

**Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee
Meeting Agenda**

July 27th, 2015 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3239122040920664322>

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/22864/>

Decisional

➤ **Cownose Rays (1:00-1:30pm) – Sonja Fordham (Shark Advocates International)**

- Handout: *Cownose ray Workshop proposal*
- Sonja Fordham (Shark Advocates International) will present the workshop proposal. At the June Fisheries GIT meeting, the GIT agreed to consider her workshop proposal after the discussion on cownose rays during the public comment period.
- Discussion:
 - What would the potential workshop objectives be? What type of information/recommendations should the workshop provide?
 - Funding support for the workshop?

➤ **CBP Funding for GITs and Management Strategies (1:30-1:50pm)**

- Handout: *GIT Funding Timeline & Process FY15 ; Management approaches and gaps*
- Approximately \$840,000 is available to divide among all CBP GITs this year to fund projects supporting the management strategies. That is about 2-3 projects per GIT.
 - 2014 GIT funding supported three fisheries projects:
 - blue crab summer survey/brood data analyses, striped bass health indicator and forage species reference points. Total funding received for fish projects was ~\$170,000.
- Ex Comm members will discuss 2015 project priorities to support the four fisheries management strategies: blue crab, oyster restoration, forage fish and fish habitat.
- Discussion:
 - Which projects are the highest priorities?
 - Which management strategies or specific projects would benefit most from this partnership funding?

➤ **Workplans Moving Forward (1:50-2:10pm)**

- Handout: *Workplan Timeline; Workplan template*
- Ex Comm members will discuss the workplan timeline and identify stakeholders that should be engaged in the development process.
- Staff will review the workplan template and discuss the type of information needed for each management strategy workplan.
- Discussion:
 - Timeline for engaging specific stakeholder groups? Use existing meetings?
 - Additional agency or organization contacts to provide information for workplan actions?

➤ **Oyster Summit (2:10-2:25pm)**

- Handout: *Chesapeake Bay Oyster Summit scope_060415*

- Bruce Vogt (NOAA) will present a proposal for an Oyster Summit that would bring together industry, managers, scientists, government, local partners and more to discuss how to improve oyster populations in the Chesapeake.
 - The Summit would cover the following topics: oyster economics, the status of Chesapeake Bay oyster populations, sustainable aquaculture, harvest fisheries, restoration, and conservation. Participants would discuss common challenges, interests, and linkages among aquaculture, harvest, and conservation.
 - Discussion:
 - Comments from Ex Comm members on the Summit scope and objectives? Do Ex Comm members support this idea?
 - What would Ex Comm members hope to get out of the Summit?
- **Vice Chair of Fisheries GIT (2:10-2:20pm)**
- Handout: *Fisheries GIT Charter*
 - Ex Comm members will discuss the duties of the Fisheries GIT Vice Chair position.
 - Decision: New Vice Chair finalized.
- **Ex Comm Updates**
- Executive Committee members' updates and discussion of management issues.
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Informational

- **Chesapeake Bay Program Executive Council Meeting**
- CBP's Executive Council met on Thursday, July 23rd at the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. for their annual meeting to discuss the newly released management strategies and provide guidance for the partnership. The Executive Council is currently chaired by Gov. McAuliffe of Virginia. More information on the meeting and Executive Committee attendees can be found [here](#).
- **CBSAC's 2015 Blue Crab Advisory Report**
- CBSAC published this year's Advisory Report on June 30th after Ex Comm comment and endorsement. Thanks to all CBSAC and Ex Comm members for an efficient publication process!
 - The report is published on the Chesapeake Bay Program website on the Fisheries GIT web page under "Publications". Direct link [here](#).
- **Fish GIT Science Fact Sheet**
- Olivia Newport (NOAA Intern) has drafted a Fisheries GIT science fact sheet from the June 2015 full GIT Meeting. The fact sheet presents the science in a more public-friendly way.
- **STAC Forage Workshop Report**
- A complete report is currently under review by STAC. A final report should be posted on the STAC website this summer.
- **Confirm upcoming meeting dates**
- Ex Comm (Mondays from 1:00-3:00pm)*
- August 17th, 2015
- September 28th, 2015