

---

## Sustainable Fisheries GIT Meeting Agenda

June 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

The Westin Annapolis

100 Westgate Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

410-972-4300

Registration: [http://communitymodeling.org/chesapeakemeetings/dev/event\\_details.php?event\\_id=26](http://communitymodeling.org/chesapeakemeetings/dev/event_details.php?event_id=26)

Hotel Reservations: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1205167685&key=B00B5>

---

### Call-In and Webinar Information

Call-In: 866-917-0618

Pass Code: 1613714

Day 1 Webinar: [https://epa.connectsolutions.com/sfgit\\_day1/](https://epa.connectsolutions.com/sfgit_day1/)

Day 2 Webinar: [https://epa.connectsolutions.com/sfgit\\_day2/](https://epa.connectsolutions.com/sfgit_day2/)

---

### June 11<sup>th</sup> → Day 1: Applying the latest science to manage, protect, and restore Bay fisheries

**9:00-9:10am**                      **Introductions** (10 min)

**9:10-9:30am**                      **Welcome** (20 min)

**Objective:** *Inform on progress since December meeting*

- Peyton Robertson (Fisheries GIT Chair) will welcome everyone to the meeting, introduce the facilitator, explain the purpose for today's meeting, and brief the full GIT on the latest products/activities of the Executive Committee

**9:30-9:40am**                      **Facilitator Expectations and Outcomes** (10 min)

**Objective:** *Make certain all participants understand their roles and the reason for being here.*

- Our facilitator will discuss ground rules and expectations for how the meeting will operate.

**9:40-11:05am**                      **Blue Crabs** (85 min)

**Objectives:** *Explain and update all GIT members on recent developments involving blue crabs.*

- Science:
  - Anson Hines (SERC) – Evaluating Population Level Impacts of Sperm Limitation on the Chesapeake Blue Crab Stock (10 min)
- Management:
  - Lynn Fegley (MD DNR) – Explanation of the CBSAC Process and Plan for Development of Male Specific Reference Points (10 min)
  - Matt Mullin (EDF) – Preview and Process for Increasing Accountability in the Commercial Blue Crab Fishery (10 min)
  - TBA – Waterman's perspective of the 2012 Commercial Accountability Study: What this means for the fishery (10 min)
  - Lynn Fegley (MD DNR) – Explaining the Necessity for Increased Accountability in the Recreational Blue Crab Fishery (5 min)
- Discussion: Implications of the latest research (30 min)
- Recap: Facilitator will recap the important themes and ideas (10 min)

**11:05-11:20am**                      **Morning Break** (15 min)

**11:20–12:25pm                    How Do We Get There? The Science behind Oyster Restoration (65 min)**

**Objective:** Educate all participants on the latest oyster research and discussion on next steps for restoration.

- Science:
  - Ryan Carnegie (VIMS) – New perspectives on oyster disease ecology in Chesapeake Bay, and relevance to oyster restoration (15 min)
  - Mark Luckenbach (VIMS) – Scaling ecosystem services to reef development: effects of oyster density on nitrogen removal and biodiversity (10 min)
- Discussion: The implications of the latest research on future of oyster restoration (30 min)
- Recap: Facilitator will recap the important themes and ideas (10 min)

**12:25–1:15pm                    Lunch (50 min)**

**1:15–2:00pm                    In the Water: a New Paradigm of Oyster Restoration (45 min)**

**Objective:** Explain and update all GIT members on recent GIT developments on oysters.

- Presentation:
  - Stephanie Westby (NOAA-NCBO) – The Harris Creek Oyster Restoration Blueprint and the Next Steps for Oyster Restoration in Virginia (15 min)
- Discussion: Future implications (20 min)
- Recap: Facilitator will recap the important themes and ideas (10 min)

**2:00–3:30pm                    Invasive Catfish (90 min)**

**Objective:** Present current research on invasive catfish from NOAA funded grants.

- Science:
  - Greg Garman (VCU) – Predation Study & ‘Catfish Portal’ (10 min)
  - Robert Hale (VIMS) – Exploring Contaminants’ Impacts on the Expansion of a Fishery as a Population Control Strategy (10 min)
  - Troy Tuckey (VIMS) – Estimating Population Size and Survival Rates of Blue Catfish in Chesapeake Bay Tributaries (10 min)
  - Rob Aguilar (SERC) – Trophic Dynamics of Blue Catfish in Maryland (5 min)
  - Bob Greenlee (VDGIF) – Catfish Predation Habits Over Broad Spatial and Temporal Scales (5 min)
  - Joe Love (MD DNR) – Diet Analysis of Blue and Flathead Catfish in Maryland (10 min)
- Management: Discussion on the implications of the latest research (30 min)
- Recap: Facilitator will recap the important themes and ideas (10 min)

**3:30-3:45pm                    Afternoon Break (15 min)**

**3:45-4:30pm                    Meeting Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks (45 min)**

**Objective:** Wrap up loose ends and ensure consistent messaging following the first day.

- The facilitator will go over key points and we will discuss any ‘parked’ ideas
  - What does all this mean for managers?
    - Short Term Goals? (6 month)
    - Long Term Goals? (6 months and beyond)
  - Take home messages – top priorities?
    - What can we do to get there?
- Open discussion

