

**Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee
Meeting Agenda**

March 16th, 2015 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8113879407491728897>

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/22469/>

Decisional

- **Snow, Cold, and Ice Discussion – All (1:00-1:20pm)**
 - Discussion among Ex Comm members about how the cold temperatures and extensive ice cover this winter has affected fisheries, survey work, etc.
 - Discussion: Impacts in each jurisdiction? Other effects coastwide?

- **American Shad Indicator 2014 Update – Eric Brittle (VDGIF) & Jim Cummins (ICPRB) (1:20-1:35pm)**
 - Handout: *American Shad Indicator Data_March 2015*
 - The American Shad Indicator Action Team (ASIAT) coordinated through CBP had a call on March 12th to discuss the most recent shad numbers. Eric and Jim are the team's co-chairs.
 - Eric and Jim will give a brief update on the indicator and the 2014 shad numbers for the indicator tributaries. They will also describe the team's plan to investigate adding additional data to augment the current indicator.
 - Discussion: Ex Comm comments or questions? Ex Comm members have additional anecdotal or other recent information about shad?

- **CBSAC: Stock Assessment TORs – All (1:35-2:10pm)**
 - Handout: *TORs CBSAC Review*
 - Andrew will review the outcomes from the March 9th CBSAC call. CBSAC raised some questions on the TORs that require clarification from the Ex Comm.
 - CBSAC plans to have the TORs finalized and discuss a cost estimate by mid-May when they meet to discuss the 2015 Advisory Report.
 - Discussion: Address CBSAC's questions on the TOR's including on to spatial management and male reference points.

- **June Meeting Dates, Venue, and Topics (2:10-2:30pm)**
 - Handout: *June Meeting Planning doc*
 - Staff will present options for meeting venues for the first week of June for the full Fisheries GIT meeting.
 - Staff will review initial ideas for major meeting themes and organization.
 - Discussion: Final meeting dates and venues? Ex Comm preference on meeting organization and themes?

- **NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office-ASMFC Funding (2:30-2:40pm)**
 - Handout:
 - Bruce will discuss potential options for distributing funding that is available through partnership of NCBO and ASMFC.
 - Telemetry to track sturgeon in the Upper Bay
 - Mid-Atlantic Acoustic Telemetry Observation System (MATOS)
 - Invasive Catfish web portal

- Discussion: Ex Comm comments on the funding distribution?
 - **Management Strategy Status and Updates (2:40-2:45pm)**
 - Handout: *MStrat Timeline*
 - The draft management strategies are now posted on the Chesapeake Bay Program website and open for public input through the end of April.
 - Staff will review the timeline for finalizing the management strategies in May.
 - Thanks to all Ex Comm members, their staff, and GIT members for their participation in developing the draft strategies!
 - Discussion: Are there any specific stakeholders we should reach out to provide input on the management strategies?
 - **Ex Comm Updates**
 - Executive Committee members' updates and discussion of management issues.
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Informational

- **Invasive Catfish Task Force and STAC Suggestions Moving Forward**
 - Bruce presented at the STAC meeting on March 11th the plans for moving forward to update the Task Force's final report. Bruce also discussed the possibility of an updated catfish portal web tool on the Chesapeake Bay Program website.
 - STAC offered to assist with a research synthesis of current and past research results.
- **March full Fisheries GIT Newsletter**
 - Emilie is compiling the March newsletter that will go out to all Fisheries GIT members and interested parties this month as a review and update on Fisheries GIT and workgroup activities.
 - The newsletter will be sent around for Ex Comm review.
- **STAC Forage Workshop Report**
 - A complete draft report is currently out for review by the workshop Steering Committee and participants and will be available for use in drafting the management strategy.
 - Next steps will be review by STAC members.
 - The final report should be complete by the spring.
- **Confirm upcoming meeting dates**

Ex Comm Mondays 1:00-3:00pm
April 20th, 2015
May 18th, 2015