Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee
Meeting Agenda
February 27, 2017 from 1:00pm-3:00pm
Call-In: 877-921-8911; Pass Code: 7762916
Webinar: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5541458719147237892
Materials: http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/24784/

Decisional

➤ **Strategy Review System Meeting Report (1:00-1:15pm)**
   o The Chesapeake Bay Program and their partners met on February 8-9th to review the strategy review system and learn how to incorporate social science, policy, science, and fiscal considerations into their management strategies and ongoing workplan actions. GIT staff will share the overall highlights from the meeting and describe what this process will look like for the Fisheries GIT.
   o Discussion:
      ▪ Suggestions/comments moving forward?

➤ **Fish Habitat Meeting and STAC Workshop Proposal (1:15-1:35pm)**
   o Handout: *Fish Habitat STAC Workshop Proposal*
   o The Fish Habitat Action Team met on February 16th to assess their performance on the 2016-2017 workplan, prepare for the May SRS presentation to the Management Board, and direct future actions.
   o The Fish Habitat Action Team developed a 2-day workshop proposal for the 2017 Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) workshop proposal process. Proposals are currently being reviewed by STAC and are anticipated to be selected at the March 14th STAC quarterly meeting.
   Discussion:
      ▪ How can we generate value for the Ex Comm with this workshop?

➤ **Forage Action Team Meeting (1:35-1:45pm)**
   o The Forage Action Team met for their quarterly meeting to learn about the UMCES study which investigates factors influencing forage population trends and Maryland's striped bass indicator development. Forage members also drafted a forage strategy utilizing information and data from previous forage actions.

➤ **Invasive Catfish Task Force – 2017 Science Workshop (1:45-2:00)**
   o The Invasive Catfish Task Force met on February 15th to discuss research that has been completed or is ongoing since the Task Force released their report in 2014.
   o There is ongoing research/analyses on blue catfish diet, population monitoring/dynamics, movement, and flathead population dynamics.
   o The Task Force agreed that a workshop on that state of the science for invasive catfish would be timely for this year. The workshop was originally requested by the Ex Comm.
   o Decision:
      ▪ When should this workshop be? (May? Part of June meeting? Summer? Fall?)

➤ **Biannual Sustainable Fisheries GIT Meeting (2:00-2:10pm)**
   o The Habitat GIT and Fisheries GIT have proposed a joint meeting in May/June. Habitat GIT staff have suggested a two day meeting, the first day would be structured for each team to meet individually and the second day would bring the teams together for topics which fall under both teams.

- Options:
  - 1. Work with the Habitat GIT to lead a Fish Habitat agenda item at their May meeting. Have a separate 1-2 day Fish GIT meeting in June focused on tidal priorities (crabs, forage, catfish, etc.)
  - 2. Postpone joint meeting until the Fall (November?). Have normal 2-day June Fisheries GIT meeting.
  - <u>Discussion:</u>
    - Which option does the Ex Comm prefer?
    - What topics should be included in the biannual meeting?
    - Ideas for Virginia meeting location for June?

- **Principals' Staff Committee Oyster Presentation (2:10-2:20pm)**
  - The Chesapeake Bay Program's Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) consists of the policy advisors to the Executive Council. We requested time to discuss oyster restoration progress at their next meeting on March 1, 2017.
  - <u>Discussion:</u>
    - What main messages do we want to deliver to the state policy advisors?

- **Cownose Rays (2:20-2:30pm)**
  - Updates from the jurisdictions.

- **March Ex Comm Call (2:30-2:35pm)**
  - <u>Handout:</u> *2017 calendar*
  - Confirm March Ex Comm Call date – Monday, March 27th
  - Propose April Ex Comm Call date – Monday, April 24th

- **Ex Comm Updates**
  - Executive Committee members' updates and discussion of management issues.

<u>**Informational**</u>

- **Confirm upcoming Ex Comm meeting dates**
  Monday, March 27th, 1pm-3pm
  Monday, April 24th, 1pm-3pm

- **March 2017 Fish GIT Newsletter**
  Review prior to next month's Ex Comm conference call (to be sent in mid-late March)