



Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team

Biannual Full GIT Meeting

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The Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team (Fisheries GIT) continues to provide a forum for connecting science and policy across jurisdictions and the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. The diverse team meets biannually in June and December.

9:30 am Welcome and Introductions – What has happened since our last GIT meeting?

Presenter: Sean Corson, Fisheries GIT Chair (NOAA)

9:45 am Results of the Blue Crab Winter Dredge Survey and 2018 Advisory Report

Presenter: Glenn Davis (Maryland DNR)

Facilitator: Marty Gary (PRFC)

Objective: Review the abundance estimates generated by the winter dredge survey, exploitation rates, and CBSAC's recommendations. Sean will ask the SFGIT Executive Committee to endorse this year's report.

10:15 am Blue Crab Management Issues and Updates

Presenter: Glenn Davis (Maryland DNR) and Patrick Geer (VMRC)

Facilitator: Dave Blazer (Maryland DNR)

Objective: Explore potential development of a management framework for male blue crabs using metrics that would be more robust than the current conservation trigger. Biological reference points for males could be something to come out of the next benchmark stock assessment.

10:45 am BREAK

11:00 am A Striped Bass Forage Indicator for Maryland's portion of Chesapeake Bay

Presenter: Jim Uphoff (Maryland DNR)

Facilitator: Rob O'Reilly (VMRC)

Objective: Learn about five indicators investigating the amount of forage available to striped bass in the Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay. After Jim's presentation, Bruce will share a draft template developed by a subset of the Forage Action Team to work towards a baywide forage indicator.

11:45 am **LUNCH** – Panera (please bring cash)

12:45 pm: Chesapeake Bay Program Climate Indicator Development

Presenter: Jen Dopkowski (NOAA) and Chris Lamie (ERG)

Facilitator: Sean Corson (NOAA)

Objective: Learn about a suite of indicators developed to track and analyze trends, impacts, and progress towards advancing “climate resiliency” and two outcomes of the 2014 Watershed Agreement. Receive feedback from the GIT on the fish indicator concept.

1:15 pm Quantifying Habitat Suitability for Forage Fishes in the Chesapeake Bay: A Coupled Modeling Approach Using Fishery Surveys and a Hydrodynamic Model

Presenter: Mary Fabrizio (VIMS)

Integrative Assessment of the Quality of Shallow-Tributary Forage Habitats for Striped Bass in the Chesapeake Bay

Presenter: Matt Ogburn (SERC)

Facilitator: Bruce Vogt (NOAA)

Objective: Receive an introduction to two NOAA-funded projects that seek to assess the role and value of habitat to important forage species, including climate change and anthropogenic factors impacting these resources and their habitats.

2:00 pm Identifying Project Ideas for Chesapeake Bay Program GIT Funding

Presenter: Sara Coleman (ERT, Inc./NOAA)

Objective: Learn about this year’s GIT funding process and timeline, and generate project ideas that will address barriers to achieving our fisheries outcomes.

2:45 pm Envisioning What’s Next For the Fisheries GIT

Presenters: Bruce Vogt (NOAA), Sean Corson (NOAA)

- Upon review of our [charter](#), do you still agree with our purpose or mission?
- In your opinion, what are the top 3 things where the Fish GIT can add value?
- Where do we want to go as a team?
- Do you see any other areas we could improve?

3:15 pm GIT Member updates

Goal Team members will have the opportunity to share brief reports on current projects, recent accomplishments, and emerging issues.

4:00 pm Wrap Up