (<i>management strategy for New Agreement</i>)	Executive Committee and CBSAC	Dec 2013 – Dec 2014	Not started
Oysters	Develop tributary specific restoration plans (blueprints) for selected tributaries through the MD and VA interagency oyster teams.	Oyster Interagency Teams	Ongoing	Harris Creek blueprint complete; Little Choptank blueprint drafted; Lafayette habitat assessment/ restorable bottom analysis in progress

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Oysters	Identify a single tributary that by the oyster metrics criteria is seen as restored and quantify the ecosystem services and fishery benefits	Oyster Interagency Teams/ORES project/denitrification work	Ongoing	Research in Harris Creek; ORES project in Tred Avon
Invasive Catfish	Develop content regarding invasive catfish for 2014 guidebooks	Invasive Catfish Task Force, Executive Committee, GIT Staff	Aug-Sept 2013	In progress
	Complete Task Force Report and finalize mitigation and public outreach strategies	Invasive Catfish Task Force	Sept-Dec 2013	In progress – presented draft report in June 2013
Land Use	Determine the role of the SFGIT in addressing land use impacts on fisheries	Executive Committee, GIT Staff	Ongoing	In progress
Admin	Membership	Executive Committee	Ongoing	In progress – membership review July-Aug 2013
	December Meeting Planning	Executive Committee, GIT Staff	Aug-Dec 2013	In progress

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Action Summary

January 2012 – June 2013

Blue Crabs

- Jurisdictions implemented new female-specific management abundance and exploitation targets and thresholds in 2012.
- CBSAC developed male conservation triggers that were approved by the Executive Committee in 2013.

Oysters

- The oyster metrics were used to develop the Harris Creek blueprint.
- The oyster metrics were applied to existing restoration projects in the Great Wicomico and Lynnhaven to determine if they meet the “restored tributary” criteria.
- The GIT identified research priorities regarding the quantifiable benefits of oyster restoration such as nitrogen reduction and other ecosystem services.

Invasive Catfish

- The Invasive Catfish Policy Statement was adopted in January of 2012.
- The Invasive Catfish Task Force was formed and tasked to develop a strategy to mitigate the spread and potential impacts of invasive catfish.
- The Task Force presented their draft report and set of recommendations to the full GIT in June 2013.

Land Use

- Engaged both the Executive Committee and the full GIT on the impacts of land use planning on fisheries.
- Began to explore the role of the Fisheries GIT in addressing land use issues through public outreach; the Executive Committee sent a letter to the Charles County Commissioners saying that the protection of fisheries and natural resources should be addressed in the comprehensive plan.