

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee
Meeting Agenda

July 21, 2014 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Call-In: 877-921-8911; Pass Code: 7762916

Webinar: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/227047047>

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/21835/>

Decisional

- Soft-Shell Crab Disease Mortality – Eric Schott (UMCES) (1:00-1:30pm)
 - Presentation 15 min; Discussion 15 min
 - Handout: Presentation
 - Eric will present information on the mortality of soft-shell blue crabs due to disease especially in shedding tanks.
 - Discussion: Questions and comments from Ex Comm members.
- Blue Crab Allocation White Paper (1:30-2:00pm)
 - Handout: Presentation
 - Sara Molinsky, summer policy intern at NCBO, has been working with Andrew T. to draft the white paper on a potential baywide allocation management system for blue crabs. This white paper was discussed on the [April Ex Comm call](#) with Matt Mullin (EDF).
 - Sara and Andrew will present the status of the white paper and timeline for a completed draft.
 - Discussion: Comments on project status at this point?
- CBP GIT Funding Update (2:00-2:20pm)
 - Handout: GIT Funding_Ex Comm_Final Rankings
 - Peyton will update the Ex Comm on the status of CBP funding allocated across all GITs.
 - Staff will provide the results of the Ex Comm's rankings and comments on the proposed Fish GIT projects.
 - Discussion: Funding mechanisms and timelines for projects.
- New Agreement Management Strategies (2:20-2:35)
 - Handout: Key elements for management strategies
 - Peyton and staff will update Ex Comm members on management strategy discussions that have occurred at CBP leadership meetings.
 - CBP leadership is in the process of developing guidance for GITs on what elements all management strategies should include. More information should be forthcoming.
 - Discussion: How will the Fisheries GIT approach management strategy development? How can we incorporate input from GIT members and other stakeholders? Create workgroups around each strategy?
- Fisheries GIT Work Plan (2:35-2:55)
 - Handout: SFGIT 2014 workplan_7-14-14; June 2014 FishGIT summary
 - Staff will present an updated work plan based on outcomes from the June 2014 full GIT meeting and our responsibility for management strategies.
 - Discussion: Does the work plan capture what we want to accomplish? Priorities?

- Fall Ex Comm Call Dates (2:55-3:00pm)
 - Handout: 2014 Calendar
 - Ex Comm will decide on dates for upcoming Ex Comm calls (Mondays 1-3pm)
 - Decision: Scheduled calls for September and October.
 - Ex Comm Updates
 - Executive Committee members' updates and discussion of management issues.
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Informational

- New Agreement
 - On June 16th, the CBP Executive Council signed the [new Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement](#).
 - CBP leadership is currently developing guidelines for the GITs to use in developing their management strategies. Management strategies must be complete by June 2015.
- Forage Workshop
 - The Steering Committee of the STAC Forage Workshop has continued to have monthly conference calls to plan for the workshop. They are currently finalizing the participant list and working to ensure that necessary scientific and management expertise is represented at the workshop.
 - The workshop is scheduled for November 12-13th, 2014 at the Chesapeake Biological Lab in Solomons, MD.
- Invasive Catfish Updates
 - The Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) is currently reviewing the Catfish Task Force's final report. A few STAC members as well as experts from outside the region are conducting the review. They anticipate the review will complete by October.
- CBP Indicators
 - All fisheries-related CBP indicators have been updated for this year.
 - [Bay Health](#) (blue crabs, oysters, striped bass, shad, menhaden)
 - [Restoration and Management](#) (oyster restoration, menhaden, blue crab, striped bass)
 - Oyster Indicators:
 - The [oyster health](#) indicator page currently states general information about oysters and indicates that a new health indicator may be developed in the future.
 - The [oyster restoration](#) indicator states information on the tributary-scale restoration approach and features a map highlighting the selected tributaries in MD and VA.
- Confirm upcoming meeting dates
Ex Comm Calls
Monday, August 18th from 1-3pm