

Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team

Semiannual Full GIT Meeting

June 2nd-3rd 2016

Day One: VCU Life Sciences Building, Richmond, Virginia

Day Two: VCU Rice Rivers Center, Charles City, VA

Meeting Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/23909/>

Call-In: 866-985-7304; Pass Code: 6899520

Day 1 Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1157815804568710147>

Day 2 Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2444893120927023875>

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.

This June 2016 meeting is focused primarily on the recently published 2016-2017 Sustainable Fisheries Workplans supporting the [2014 Watershed Agreement](#). Agenda topics focused on the blue crab, forage and fish habitat outcomes will highlight science supporting these workplans to inform next steps moving forward. This meeting also includes an overview of the 2016 Blue Crab Advisory Report and discussion on current activity around Atlantic sturgeon and invasive catfish in the Bay.

Day One of the meeting will be held at the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Eugene P. and Lois E. Trani Center for Life Sciences Building in Richmond, VA. Day Two of the meeting will be held at the VCU Rice Rivers Center in Charles City, VA.

Thursday, June 2nd

10:00 am **Welcome and Overview of Day 1** – Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair (NCBO)
Introductions

10:30 am **Workplan Discussion** – Bruce Vogt (NCBO)
Explanation of workplan process, current status of each workplan and how it relates to this meeting agenda.

Forage

11:00 am **Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM): Intersections with Sustainable Fisheries GIT** – Rich Seagraves (MAFMC)
Presentation: 25 min; Discussion: 35 min
Objectives: Provide a brief overview of the Council's EAFM efforts, lessons learned and identify potential connections to the Fisheries GIT's forage and fish habitat workplans.

12:00 pm **LUNCH**

1:15 pm **Forage Workplan: Moving Forward (Discussion)**

Fish Habitat

- 1:45 pm** **Effects of Land Use on Aquatic Health in the Chesapeake Bay (Tentative)**
Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min
Objectives: Evaluate the applicability of this type of analysis to other tributaries and how this data can be utilized by management.
- 2:25 pm** **BREAK**
- 2:40 pm** **NFHP Fish Habitat Assessment (Tentative)**
Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min
Objectives: Deliver results on Chesapeake Bay habitats . Assess how the vulnerability assessment can influence management strategies in the Chesapeake Bay.
- 3:20 pm** **Discussion Moving Forward on Fish Habitat**
- 3:50 pm** **Fisheries GIT Member Updates**
Objective: Fisheries GIT members will give an overview of projects and efforts they're currently working on and recent accomplishments. Goal Team members will have the opportunity to submit brief updates on the projects that they have been involved in that correspond with the Sustainable Fisheries GIT work.
- 5:00 pm** **Adjourn**
- 6:00 pm** **Dinner**
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Friday, June 3rd

- 9:00 am** **Day 2 Overview** – Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair
- 9:15 am** **Status of the Invasive Catfish Fishery –**
Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min
Objectives: Discuss current fishery activities and new information on distribution, markets, etc.
- 9:55 am** **Sturgeon Update**– Jason Kahn (NOAA)
Presentation: 15 min; Discussion: 15 min
Objective: Review the outcomes of the May 2015 sturgeon meeting.
- 10:25 am** **BREAK/Tour?**

Blue Crabs

- 11:00 am** **The Effect of Climate Change on Blue Crabs** – Tom Miller (UMCES-CBL)
Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min
Objective: Learn about the study that is being initiated by UMCES to evaluate the effects of climate change on blue crabs
- 11:40 am** **2016 Blue Crab Advisory Report** – Glenn Davis (MD DNR)

Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 20 min

Objective: Review the results of the Winter Dredge Survey, blue crab population status, and CBSAC's recommendations.

12:20 pm **LUNCH/Meeting Recap**

1:30 pm **Adjourn**

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