

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee

Meeting Agenda

November 17th, 2014 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/22003/>

Call Participants: *Peyton Robertson, Tom O'Connell, Rob O'Reilly, Marty Gary, Bob Beal, Bryan King, Joe Grist, Bob Greenlee, Janet Cote (for Susan Conner), Bruce Vogt, Earl Meredith, Andrew Turner, Karl Blankenship, Emilie Franke*

Decisional

➤ **December full GIT Meeting Planning (1:05-1:45pm)**

- Handout: *Dec 2014 GIT Agenda*
- December 2-3rd, 2014 at SERC in Edgewater, MD.
- Staff reviewed and discussed the meeting agenda and objectives. The meeting is structured around the management strategies with forage and fish habitat on the first day, and blue crabs, oysters, and invasive catfish on the second day.
- Staff reviewed the status of the four fisheries management strategies (blue crab, oyster, forage, and fish habitat) and what will be presented at the meeting for each.
- Discussion: Ex Comm members discussed the CBSAC agenda item and ensured that CBSAC would present the timeline for the upcoming stock assessment for discussion at the GIT meeting.

Action: Staff will send around final agenda and meeting materials to the Ex Comm ASAP before the meeting. (Complete)

➤ **Blue Crab White Paper Outline (1:45-2:00pm)**

- Handout: *Outline*
- Ex Comm members reviewed the new outline for the blue crab white paper. This outline will be merged into the management strategy and will provide a starting point for the management strategy outline as discussed by the Blue Crab Strategy Team on Friday 11/14.
- The Blue Crab Strategy Team is comprised of the jurisdictions, including some Ex Comm members, as well as interested stakeholders/Fisheries GIT members.
- Discussion: Ex Comm members and staff clarified that the management strategy document will also include general information about the current blue crab management framework (WDS, CBSAC, female reference points, etc.) along with the allocation information.

Action: Ex Comm will be updated and have the opportunity to review the draft blue crab management strategy as it develops.

➤ **Invasive Catfish Task Force Update (2:00-2:15pm)**

- Handout: *STAC Comments on Task Force Report*
- Staff gave a brief overview of STAC's comments on the Task Force Report and the plan to begin addressing these comments.
- The Task Force has a conference call on 11/21 to begin addressing these comments.
- Discussion:

- Tom O. was concerned about the mention of contaminants in STAC's comments. It would be helpful to clarify the results from the VIMS contaminant study and clarify public messaging.
- Ex Comm members discussed current contaminant regulations and testing as well as advisories for other fish species. Contaminant concerns could affect expansion of a commercial fishery.
- Bob G. emphasized the importance and usefulness of this scientific review in identifying the major uncertainties surrounding the Task Force's management recommendations and the need to further understand the potential impacts of these recommendations on the ecosystem.
- Ex Comm members discussed the current activities surrounding invasive catfish in the Bay including interest by local legislators and current fishery activity. They would like to see this current activity acknowledged in the updated Task Force report.

Action: The Task Force will present their plan for moving forward with STAC's review at the full GIT meeting. (Complete)

➤ **Ex Comm Updates**

- Including brief updates of recent oyster-related events and the forage workshop.
 - Executive Committee members' updates and discussion of management issues.
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Informational

➤ **CBP Funding for GITs**

- CBP is finalizing the details for the GIT funding. Fisheries GIT projects most likely receiving funding are forage metric development, CBSAC priorities, and striped bass health indicator development. Preliminary project proposals can be found [here](#).

RFP for these projects is currently live through the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Proposals are due 1/5/14. The RFP can be found [here](#).

➤ **Confirm upcoming meeting dates**

Tuesday-Wednesday, December 2-3rd (*full GIT*)@ SERC in Edgewater, MD