

Actions from December 2016 Sustainable Fisheries GIT Meeting

Topic	Action	Lead/POC	Deadline	Progress
Oyster Workplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select next tribs in Maryland and Virginia; continue implementing trib plans, and monitor restored reefs. 	MD: Dave Blazer VA: Susan Conner	Based on OAC and VA interagency team timelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Candidate tribs under evaluation in MD -Three candidate tribs recommended in VA
Restoration Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize a briefing for interested GIT members by NOAA representatives on A. sturgeon critical habitat designation in the Chesapeake and implications for oyster restoration and other activities. Compile list of alternative substrate applications and effectiveness (granite, reef balls, clam shell) 	Bruce ORP?	Later winter Ongoing	
Oyster Indicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add acreage numbers to the maps on Chesapeake Progress. Add language explaining what acreage measures and what the “true” success measures are and the monitoring requirements after reef construction/seeding is complete Over longer term develop an indicator that captures success metric data (ex: oyster density targets) Explain other benefits provided by the reefs 	Emilie and Bruce	January	Completed; success metric data will be added as reefs meet the 3yr and six year evaluations (initial Harris Creek monitoring data is available)
Oyster Reef Ecosystem Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send members link to grant reports (2016 ORES Update) 	Kara	January	
Tributary selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish GIT will compile and communicate formal feedback on tributary selection processes in MD and VA to jurisdictional leads. 	Kara and Emilie	February?	Will compile notes from December GIT meeting
Oyster outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex Comm recognized the need to identify options to address substrate (shell and alternatives) and hatchery limitations. 	Dave Blazer Rob O'Reilly, Marty Gary	Ongoing	See above action to compile information on alternative substrate.
Cross GIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send fish-related conservation and restoration maps to GIT membership for feedback. 	Kara		

Forage Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft the strategy (to include fishery management and other policy approaches) using existing documents and science • Develop indicators (long-time series to evaluate changes over time, include predator consumption profiles to contribute to management, incorporate regional differences) 	Emilie and Bruce		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategy was due in 2016 - Will discuss the strategy components at the next Forage Action Team meeting (February)
Fish Habitat Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a communications strategy that focuses messaging to local entities • Connect fish habitat efforts and communications with forage • Focus on stressors and impacts that can be managed (for example shoreline hardening) • Summarize notes from both breakouts and review with workgroups at next quarterly check ins to provide guidance moving forward on the forage and fish habitat workplans 	Gina Hunt		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will discuss at the next Fish Habitat Action Team meeting (February)
ASMFC update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect with the Atlantic Coast Fish Habitat Partnership (ACFHP) for proposals in 2017 (SAV, salt marsh, oyster reefs, fish passage) • Review ACFHP mapping projects to identify applications to Chesapeake efforts. 	Bruce and Gina		
Blue Crab Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete review of stakeholder comments from industry and write up the jurisdictional “evaluation of allocation based management framework” based on these comments, review with key stakeholders behind the outcome, and provide status update to CBP MB. • Begin stock assessment update tasks led by jurisdiction staff. • Have GIT funding (1-oyster shell budget and 2-environmental impacts on blue crabs) awardees brief the executive committee/CBSAC in January or February on project plans and deliverables. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob, Dave and Marty with Emilie • Lynn Fegley • Kara 	- ASAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emilie will compile comments from the jurisdictions and work with managers to draft the status update. - jurisdiction staff met on 1/20 to discuss assessment tasks -GIT funding awardees will be announced in late January