

**Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee  
Meeting Agenda**

January 23, 2017 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Call-In: 877-921-8911; Pass Code: 7762916

Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7453301632152027652>

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/24783/>

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**Presentations**

- **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund (1:00-1:20pm)**
    - Presentation: 10 minutes, Discussion 10 minutes
    - Jake Reilly (NFWF) will discuss aligning [NFWF grant funding](#) with Chesapeake Bay Program outcomes including oyster restoration.
  - **Biennial Review Meeting (1:20-1:40pm)**
    - Presentation: 10 minutes, Discussion: 10 minutes
    - *Handout: Biennial Review Meeting Agenda*
    - Dave Goshorn (MD DNR), Chair of the Enhancing Partnering, Leadership and Management GIT, will explain the Chesapeake Bay Program's (CBP) Strategic Review System (SRS). This system is designed to provide the CBP's Management Board with updates on the progress made toward each outcome under the [2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement](#). It provides each Goal Implementation Team (GIT) with the opportunity to present red flags that are inhibiting achievement of [workplan](#) actions to the Management Board to allow for adaptive management.
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**Decisional**

- **Actions from the December SFGIT Meeting (1:40-2:20pm)**
  - *Handout: December Sustainable Fisheries GIT Meeting Actions*
  - The full Sustainable Fisheries GIT met on December 6-7<sup>th</sup> to review oyster restoration progress, research, and management as well as the efforts towards the fish habitat, forage, and blue crab outcomes. A list of actions was compiled from the meeting presentations and discussions. The Ex Comm will review and address the individual actions.
  - Discussion:
    - How will we prioritize these actions?
- **Oyster Indicator (2:20-2:30pm)**
  - *Handout: Oyster Indicator Description, Oyster Dashboard Mock-up*
  - The Oyster Indicator and Dashboard serve as tools to communicate the progress of oyster restoration in the Chesapeake Bay. Fisheries GIT staff has developed these tools to better convey and quantify progress towards achieving the Oyster Restoration Outcome of restoring 10 tributaries by the year 2025. The Oyster Indicator and Dashboard were presented to the full Fisheries GIT in December. Bruce Vogt will explain how the Oyster Dashboard has been refined following incorporation of input received at the December full GIT meeting.
  - Discussion:
    - Does the Ex Comm endorse the indicator?

- **Forage Video Preview (2:30-2:40pm)**
    - Ex Comm will review the [Forage video](#) in the Chesapeake Bay Program's Bay 101 video series. Members will have the opportunity to comment on the content and storyline.
  - **Principals' Staff Committee Oyster Presentation (2:40-2:45pm)**
    - The Chesapeake Bay Program's Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) consists of the policy advisors to the Executive Council. We are interested in requesting time to discuss oyster restoration progress at their next meeting held on March 1, 2017.
    - Discussion:
      - Does the Ex Comm see value in sharing oyster restoration progress with the PSC?
  - **Membership Change (2:45-2:50pm)**
    - Bill Goldsborough (CBF) retired and has requested that Chris Moore, Hampton Roads senior scientist at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation take his place on the Sustainable Fisheries GIT.
  - **February Ex Comm Call (2:50-2:55pm)**
    - Handout: 2017 calendar
    - Confirm February Ex Comm Call date – Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>
    - Propose March Ex Comm Call date – Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>
  - **Ex Comm Updates**
    - Executive Committee members' updates and discussion of management issues.
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## **Informational**

- **Confirm upcoming Ex Comm meeting dates**

Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 1pm-3pm  
Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1pm-3pm
- **Bay Barometer**

The Bay Barometer is the Chesapeake Bay Program's publication which offers a science-based snapshot of the Chesapeake Bay. The data and information contained in the document help the partnership to gauge success of their efforts and further plan their conservation and protection of the Bay. It is anticipated to be released in February 2016.
- **FY16 GIT Funding**

The Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation received three funded projects in this year's funding for the GITs. Staff has reviewed bids for the project funding, and bidders are expected to be notified in the near future. GIT staff will inform the full team of the funded projects following the announcement by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The projects include:

  - Shell/habitat dynamics in oyster restoration and fishery management
  - Evaluation of ecosystem factors for the blue crab stock
  - Citizen Monitoring of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (with Habitat GIT)
    - Includes pilot study to test the suitability of various types of fish traps and benthic grabs in a variety of fish habitats including submerged and emergent vegetation to improve forage monitoring efforts.