

Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team
Biannual Full GIT Meeting
December 2-3rd, 2014
Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Schmidt Building
Edgewater, MD

Meeting Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/22157/>
Call-In: 866-917-0618; Pass Code: 1613714
Day 1 Webinar:
Day 2 Webinar:

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 bi-annually in June and December of each year.

The December 2014 full GIT meeting will focus on the fisheries outcomes of the new Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement that sets specific targets through the year 2025. Day 1 will focus on the forage and fish habitat outcomes, including a summary of the STAC Forage Workshop and examples of existing fish habitat spatial tools. Day 2 will include updates on oyster restoration in Virginia and Maryland and how these updates are related to the Watershed Agreement management strategies. Day 2 will also feature an update from the Invasive Catfish Task Force and brief updates on the latest catfish research.

Tuesday, December 2nd

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| 10:00 am | Welcome and Overview of Day 1 – Peyton Robertson (NOAA, Fisheries GIT Chair),
Tuck Hines (SERC)
<i>Introductions</i> |
| 10:30 am | STAC Forage Workshop Outcomes and Summary – Tom Ihde (NOAA)
Presentation-20 min; Discussion-30 min
Objectives: Present the outcomes and summary of the November 2014 STAC Forage Workshop and how these outcomes will help inform the forage management strategy for the Watershed Agreement. |
| 11:20 am | Fish Habitat Action Team and Assessment Tools
Presentation: 20-min; Discussion-20 min
Objectives: Discuss the vision and progress for the fish habitat management strategy and demonstrate specific examples of fish habitat spatial tools that could contribute to the strategy and be applied to future habitat restoration/conservation projects. |
| 12:00 pm | Management Strategy Overview – Bruce Vogt (NOAA) and Emilie Franke (CRC)
Presentation: 20-min; Discussion-10 min
Objectives: Outline the key elements of the management strategies. Discuss the current status of the fisheries management strategies and plans for the afternoon work session. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GIT Funding Update: Update the full GIT of the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program funding provided to the GITs to support projects related to management strategies. |

12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Management Strategy Work Session 1 hour – Two 40-min sessions Objectives: Work in small groups to provide input on specific aspects of the fish habitat and forage management strategies including priority near-term actions, factors influencing work toward these outcomes, etc. Breakout rooms in the Mathias Lab.
2:50 pm	Break
3:00 pm	Summary and Full Group Discussion Objectives: Provide a summary of the major discussion points from the small-group work session for each strategy. Discuss any other issues and the next steps for each strategy and identify collaboration opportunities with other CBP GITs and workgroups.
4:00 pm	Public Comment Period
4:15 pm	Day 1 Recap/Break
4:30 pm	SERC Activity/Tour
5:15 pm	Adjourn
5:30 pm	Dinner

Wednesday, December 3rd

9:00 am	Day 2 Overview – Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair
9:15 am	VA Oyster Update – Susan Conner (USACE) and Jim Wesson (VMRC) Presentation 30 min; Discussion 20 min Objective: Discuss the recent progress and next steps for oyster restoration in Virginia tributaries.
10:05 am	MD Oyster Update – Stephanie Westby (NOAA) Presentation 15 min; Discussion 20 min Objective: Discuss the recent progress and next steps for oyster restoration in Maryland tributaries and plans for monitoring the reefs post-restoration.
10:40 am	Oyster Management Strategy Discussion 30 min Objective: Overview and discussion of the oyster management strategy outline and scope.
11:10 am	Break

11:20 am	CBSAC Updates – Joe Grist (VMRC, CBSAC Chair) Presentation-20 min; Discussion 20 min Objective: Update on current CBSAC priorities and projects including developing Terms of Reference for the next blue crab benchmark stock assessment.
12:00 pm	Blue Crab Management Strategy Discussion-30 min Objective: Overview and discussion of blue crab management strategy outline, which incorporates both the abundance and management outcomes. Discussion on the general approach and priority near-term actions
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	Invasive Catfish Diet Study Updates – Matt Ogburn (SERC) and Don Orth (VA Tech) Presentation-25 min; Discussion 20 min Objective: Updates on the latest results from blue catfish diet studies in both Maryland and Virginia.
2:00 pm	Invasive Catfish Task Force Report – Bruce Vogt (NOAA) Presentation-15 min; Discussion 15 min Objective: Discuss the comments received from the STAC peer review of the Task Force final report and the Task Force's plans to address these comments and move forward.
2:30 pm	Member Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fisheries-related updates from GIT members and their organizations on current projects, research, and other efforts.
3:15 pm	Public Comment Period
3:30 pm	Day 2 Recap; Next Steps
3:45 pm	Adjourn