Full Sustainable Fisheries GIT Meeting Agenda
December 1st – 2nd, 2010 – Williamsburg, Virginia

Day 1 *– The Williamsburg Hospitality House Hotel Conference Room*

12:00pm – 1:00pm **Lunch (Provided)**

1:00 pm – 2:00pm **General Updates**

- June Meeting Follow-Up
- Charter Finalization

2:00pm – 5:00pm **GIT-FEW Workshop**

- Quantitative Ecosystem Team (QET) Presentations (30 min each)
- Facilitated Discussion Lead by Jon Kramer (1 hour)

Day 2 *– William & Mary Alumni House – Leadership Hall*

8:00am – 9:00am **Breakfast (Provided)**

9:00am – 10:30am **Blue Catfish Policy Discussion**

10:30am – 12:00pm **Improving Baywide Fisheries Science and Monitoring**

- Fisheries Science Program Competitive Solicitation Process
- Evaluating the recommendations for development of baywide fish stock monitoring programs
- Identifying management products that can be derived from existing data

12:00pm – 1:00pm **Lunch (Provided)**

1:00pm – 2:30pm **Oysters**

- Team timeline for success metrics and baywide monitoring protocols
- Oyster Data Tool - Chesapeake Bay Ecosystem Integrated Information System (CBEIIS)

2:30pm – 4:00pm **Blue Crab Catch Shares**

4:00pm **Adjourn**

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Blue Catfish Policy Discussion

- Blue catfish became an important issue at the June full Sustainable Fisheries GIT meeting in Solomons, Maryland. Since then, the Fisheries GIT Executive Committee has had several conversations regarding this species, as well as how to handle future introductions of non-native species. At this meeting, we would like to present the best available science and consider possible management options (with positive and negative impacts) in order to come up with a policy decision no later than September, 2011.

Improving Baywide Fisheries Science and Monitoring

- Fisheries Science Program Competitive Solicitation Process
    - Use the Bay scientific community and partners to develop a comprehensive list of science and research needs to support Chesapeake Bay management of fisheries and Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management. These science and research needs will inform development of an NCBO Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement, coordination with other partners, and funding sources in the Bay region. NCBO will utilize and prioritize science and research needs based on input from the fisheries management community using the Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team (GIT).
- Baywide & Coordinated Chesapeake Fish Stock Monitoring Report (2006 CRC-NCBO Workshop)
    - The Chesapeake Research Consortium (CRC) and NOAA's Chesapeake Bay Office (NCBO) co-hosted a baywide workshop of scientists and managers from academic, federal, and state agencies in early March 2006. The workshop's focus was discussion of a potential baywide, integrated, fish stock monitoring program that facilitates cross-bay fisheries management. The opening remarks by J. Travelstead, Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), outlined fisheries management needs for the three tidal fisheries management organizations — the VMRC, the Potomac River Fisheries Commission (PRFC), and Maryland's Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR).
- Expand existing surveys, determining needs, and next steps

Oysters

- Coordination and moving towards Executive Order goals
- Developing Oyster Restoration Success Metrics and Corresponding Monitoring Protocols
    - Executive Order 13508 Strategy for Protecting and Restoring the Chesapeake Bay Watershed calls for federal and state partners to restore 20 bay tributaries by 2025. Achieving this goal, requires a new strategy anchored by substantial collaboration among oyster restoration partners bay wide, guided by the best available science, and targeted in areas most likely to succeed. The Maryland Oyster Restoration and Aquaculture Development Plan and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Native Oyster Restoration Master Plan are integral components to this effort. The Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team (Fisheries GIT) has agreed to serve as the coordinating body to provide guidance and oversight in aligning oyster restoration efforts and ensure bay-wide scientific and technical capabilities are leveraged to address challenges.
- Oyster Data Tool - Chesapeake Bay Ecosystem Integrated Information System (CBEIIS)
    - Integration of geo- referenced oyster data enabling spatial visualization (including harvest, disease, fall survey and restoration data) to allow managers to pull up information on disease, harvest, restoration, and mortality for a given bar at the click of a mouse

Blue Crab Catch Shares

- Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)