

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting
Agenda for September 24th, 2012 from 1:00pm-3:00pm
Call-In: 877-985-4165; Pass Code: 5370599
Materials: www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/18780
Webinar: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/r18b5et4zcd/>

Decisional

2012 GIT Workplan and June Full GIT Meeting Priorities

- Handout: Survey Monkey Poll Responses
- The Executive Committee will review the compiled survey responses and develop a plan for completing the tasks.
- Discussion: How would the Executive Committee like to proceed with complete the actions?
- Outcome: The Executive Committee agrees on a process forward to accomplish the prioritized list of action items.

Land Use Meeting with MD DNR

- Andrew and Adam met with Margaret McGinty and Christine Conn from MD DNR to discuss land use issues. The goal of the discussion was to learn what research projects and efforts have already occurred in MD and how these may line up with our Maryland priority areas we identified at the June full GIT meeting.
- Discussion: We would like to have a similar meeting with VMRC/VDGIF. Who should GIT staff begin discussions with in order to learn about past and ongoing research and consider ideas?
- Outcome: Identify experts in Virginia for GIT staff to engage and hold a similar meeting concerning location based land use objectives.

Membership

- Handout: Fisheries GIT Membership Review 8-31-12.pdf
- Discussion:
 - How should we streamline our membership for more active and engaged participation?
 - Who do we absolutely want at the December meeting?
- Outcome: The Executive Committee agrees on

December full GIT Meeting

- Handout: December Fisheries Goal Team Summit.pdf
- The above handout represents out initial planning goals for the December full GIT meeting.
- Discussion: What do you think about this approach?
- Outcome: The Executive Committee provides refined goals and a mission for December.

Informational

Maryland Oyster Population Status Report – 2011 Fall Survey

- <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/oysters/pdfs/2011FSreport.pdf>
- “Disease levels were at their lowest since systematic monitoring began in 1990, resulting in the lowest oyster mortalities in over 25 years...The lower salinities proved to be beneficial to the majority of oysters in Maryland by reducing disease impacts to allow the yearling oysters to thrive. As a result, the 2011 Oyster Biomass Index increased by 44% over the

previous year."

Fisheries Science Research Priorities for 2013

- The Executive Committee will review the responses from the survey on research priorities and determine the best path forward.

GIT Chairs Meeting

- Peyton will go over outcomes and key points from the GIT chairs meeting on Wednesday, September 20th.

Blue Catfish Task Force

- Initial meeting will be scheduled for October. Updates and outcomes of the newly assembled task force should hopefully come at the October Executive Committee meeting.

CBSAC Male Blue Crab Reference Point Meeting

- October 17-18 @ Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (Solomons Island).

Chesapeake Bay Program Tasks

- GIT Goal Statements Updated
 - http://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/17764/git_goal_statements_june_2012_2.pdf
- CBP Indicator Status:
 - Striped Bass Abundance
 - Revised indicator due fall 2012
 - Moving towards ASMFC reporting - control rule
 - Contacted ASMFC for guidance
 - Menhaden Abundance
 - Revised indicator due fall 2012
 - Moving towards ASMFC reporting
 - Contacted ASMFC for guidance
 - Oyster Restoration and Abundance (separate indicators)
 - Revised indicators due by 2013 CBP Executive Council Meeting
 - Shad – developing an entirely new indicator
 - New indicator due spring 2013
 - Update: The American Shad Indicator Action Team met on August 29th to initially scope out a new indicator. The idea is to develop a new indicator incorporating habitat and fish recovery efforts. The next meeting for this group will be in October.
- Decision Frameworks (DF)
 - Oyster DF completed but needs updating
 - Second is due by December 31st

Newsletter

- Handout: *Fisheries GIT - Newsletter - 9-2012 (v1).pdf*
- The above Fisheries GIT newsletter was distributed on date.

Fisheries GIT Meeting Schedule

- ***October Executive Committee – Need Date***
- ***November Executive Committee – Need Date***
- Full GIT – December 6th-8th