**4:45–5:45pm                    Poster Symposium (60 min)**

---

---

**June 12<sup>th</sup> → Day 2: Workshops**

**8:00–9:00am**                      **Breakfast** (for those staying overnight)

**9:00-9:10am**                      **Introductions** (10 min)

**9:00-9:10am**                      **Welcome** (10 min)

**Objective:** *Thank everyone for coming and introducing the second day workshops.*

- Peyton Robertson (Fisheries GIT Chair) will welcome everyone to the meeting, introduce the facilitator, and explain the purpose for today's workshops

**9:20-9:30am**                      **Facilitator Expectations and Outcomes** (10 min)

**Objective:** *Make certain all participants understand their roles and the reason for being here.*

- Our facilitator will discuss ground rules and expectations for how the meeting will operate.

**9:30-10:50am**                      **Mattawoman Creek Case Study** (80 min)

**Objective:** *Case study presentations from a panel of activists, community leaders, planners, and scientists focusing on lessons learned from the conservation efforts in the Mattawoman Creek watershed.*

- Panel:
  - Claudia Friedetzky (Sierra Club) – Community Activism and Non-Governmental Organizations' Roles (10 min)
  - Dennis Fleming (Mason Springs Conservancy) – Perspectives from Recreational Fishing Organizations and Mason Springs Conservancy (10 min)
  - Tony Redman (MD DNR) – Science Outreach and Policies Important for Protection (10 min)
  - Margaret McGinty (MD DNR) – Science Tools and Results Driving Conservation (10 min)
- Discussion and Q&A: Meeting participants will have the opportunity to discuss the Mattawoman Creek case study and ask the panel any relevant questions (30 min)
- Recap: Facilitator will recap the important themes and ideas (10 min)

**10:50-11:05am**                      **Morning Break** (15 min)

**11:05-11:35am**                      **Shared Visioning** (30 min)

**Objective:** *Develop a consistent purpose and vision among all members, stakeholders, and attendees for complete watershed level restoration.*

- Discussion: (20 min)
  - What do we want to achieve? What is reasonable to expect?
  - How applicable is this case study to the Chesapeake Bay?
  - What knowledge can we gain from this work?
  - Are there areas for cross collaboration?
- Recap: Facilitator will recap the important themes and ideas (10 min)

**11:35–12:20pm**                      **Case Study** (45 min)

**Objective:** *Learn from an outside example of strategic land use planning: goals, motives, challenges, and solutions.*

- Skip Swenson (Forterra) – New innovative approaches to conservation and community building (15 min)
- Discussion: (20 min)
  - How can we learn from this example?
  - What information can we apply immediately?
  - What should be our future direction?

- Recap: Facilitator will recap the important themes and ideas (10 min)

**12:20–1:10pm**                      **Lunch** (50 min)

**1:10–1:40pm**                      **Targeting Places** (30 min)

**Objective:** *Agree on possible Chesapeake Bay locations that best fit our shared visioning goals.*

- Discussion: Facilitation led identification of locations leading to a prioritized list of our ‘top three’ tributaries we will focus on throughout the day.

**1:40–2:40pm**                      **Messaging – Small Group Discussions** (60 min)

**Objective:** *Break into smaller groups to brainstorm how we can levy our goals through effective messaging.*

- Workshop participants will separate into three groups representing each priority tributary.
- Discussion:
  - How can we present our goals in order to get support from various groups (i.e. government, non-government organizations, nonprofits, etc.)?
  - Who are the integral people the GIT needs to influence?

**2:40–3:40pm**                      **Develop a Consistent Outreach Strategy** (60 min)

**Objective:** *Reconvene in a large group to present our ideas and outreach strategies per location.*

- Small Group Presentations: (5 min each)
  - One representative from each group will present their group’s ideas to the rest of the workshop participants.
- Discussion: (45 min)
  - As a large group, how can we refine and formalize the strategies for each tributary?

**3:40-3:55pm**                      **Afternoon Break** (15 min)

**3:55–4:15pm**                      **Facilitator Recap** (20 min)

**Objective:** *Ensure we are all on the same page and ready to proceed with the identified goals and vision objectives.*

- The facilitator will recapitulate the discussions throughout the day’s workshop to make certain we are on the proper path forward.

**4:15–4:45pm**                      **Wrap-Up Discussion** (30 min)

**Objective:** *Wrap up loose ends and ensure consistent messaging following the meeting.*

- Discussion: Identify next steps for advancing the land use conversation based on the workshops from today.
- Recap: Facilitator will recap the important themes and ideas (10 min)

**4:45–4:55pm**                      **Closing Remarks** (10 min)

**Objective:** *Wrap up loose ends and ensure consistent messaging following the meeting.*

- Peyton Robertson (NOAA-NCBO) will close the meeting with some final remarks.

**4:55pm**                              **Adjourn**

---