

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes for July 29th, 2011 from 1:00-3:00pm

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In Attendance: Peyton Robertson, Tom O'Connell, Jack Travelstead, Bob Beal, A.C. Carpenter, Bruce Vogt, Derek Orner, Howard Townsend, Nancy Butowski, Andrew Turner, Steve Martin, Elena Chiras, Adam Davis

Decisional:

Blue Catfish

- Handout: *Blue Catfish Current Tasks* (See Page 1)
 - Continue outreach document
 - Skipped since Bryan King absent
 - **Action Item:** Bryan King → please distribute the latest version of the outreach document for review
 - ASMFC Resolution Finalization
 - ASMFC Policy Board will meet Wed (8/3) to vote on approval to make official
 - **Action Item:** Bob Beal will update the resolution to address a list of prioritized research needs and change Chesapeake Bay to Mid-Atlantic region to expand interest
 - Fill Research/Knowledge Gaps
 - Funding five blue catfish projects
 - **Action Item:** Arrange to have regular check-ins with researchers to discuss progress and provide updates
 - Create a Blue Catfish GIS
 - Product will help select/target tributaries for particular management efforts based on occurrence and habitat
 - Blue Catfish Modeling
 - Handout: *Executive Committee Meeting Outline* (See Page 3)
 - Final product will be done in August and possibly presented to Executive Committee at August 22nd meeting
 - **Action Item:** Howard Townsend and Andrew Turner will follow up with A.C. Carpenter to obtain commercial vs. recreational catch data
- Handouts:
 - *Blue Catfish Policy Statement* (See Page 6)
 - All agreed on the idea and necessity of signing a policy adoption statement, and that it should be signed at the secretary level
 - *Potential Catfish Management Measures* (See Page 7)

Blue Crab

- Handout: *CBSAC Tasks and Charge* (See Page 8)
 - Agreed that it looks good, but doesn't want CBSAC to think they have much leeway with the stock assessment

- **Action Items:**
 - Add item requesting management guidance on implementation of the new reference points
 - Submit charge to CBSAC before August 22nd Executive Committee meeting
- Stock Assessment Press Release (August 9th)
 - Handout: *See Attachment*
 - **Action Items:**
 - Rework press release to make more forceful impact on reader and stress the need for continued harvest restrictions
 - Send out “talking points” prior to press release
 - Redistribute for approval

Oyster Metrics

- Handout: *DRAFT – Oyster Metrics Adoption Statement* (See Page 10)
 - All agreed a signed policy adoption statement is needed
 - **Action Item**: Straighten out wording in adoption statement, and have the Fisheries GIT Executive Committee sign
 - Then adoption statement may be signed for a formal adoption by higher levels
- Handouts:
 - *Oyster Metrics Table* (See Page 11)
 - *Chesapeake Bay Oyster Summit* (See Page 14)

Informational:

NCBO Budget Highlights

- Finally received funding, and currently getting it out quickly
 - \$1.5 million for fisheries research
 - Blue catfish mapping, blue crab, cownose ray, fish telemetry array, plankton monitoring pilot project

ASMFC Pre Summer Meeting Discussion

- Striped Bass: board looking at addendum to reduce harvest by 40%
- Menhaden: surprised at level of menhaden harvest reductions. Study says 5-10% would be enough, but ASMFC wants 20-45% reductions

Survey Design Presentation

- Handout: *Survey Focus and Draft Questions* (See Page 18)
- Elena Chiras walked through the overview and survey questions she will be using in order to better understand linkages between land use management and its impacts on fisheries

Next Executive Committee Meeting

- Monday, August 22nd from 1:00-3:00pm
- **Action Item**: Respond to doodle poll below to help us lock in Winter full GIT meeting dates

- <http://doodle.com/8kb7uae2aab5thg7>