

Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team

Biannual Full GIT Meeting

Port Isobel Island

Tangier, Virginia

December 6-8, 2012

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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, invasive catfish, and land use) and provide opportunities for one-on-one and group interaction that includes both the unique local community and landscape.

Objectives:

- Increase stakeholder understanding of the Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team and gather input on stakeholder ideas and concerns.
 - Share findings of the Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee on the development of male specific conservation thresholds, discuss implications for management, and determine if a formal endorsement is needed from the team.
 - Determine the broader regional applications of the Commercial Accountability Project.
 - Update the Fisheries GIT on results from the latest blue and flathead catfish research and discuss and confirm proposed next steps.
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Thursday, December 6th

12:00 pm	Arrive at Crisfield
12:30 pm	Depart Crisfield for Port Isobel
1:15 pm	Check-In & Drop off Luggage
1:45 pm	Welcome & Introductions – Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair
2:00 pm	Welcome to Port Isobel – Chesapeake Bay Foundation Staff
2:30 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 from the "Fisheries GIT Top 7".</i>
2:45 pm	Depart for Tangier Island

- 3:30 pm** **Tangier Island Museum Tour: *"Self Guided Tour and Tangier Video"***
- 4:10 pm** **Arrive at the Fisherman's Corner Restaurant: Welcome From – James "Ookire" Eskridge, Tangier Island Mayor**
- 4:30 pm** **Stakeholder Panel Session**
Objective: Increase understanding amongst stakeholders of the Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team and gather input on stakeholder ideas & concerns.
- 6:00 pm** **Dinner at Fisherman's Corner Restaurant (on your own)**
- 7:45 pm** **Depart for Port Isobel**

Friday, December 7th

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Blue Crabs – Male Specific Conservation Thresholds

Objective: Share findings of the Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee on the development of male specific conservation thresholds, discuss implications for management, and determine if a formal endorsement is needed from the team.

9:10 am Blue Crabs – Commercial Accountability Project

Objective: Determine the broader regional applications of the Commercial Accountability Project

Commercial Accountability Project, an Overview – Brenda Davis, MD DNR

Commercial Accountability Project, A Watermen's Perspective – Moochie Gilmer and/or Mark Kitching

10:30 am Break (Snacks)

10:45 am Invasive Catfish

Objective: Update the Fisheries GIT on results from the latest blue and flathead catfish research and discuss and confirm proposed next steps.

Catfish Portal and Model Outputs - Greg Garman, ODU

Preliminary Results and Outreach Efforts - Mary Groves, MD DNR and Branson Williams, MD DNR

(Tentative) **Mark-Recapture Study** – Mary Fabrizio, VIMS

VDGIF Predation Study Overview and Goals – Bob Greenlee, VDGIF

Task Force Progress Update & Discussion– Bruce Vogt, NOAA

12:20 pm Lunch

12:50 pm Proggin' Prep (put on outdoor clothes)

12:55 pm Proggin' – Port Isobel & Tangier Island Cultural History – Charles Parks of Tangier Island and Jessie Marsh of Smith Island

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.

1:55 pm

Break

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

Fisheries Specific Applications – Matthew Kornis, SERC

Retrospective Analysis – Ed Houde, UMCES

Panel Discussion

Land Use Guiding Principles – Bruce Vogt, NOAA

Discussion

4:35

Day 2 Recap – Peyton Robertson & Stephanie Kavanaugh

4:45 pm

Adjourn

6:00 pm

Dinner

Saturday, December 8th

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Day 2 Overview – Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair

8:45 am Building Oyster Reefs, Evaluating Ecosystem Services, & 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.

Discuss an approach to better understanding, quantifying, and valuing the ecosystem services resulting from oyster reef restoration.

Moving the Dial on Oyster Restoration – Stephanie Westby, NOAA

Ecosystem Services – Howard Townsend, NOAA

Discussion

9:50 am Aquaculture Panel

Aquaculture Perspectives – Tolar Nolley, Oyster Company of Virginia

Aquaculture Perspectives – Johnny Shockley, Chesapeake Gold Oysters

(Tentative) **Spatial Tool for Assessing Land Development Risks** – Marcia Burman, VIMS

Discussion

10:50 am Break

11:00 am Next Steps

12:00 pm Pack Luggage and Meet at Dock

12:30 pm Depart Port Isobel for Crisfield