

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting
Agenda for November 16st, 2012 from 10:30pm-12:30pm
Call-In: 877-921-8911; Pass Code: 7762916
Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/18992>
Webinar: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/r6pqzv29mwq/>

Presentation

Better Understanding Ecosystem Services of Restored Reefs

- Handout: *Oyster Ecosystem Services_SFGIT ExComm final.pdf*
- Howard Townsend (NOAA) will present a conceptual proposal for better quantifying ecosystem services on restored oyster reefs.
- Outcome: The GIT Executive Committee will discuss the need and approach for a placed based monitoring and research partnerships for evaluating ecosystem benefits of restored oyster reefs.

Decisional

CBSAC Male Conservation Threshold Workshop

- Handout: *2012_Oct_Workshop_Summary_11_8_Draft_With_figs_AMT.x (2)-1.pdf*
- Lynn Fegley and Andrew Turner will go over the CBSAC outcomes from the male conservation threshold workshop.
- Discussion:
 - Is the Executive Committee ready to accept the male conservation threshold?
- Outcome: The Executive Committee agrees on a path forward to accept and implement the male conservation threshold in management.

December Meeting Planning

- Handout: *Fisheries GIT - Full GIT Meeting Agenda (v4).pdf*
- Date & Location: Port Isobel of Tangier Island, VA on December 6th-8th.
- We have put together an agenda that advances our current priorities and delves into some new issues. We hope this agenda will spark discussion and lead to actionable outcomes for crabs, catfish, and land use issues.
- Discussion:
 - We still have some time to make last minute adjustments to the agenda. Please provide your input and we can make any possible changes before December 6th. What are your thoughts on the agenda?
- Outcome:
 - The Executive Committee provides GIT staff with final guidance concerning the December meeting objectives, outcomes, and purpose.

Fisheries Research Priorities

- Handout: *Draft Fisheries Science Needs 102912.pdf*
- We have received input from some Chesapeake Bay academics and would like to vet their ideas through the Executive Committee.
- Discussion:
 - Do the attached research ideas align with your needs?
 - What are your top priorities?

- Any new areas we should target that are not on this list?
- Outcome: The Executive Committee agrees to focus on an explicit set of research priorities for 2013.

GIT Goals

- The Chesapeake Bay Program is putting together a new one-to-two page summary of the top level goals for each of the GITs. The GITs are being asked to put forth a final version of their goals for Bay Program distribution. Below are the proposed Fisheries GIT's goals.
- Proposed Fisheries GIT Goals:
 - Overarching Goal: Improve fisheries health and production by connecting land use decision making with ecosystem science and policy, and creating a precautionary management approach to ensure the sustainability of Chesapeake Bay fisheries resources across jurisdictions.
 - Outcomes
 - Maintain sustainable blue crab population based on the current 2012 target of 215 million adult females (1+ years old) and continue to refine population targets between 2013 through 2025 based on best available science.
 - Restore native oyster habitat and populations in 20 tributaries by 2025.
 - Discussion:
 - Are these the correct goals for the Fisheries GIT?
 - Outcome: The Executive Committee agrees that these are the correct goals the Fisheries GIT should pursue.

Fisheries GIT Indicators

- Handouts:
 - *Fisheries GIT Indicators - Striped Bass Options.pdf*
 - *Fisheries GIT Indicators - Menhaden Options.pdf*
- We told the Chesapeake Bay Program we were going to update our public information indicators for striped bass and menhaden by November 21st. The attached handout contains our proposed striped bass and menhaden options for review by the Executive Committee.
- Discussion:
 - Which indicators would you like to see put forward and why?
 - Are there any other options for indicators that you know of?
- Outcome: The Executive Committee chooses indicators for striped bass and menhaden. GIT staff will then acquire the data and update the Chesapeake Bay Program with the new information.

Informational

Oyster Stock Assessment Terms of Reference (TOR)

- Handout: *Chesapeake Bay oyster stock assessment Terms of Reference_2012.pdf*
- Discussion:
 - Clarifying that the proposed products are what the Executive Committee wants to see from the ongoing oyster stock assessment?
- Outcome:
 - Executive Committee agrees upon a set of TORs/evaluation criteria for the baywide stock assessment.

Virginia Coastal Zone Meeting

- December 4th-5th
- The Fisheries GIT was asked to present on our work to improve the connection between land use decisions and fisheries health
- Peyton will be presenting on the 5th

Oyster Nitrogen Removal Workshop

- NCBO is hosting an oyster nitrogen removal workshop on January 10th-11th in Wachapreague, VA

Next Meeting:

- Full Fisheries GIT Meeting - December 6th-8th
