

Fish Habitat Management Strategy Action Team Meeting



Chesapeake Bay Program Office
Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)
410 Severn Avenue
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10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Agenda

- I. Welcome, Introductions** (10:00 - 10:15)
Jennifer Greiner (USFWS) and Bruce Vogt (NOAA)
 - Update on status of management strategy
- II. State Priorities and Current Efforts** (10:15 - 11:40)
VA, DC, MD, DE, PA (15 min each)
 - Overview of state priority habitats and species and most significant threats.
 - Description of current initiatives to address those priorities.
 - Description of spatial data/tools that are used.
- III. Group Discussion on State Priorities** (11:40 - 12:00)
Full group
 - What are the commonalities among the state priority habitats? Species?
 - What are the biggest threats identified? Further prioritize the “Factors Influencing” section of the strategy?
 - How should the strategy and management approaches be structured around these current efforts? Regional or state approaches?
 - Are there common priorities that this CBP management strategy should focus on? Conservation vs restoration?
- Lunch** (12:10 - 12:40)
- IV. Atlantic Coast Fish Habitat Partnership: Species-Habitat Matrix** (12:40 - 1:00)
Lisa Havel (ASMFC) and Julie Devers (USFWS)
 - Overview of this initiative by ACFHP to prioritize habitats by life stage.
 - Focus on Chesapeake Bay species.
- V. Habitat Spatial Data and Tools** (1:00 - 1:30)

- In addition to the state-identified tools, discuss examples of other tools and data layers that are specific to various fish species and/or habitat quality or characterization.
- TNC Prioritization Tools, Landscape Conservation Cooperative Data, CBP Priority Species Habitat Maps, Landscape Chesapeake

VI. Group discussion on Prioritization and Spatial Data

(1:30 - 2:45)

Full group

- Based on what we have discussed so far, can we further refine the management approach section of the strategy?
 - 1. Compile Data
 - 2. Identify threats
 - 3. Prioritize challenges and opportunities
 - 4. Improve awareness and local engagement
- How do we use the information we have now to target areas improve fish habitat?

VII. Wrap-Up and Next Steps

(2:45 - 3:00)

Jennifer Greiner (USFWS) and Bruce Vogt (NOAA)

- Next steps for completing the management strategy in time for the March 16th public input period.
- Development of a STAC workshop proposal.
- Adjourn.