

**Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee
Meeting Agenda**

September 26, 2016 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2839587010545030914>

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/24302/>

Presentation

➤ **Toxic Contaminants Workgroup Areas of Interest and Possible Collaboration (1:00-1:30pm)**

- Presentation: 20 minutes, Discussion: 10 minutes
 - The Toxic Contaminants Workgroup is implementing management strategies related to program goals to improve fish health and reduce the amount of bioaccumulative toxins in fish.
 - Greg Allen will provide a brief summary of the highest priority activities related to the strategies and areas for potential collaboration with the Sustainable Fisheries Goal Team.
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Decisional

➤ **FY16 GIT Funding Results (1:30-1:45pm)**

- Handouts: *Sustainable Fisheries FY16 GIT Funding Completed Tables, GIT Funding Timeline*
- The Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation received three funded projects in this year's funding for the Goal Implementation Teams (GITs). Staff will review initial ideas for potential deliverables for each project:
 - Shell/habitat dynamics in oyster restoration and fishery management
 - Evaluation of ecosystem factors for the blue crab stock
 - Watershed group and Citizen Monitoring of Fish Habitat (Joint 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.
- Discussion:
 - What information or deliverables from the above projects would be most beneficial to the Ex Comm?

➤ **Oyster Indicator (1:45-2:05pm)**

- Handout: *Oyster Indicator and Dashboard Presentation*
- Bruce Vogt will explain the process of developing an indicator and dashboard to monitor and track progress towards the outcome of 10 restored tributaries by the year 2025. The purpose of this indicator is to inform the general public via the Chesapeake Bay Program website.
- Discussion:
 - Does the Ex Comm endorse the indicator?

➤ **Topics for the December Full Fisheries GIT Meeting (2:05-2:20pm)**

- Handout: *Potential December 2016 SFGIT Meeting Topics*
- December Full Sustainable Fisheries GIT meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, December 6th at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Annapolis, MD and Wednesday, December 7th at the Fish Shack at the Chesapeake Bay Program Office in Annapolis, MD.
- Staff will review the final dates and location for the December meeting.
- Kara will propose potential meeting topics for the upcoming December Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation team meeting.

- Discussion:
 - Does the Ex Comm approve of the proposed meeting topics?
 - Are there additional topics that we should cover at the December meeting?
- **Fall Jurisdiction Oyster Discussion (2:20-2:35pm)**
 - Ex Comm members supported participation in a meeting to share information on management of oysters in each jurisdiction and to identify common efforts/challenges among the jurisdictions on the [March Ex Comm call](#). Amy Freitag (NCBO/VASG) will help organize the meeting which is set to occur on Thursday, November 3rd.
- **Updates (2:35-2:50pm)**
 - **Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee (CBSAC)**
 - Emilie will provide a summary of the September CBSAC call which included an evaluation of the proposed bay-wide 5.25 inch male blue crab minimum size limit and a presentation on latent effort in the blue crab fishery. CBSAC members are currently reviewing the meeting summary document. After review, the summary will be sent to the Executive Committee.
 - **Potential Joint Meeting with Habitat GIT**
 - Peyton met with the Habitat GIT co-chairs Christine Conn and David Whitehurst to discuss potential collaborations and projects. The team chairs agreed that a late May/early June joint GIT meeting could be beneficial in developing valuable connections and stimulating collaboration between the teams.
 - Fish Habitat Outcome is shared between the Habitat GIT and Fisheries GIT
 - Habitat GIT outcomes (listed below) have intersections with Fisheries outcomes including:
 - Submerged Aquatic Vegetation
 - Wetlands
 - Brook Trout
 - Stream Health
 - Fish Passage
 - Black Duck
 - Proposed project to compile available data and research on tidal wetlands and shorelines in respect to fish habitat productivity and value
 - **September 2016 Newsletter**
 - *September 2016 Sustainable Fisheries GIT Newsletter*
 - Kara will present the draft September 2016 Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team newsletter and request feedback from the Ex Comm.
 - **Sustainable Fisheries Membership Change Request**
 - Jeffrey Laitila (DoD) requested that Adam Wright (DoD) take his role on the Fish GIT and serve as a connection to the Navy Natural Resources personnel and projects.
 - Discussion:
 - Does the Ex Comm approve of this membership change?
 - **October Ex Comm Call**
 - Handout: 2016 calendar
 - Confirm October Ex Comm Call date – Monday, October 31st
 - Propose November Ex Comm Call date – Monday, November 28th
- **Ex Comm Updates**
 - Executive Committee members' updates and discussion of management issues.

Informational

➤ **Confirm upcoming Ex Comm meeting dates**

Monday, October 31st 1:00-3:00pm

Monday, November 28th 1:00-3:00pm

➤ **National Fish Habitat Partnership Data System**

The National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP) Data System is online as of September 1, 2016. The data system supports coordinated efforts of scientific assessment and data exchange among the partners and stakeholders of the aquatic habitat community. This tool provides data access and visualization tools at this link: <http://ecosystems.usgs.gov/fishhabitat/>

➤ **Derelict Fishing Gear Report and Presentation**

Amy Uhrin (NOAA) will be presenting at the October 13th Chesapeake Bay Program [Management Board Meeting](#) on the impacts of derelict fishing gear in the Chesapeake Bay. The final report will be available in October.