

Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team

Semiannual Full GIT Meeting

December 6th-7th, 2016

Day One: Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Philip Merrill Environmental Center, Annapolis, MD

Day Two: Chesapeake Bay Program, Fish Shack, Annapolis, MD

Call-In: 866-917-0618; Pass Code: 1613714

Meeting Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/24328/>

Day 1 Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8500248905213339649>

Day 2 Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4307735202201162497>

The Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team (Fisheries GIT) continues to provide a forum for connecting science and policy across jurisdictions and the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. The diverse team meets biannually in June and December.

This December 2016 meeting will focus primarily on oyster restoration progress (Day 1) and updates/discussion on blue crab, forage, and fish habitat (Day Two). These topics represent the Fisheries GIT's progress towards the 2016-2017 Sustainable Fisheries Workplans supporting the [2014 Watershed Agreement](#).

Tuesday, December 6th

Chesapeake Bay Foundation-Philip Merrill Environmental Center
6 Herndon Ave, Annapolis, MD 21403

10:00 am Welcome and Overview of Day 1

Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair (NCBO)

Introduction to the meeting structure, objectives, and recent GIT activity.

10:20 am Introduction of Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Bill Goldsborough (CBF)

Review of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's role in Chesapeake Bay restoration, science, and advocacy.

Oysters

10:30 am Oyster Restoration 2016-17 Workplan Update

Presenter: Emilie Franke (ERT/NOAA)

Presentation: 15 min; Discussion: 10 min

Objectives: Brief review of workplan actions, progress and next steps.

10:55 am Oyster Restoration Status in the Chesapeake Bay

Presenters: Stephanie Westby (NCBO), Susan Conner (USACE)

Facilitator: Rob O'Reilly (VMRC)

Presentation: 50 min; Discussion: 20 min

Objectives: Update on restoration status and progress in the six selected tributaries in Maryland and Virginia.

- 12:05 pm** **LUNCH**
- 1:00 pm** **Tracking Oyster Restoration on the Web: Proposed Oyster Indicator**
Presenter: Bruce Vogt (NCBO)
Facilitator: Peyton Robertson (NCBO)
Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 15 min
Objectives: Offer feedback and recommendations on the proposed oyster indicator and dashboard for the Chesapeake Bay Program website.
- 1:35 pm** **Oyster Reef Ecosystem Services (ORES)**
Presenter: David Bruce (NCBO)
Facilitator: Marty Gary (PRFC)
Presentation: 30 min; Discussion: 15 min
Objectives: Discuss ongoing research to quantify oyster reef ecosystem services in the Chesapeake Bay.
- 2:20 pm** **BREAK**
- 2:30 pm** **Status of Tributary Selection for Restoration**
Presenters: Susan Conner (USACE), Eric Weissberger (MD DNR)
Facilitator: Rob O'Reilly (VMRC)
Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 45 min
Objectives: Learn about the current processes for selecting the remaining 4 tributaries for restoration. Break out into groups to discuss priorities and considerations.
- 3:35 pm** **Oyster Outlook**
Presenters: Marty Gary (PRFC), Dave Blazer (MD DNR), and Rob O'Reilly (VMRC)
Facilitator: Bob Beal (ASMFC)
Presentation: 25 min; Discussion: 15 min
Objective: Fishery managers will provide a brief overview of current management, challenges, and future considerations for aquaculture, wild harvest, and restoration.
- 4:15 pm** **Fisheries GIT Member Updates**
Facilitator: Peyton Robertson (NCBO)
Objective: Share updates from your organization. Contribute brief reports on current projects, recent accomplishments, and emerging issues that relate to Fisheries GIT priorities.
- 4:45 pm** **Public Comment Period**
Facilitator: Peyton Robertson (NCBO)
Objective: Interested parties will share updates with the full team.
- 4:50 pm** **Day One Action Items and Recap**

- 5:00 pm Adjourn**
- 5:30 pm Dinner/Happy Hour for Bill Goldsborough's Retirement
(Chesapeake Bay Foundation)**
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Wednesday, December 7th

Chesapeake Bay Program

Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room ("Fish Shack" green building)

410 Severn Ave Suite 109, Annapolis, MD 21403

- 9:00 am Day 2 Overview**
Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair
- 9:10 am Bringing us Together through Maps**
Presenter: Kristin Saunders (UMCES)
Presentation: 20 minutes; Discussion 20 minutes
Objective: Learn how the Chesapeake Bay Program is working to better connect Goal Team priorities work of the GITs through coordination and geospatial data to achieve co-benefits and improved outcomes.
- 9:50 am Looking at the Big Picture: Chesapeake Bay Program**
Presenter: Nick DiPasquale (EPA), Chesapeake Bay Program Director
Facilitator: Peyton Robertson (NCBO)
Presentation: 10 minutes; Discussion 10 min
Objective: Discuss the Chesapeake Bay Program's vision to improve the health of the Bay, and how the Sustainable Fisheries GIT supports the larger goals of the partnership.

Forage and Fish Habitat

- 10:10 am Breakout Groups: Progress and Priorities Moving Forward**
Small group discussions for 40-min each on forage and fish habitat.
Facilitators: GIT staff
10:20-11:05 am – First session; Group 1 moves to Conference Room 305
11:05-11:50 am– Switch for second session
Objective: Inform GIT members on current work of the Forage and Fish Habitat Action Teams on their respective 2-year workplans. Collect input from GIT members to guide the forage and fish habitat work moving forward.
- Forage session will feature updates on progress/activities so far and how to apply project results moving forward.
 - Fish Habitat session will feature discussion on a proposed project to synthesize the impacts of shoreline and tidal wetland condition on fish habitat and productivity.
- 11:50 am LUNCH**
- 12:30 pm Quick Recap Breakout Group Discussions**

Presenter: Bruce Vogt (NCBO), Kara Skipper (CRC), and Emilie Franke (ERT)

12:45 pm Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Update

Presenter: Pat Campfield (ASMFC)

Facilitator: Rob O'Reilly (VMRC)

Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min

Objective: Update the team on recent ASMFC decisions regarding menhaden, striped bass and other outcomes.

Blue Crabs

1:15 pm Blue Crab Management Updates

Presenters: Rob O'Reilly (VMRC), Dave Blazer (MD DNR), Marty Gary (PRFC)

Facilitator: Emilie Franke (ERT/NOAA)

Presentation: 30 min; Discussion: 30 min

Objective: Chesapeake Bay fishery managers will provide updates workplan actions and management considerations including future stock assessment efforts; the evaluation of an allocation-based management framework; recent discussion on male size limits; and 2016 harvest estimates.

2:15 pm Day Two Action Items and Recap

2:30 pm Adjourn
