

Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team

Biannual Full GIT Meeting

Port Isobel Island

Tangier, Virginia

December 6-8, 2012

The Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team (Fisheries GIT) continues to provide a forum for connecting science and policy across jurisdictions and the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. The diverse team meets bi-annually in June and December. For this December's meeting, we have designed an agenda to keep us moving forward on top priorities (oysters, blue crabs, fish, and land use) and provide opportunities for one-on-one and group interaction that includes both the unique local community and landscape.

Thursday, December 6th

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| 11:45 am | Arrive at Crisfield |
| 12:00 pm | Depart Crisfield for Port Isobel |
| 12:50 pm | Check-In & Drop off Luggage |
| 1:35 pm | Welcome & Introductions – Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair |
| 1:50 pm | Proggin' (Port Isobel & Tangier Island Cultural History) – Charles Parks of Tangier Island and Jessie Marsh of Smith Island
<i>In order to take advantage of our location, we will begin by learning about the local history, cultures, and ecology of Tangier Island and Port Isobel from our Chesapeake Bay Foundation hosts. The perspectives we gain here will be helpful in the listening session with the community leaders and watermen later in the day.</i> |
| 2:15 pm | Fisheries GIT Updates – Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair
<i>The Fisheries GIT and the Executive Committee have accomplished a lot since the June, 2012 meeting in Annapolis. During this session we will hear from the Fisheries GIT chair about the latest progress and recap our priorities.</i> |
| 2:45 pm | Depart for Tangier Island |
| 3:30 pm | Tangier Island Museum Tour |
| 4:00 pm | Welcome to Tangier Island – James "Ookire" Eskridge, Mayor, Tangier Island |

4:20 pm

Stakeholder Panel Session

We will have a conversation with community leaders and watermen to hear about their views, ideas, challenges, and talk about sustaining fisheries and local economies.

6:00 pm

Dinner at Tangier Island Restaurant (on your own)

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Friday, December 7th

8:00 am **Breakfast**

9:00 am **Blue Crabs**

We will hear from the Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee on the development of male specific conservation thresholds, the latest updates on the blue crab commercial accountability pilot project, and then discuss the implications for management.

Male Specific Conservation Thresholds – TBA (15 min)

Commercial Accountability Project, an Overview – Steve Early and Brenda Davis, MD DNR (20 min)

Commercial Accountability Project, A Watermen's Perspective – TBA (10 min)

Discussion (50 min)

10:35 am **Break**

10:50 am **Invasive Catfish**

The Invasive Catfish Task Force will update the Fisheries GIT on results from the latest blue and flathead catfish research and engage GIT members in a discussion about next steps.

Catfish Portal and Model Outputs - Greg Garman, ODU (20 min)

Preliminary Results and Outreach Efforts - Mary Groves, MD DNR and Branson Williams, MD DNR (15 min)

Mark-Recapture Study – Alicia Norris, VIMS (5 min)

VMRC Predation Study Overview and Goals – Joe Schmidt, VT (10 min)

Task Force Progress Update – Bruce Vogt, NOAA (5 min)

Discussion (30 min)

12:15 pm **Lunch**

- 1:00 pm** **Exploring and Reflecting upon Port Isobel**
Meeting participants will have the opportunity to explore the island of Port Isobel while reflecting on the day's conversations.
- 2:05 pm** **Reflection Discussion**
All meeting participants will reconvene in the meeting room and discuss any thoughts or ideas from the exploration time.
- 2:30 pm** **Forage Fish & Land Use**
Stemming from the Fisheries GITs interest in land use impacts on Chesapeake Bay fisheries, the GIT will hear from the latest research tying land use to forage fish impacts. After learning the latest research, the GIT will discuss management implications and how the Fisheries GIT should strategically plan ahead.
- Project Overview** – Tom Jordan, SERC (10 min)
- Fisheries Specific Applications** – Matthew Kornis, SERC (15 min)
- Retrospective Analysis** – Ed Houde, UMCES (20 min)
- Discussion** (35 min)
- Land Use Guiding Principals** – TBA (10 min)
- Discussion** (30 min)
- 4:30** **Break**
- 4:40 pm** **Evaluating Ecosystem Services**
Discuss an approach to better understanding, quantifying, and valuing the ecosystem services resulting from oyster reef restoration.
- Ecosystem Services** – Howard Townsend, NOAA (20 min)
- Discussion** (30 min)
- 5:30 pm** **Break**
- 6:00 pm** **Dinner**

Saturday, December 8th

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Building Oyster Reefs & Sustainable Seafood

We will hear from some of the current, and ongoing, large-scale restoration projects from across the Bay, listen to economic analyses of aquaculture, hear about business practices and approaches from successful aquaculturists, and learn about tools for identifying suitable aquaculture sites. Following these presentations, we will have a discussion on the GITs role in oyster aquaculture.

Moving the Dial on Oyster Restoration – Stephanie Westby, NOAA

Maryland Aquaculture Economic Analysis – Doug Lipton, MD Sea Grant

Virginia Aquaculture Economic Analysis – TBA

Aquaculture Perspectives – Tolar Nolley, Oyster Company of Virginia

Aquaculture Perspectives – Johnny Shockley, Chesapeake Gold Oysters

Spatial Tool for Assessing Land Development Risks – Marcia Burman, VIMS

Discussion

10:50 am Break

11:05 am Looking Ahead – *Wrap up meeting outcomes*

12:00 pm Pack Luggage and Meet at Dock

12:30 pm Depart Port Isobel for Crisfield