

Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team

Semiannual Full GIT Meeting

June 2nd-3rd 2016

Day One:

Address:

Room 253
VCU Life Sciences Building
1000 West Cary Street, Richmond, VA

Webinar:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1157815804568710147>

Audio: Day One audio will be available through the gotowebinar.com link above.

Day Two:

Address:

[VCU Rice Rivers Center](#)
3701 John Tyler Memorial Highway, Charles City, VA

Webinar:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2444893120927023875>

Audio: Day Two audio will be available by conference line.

Call-In: 866-985-7304; **Pass Code:** 6899520

Meeting Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/23909/>

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 June 2016 meeting is focused primarily on the recently published 2016-2017 Sustainable Fisheries Workplans supporting the [2014 Watershed Agreement](#). Agenda topics focused on the blue crab, forage and fish habitat outcomes will highlight science supporting these workplans to inform next steps moving forward. This meeting also includes an overview of the 2016 Blue Crab Advisory Report and discussion on current activity around Atlantic sturgeon and invasive catfish in the Bay.

Day One of the meeting will be held at the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Eugene P. and Lois E. Trani Center for Life Sciences Building in Richmond, VA. Day Two of the meeting will be held at the VCU Rice Rivers Center in Charles City, VA.

Thursday, June 2nd

10:00 am

Welcome and Overview of Day 1

Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair (NCBO), Greg Garman (VCU)

Introduction to the meeting structure and objectives, including a review of recent GIT activity.

10:30 am

Getting to work

Bruce Vogt (NCBO)

Overview of Fisheries GIT workplans (blue crab, oyster, fish habitat and forage), their current status, and implementing actions.

Forage

11:00 am

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC) Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM): Intersections with Fisheries GIT

Presenter: Rich Seagraves (MAFMC), Facilitator: Rob O'Reilly (VMRC)

Presentation: 30 min; Discussion: 30 min

Objectives: Provide an overview of the Council's efforts, lessons learned, and next steps in addressing EAFM. Draw potential connections to the Fisheries GIT's forage and fish workplans.

12:00 pm

LUNCH

Explore the Richmond area for great dining options. Suggested eateries are noted on the attached map. Please arrive back in your seats by 1:15 pm.

1:15 pm

Forage Workplan: Moving Forward (Discussion)

Discuss setting management priorities and objectives, utilizing the science, and communicating importance of forage.

Fish Habitat

1:45 pm

Effects of Land Use on Aquatic Health in the Chesapeake Bay

Presenter: AK Leight (NOAA), Facilitator: Marty Gary (PRFC)

Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min

Objectives: Learn about science connecting land use and fisheries health, consider implications for fisheries management, and identify potential application to Fish Habitat outcome/workplan.

2:25 pm

BREAK

2:40 pm

National Fish Habitat Partnership's (NFHP) Assessment

Presenters: Dana Infante and Wes Daniel (Michigan State University), Facilitator: Bob Beal (ASMFC)

Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min

Objectives: Learn about NFHP's 2015 fish habitat assessment, results for Chesapeake Bay, and discuss the key issues and/or messages it raises related to our efforts.

3:20 pm

Discussion Moving Forward on Fish Habitat

Discuss setting management priorities and objectives, utilizing the science, and utilizing mapping and spatial tools.

3:50 pm

Fisheries GIT Member Updates

Objective: Goal Team members will have the opportunity to share brief reports on current projects, recent accomplishments, and emerging issues that contribute to Fisheries GIT priorities.

5:00 pm

Adjourn

6:00 pm

Dinner

Dinner will be held at 7 Hills Brewing Company in Shockoe Slip located at 115 South 15th Street Richmond, VA 23219.

Friday, June 3rd

- 9:00 am** **Day 2 Overview and Rice Rivers Center Introduction**
Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair and Greg Garman (VCU)
- 9:20 am** **Status of the Invasive Catfish Fishery**
Presenter: Matt Balazik (VCU), Rob O'Reilly (VMRC), Marty Gary (PRFC), Dave Blazer (MD DNR), Aaron Bunch (DGIF), Bob Greenlee (DGIF) Facilitator: Marty Gary
Presentation: 25 min; Discussion: 15 min
Objective: Review Virginia, Maryland, and Potomac River catfish harvest information, electrofishing research and the population monitoring of invasive catfish.
- 10:00 am** **Sturgeon Update**
Presenter: Jason Kahn (NOAA), Facilitator: Peyton Robertson (NCBO)
Presentation: 15 min; Discussion: 15 min
Objective: Provide a synopsis of the May 2016 sturgeon meeting, which included research on sturgeon population dynamics, genetics, movement, habitat, etc.
- 10:30 am** **Tours of the Rice Rivers Center**
Fisheries Team members will tour the Rice Rivers Center and discover VCU's contributions to the study of wetland restoration, environmental technology, and water quality.
- Blue Crabs**
- 11:30 am** **The Effect of Climate Change on Blue Crabs**
Presenter: Tom Miller (UMCES-CBL), Facilitator: Dave Blazer (MD DNR)
Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min
Objective: Learn about the study that is being initiated by UMCES to evaluate the effects of climate change on blue crabs.
- 12:10 pm** **2016 Blue Crab Advisory Report**
Presenter: Glenn Davis (MD DNR), Facilitator: Dave Blazer (MD DNR)
Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min
Objective: Review the results of the Winter Dredge Survey, blue crab population status, and CBSAC's recommendations.
- 12:50 pm** **WORKING LUNCH/Meeting Recap**
- 1:30 pm** **Adjourn**
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