



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Fish GIT Office Hours - July 2025

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Virtual Conference Info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/krt-stzg-woo>

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Meeting Minutes

3:00pm - 3:10pm

Introduction

- Background of Beyond 2025
- [Draft Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement](#)
 - Updated FishGIT outcomes
 - Revised Goal Structure

3:10pm - 3:15pm

Information on Public Feedback Period

- [Link](#) to public feedback information

3:15pm - 4:00pm

Open Floor Q&A

- It seems like the end date is undefined for these outcomes?
 - This is something we have noted internally and recognize that there needs to be concrete endpoints for these outcomes
 - Great thing for the public to comment on
 - For the oysters outcome we were thinking 2040 timeframe - but this is not set in stone
- Regarding the forage target - speaking primarily about menhaden. Changes in VA, menhaden management given back to VMRC. Something we need to comment on as well?
 - The 2014 agreement identified that menhaden is one of many forage species in the Chesapeake Bay- this target includes a lot more than just menhaden - more about species important to key predators

- The plan (under the Forage Target) is to make it applicable to management by making a stoplight chart to report prey status as good, uncertain, or poor.
- Regarding oyster outcome- I do not see any talk about mussels - was there thought about adding a mussel targets to the overall goal in addition to oysters?
 - No, the goal of the oyster outcome is to enhance oysters and the habitat they provide
 - We have received requests to look at mussels, including freshwater mussels - which there is a target for that
 - We recognize the ecological benefits of mussels and this has been well-documented. In terms of infrastructure/expertise/resources to restore mussels, we do not have them at this time. But if there are other groups that have those resources to restore that species you can include that recommendation in your comment for the feedback period.
 - Folks in DE bay are doing a lot of work on mussels

4:00pm

Adjourn