



# Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team

The SFGIT is sponsoring “Making the connection: land, water quality, and sustainable fisheries,” a workshop on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, 2012 and requests your attendance. The goal of this meeting will be to effectively engage land based organizations, stakeholders, and fisheries management to better understand the connections between land base policies and the sustainability of Chesapeake Bay fisheries.



## Who is on the Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team?

The SFGIT is composed of around thirty members who collaborate in a full meeting twice a year and is guided by an Executive Committee that convenes monthly.

- Full Team: Diverse set of managers, scientists, and stakeholders with direct and indirect ties to fisheries management.
- Executive Committee: Senior fisheries managers representing Bay jurisdictions of Maryland, Virginia, Potomac River Fisheries Commission, District of Columbia, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

## Our Mission...

Organized and chaired by the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office. The Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team (SFGIT) brings a wide group of managers and scientists together to improve management and maintain the sustainability of commercially and ecologically important Chesapeake Bay fisheries. The SFGIT recognizes the need to span organizational and jurisdictional boundaries to address ecosystem-based fisheries management by using the best available science to make informed bay wide fisheries management decisions.



## Why now?

The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in North America creating over 50,000 jobs in the recreational and commercial fishing industries and providing over five billion dollars annually to the national economy. The watershed serves as drainage basin for over 60,000 miles and is affected in part by runoff and nutrient inputs from six different states including Washington, DC. Linking land use activities to Chesapeake Bay fisheries is a large concern for a historical watershed as widespread and as ecologically rich as the Chesapeake.

## Why are we reaching out to you?

Your input and collaboration is essential to helping:

- Create an open line of communication between fisheries managers, scientists, and land based organizations
- Define more complete understanding of land based decision making process and the roles of the associated organizations.
- Ensure that decision makers have the best available information on the impacts of their decisions on the Chesapeake Bay.
- Create a cross organizational approach that better represents and supports an ecosystem based approach to fisheries management.

For information please visit: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/18200/> or email the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office: [Bruce.vogt@noaa.gov](mailto:Bruce.vogt@noaa.gov)