



Workplan Status Report:

Blue Crab



Leads: MD DNR, VMRC, PRFC, CBSAC

Recent Activity:

- Jurisdictions re-evaluated the need for a benchmark stock assessment and decided to focus on an assessment update at this time.
- Received industry input from Maryland and PRFC stakeholders on the evaluation of an allocation-based framework.
- Received GIT funding from Chesapeake Bay Program to evaluate the effects of environmental factors on blue crabs.
- Published CBSAC 2016 Blue Crab Advisory Report.

Issues: Staff time and resources to conduct stock assessment update.

Next Steps:

- Virginia industry will provide input on the evaluation of allocation-based framework.
- Jurisdictions consider stakeholder input to determine next steps on evaluation.
- Jurisdictions plan and conduct data prep/analysis tasks for a stock assessment update.
- CBSAC will meet in winter and spring 2017.