

**Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee
Meeting Agenda**

February 1, 2016 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2492873607834055937>

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/23444/>

Science Presentation

➤ **The OysterFutures Project (1:00-1:30pm)**

- 10 minute presentation, 20 minute discussion
 - Elizabeth North (UMCES) will be describing the OysterFutures research project which aims to use and evaluate a stakeholder-based approach for developing recommendations for oyster management. A representative group of stakeholders will utilize modeling tools and scientific knowledge to develop recommendations for fishing regulations that could achieve their vision for oysters and the oyster industry in the Choptank and Little Choptank Rivers.
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Decisional

➤ **Executive Committee Membership**

- David Blazer, MD DNR Fisheries Service Director is representing MD DNR on the Ex Comm.

➤ **Dominion Plan to drain Coal Ash Ponds (1:30 – 1:40pm)**

- The Virginia State Water Control Board approved permits for Dominion Virginia to drain water from coal ash ponds on sites into the James and Potomac Rivers.
- Discussion:
 - What does this decision mean for the jurisdictions?

➤ **CBSAC Chair Nomination (1:40-1:45pm)**

- On their December 2015 conference call, CBSAC discussed the Chair position and agreed that the Chair rotation between Maryland and Virginia has been working well and should continue. Maryland is up for the next Chair position.
- Glenn Davis (MDDNR) has been nominated as the new CBSAC Chair.
- Emilie will provide a brief update on stock assessment planning based on CBSAC's Dec. call.
- Decision:
 - Does the Ex Comm approve this nomination for CBSAC chair?

➤ **December 2015 Full GIT Meeting Review (1:45-2:00pm)**

- Handouts: *December Full GIT Meeting Summary and Survey, Takeaways and Potential Actions*
- Kara will review the meeting summary and the survey results. Ex Comm will discuss how to address the ideas generated from the Full GIT presentations and conversations.
- Discussion:
 - Ex Comm will review the takeaways and potential actions identified from the full GIT meeting and follow up on how to address these items.
 - Ex Comm will provide feedback on the Full GIT Meeting including pacing, content, member involvement, and changes or suggested topics for June 2016 meeting.

➤ **Workplan Progress and GIT Funding Updates (2:00-2:10pm)**

- Handouts: *Compiled Workplan Responses from the Management Board, Workplan timeline, Feedback from Full GIT*

- Bruce and Kara will review the progress on the workplans and the feedback we received from the full GIT as well as the Management Board. Kara will detail the timeline for the workplans.
 - December 18th – workplans submitted to Management Board for review
 - January 15th – comments from Management Board members due
 - January 22nd – 45-day public input period was opened
 - April 22nd – Final revisions of the workplan are due
- Discussion:
 - As we move from development to implementation, what actions are most relevant to the Ex Comm?
- **Oyster Summit (2:10-2:30pm)**
 - Handout: *Oyster Summit Agenda*
 - Bruce will review the Oyster Summit agenda and provide details on the main topics for the summit and the goals we hope to achieve.
 - Discussion:
 - Comments on the Oyster Summit?
- **Cownose Ray Workshop Final Report (2:30-2:45pm)**
 - Emilie will review the status of the final Cownose Ray Workshop Report.
 - Discussion:
 - Are there additional products from the cownose ray scientists that would be helpful?
- **STAC Workshop Proposal (2:45-2:55pm)**
 - STAC has initiated their annual workshop selection process for scientific workshop funds. The last STAC workshop for the Fisheries GIT was the 2014 Forage Workshop.
 - Fisheries GIT staff considered submitting a fish habitat workshop proposal, but found that identifying specific guiding questions and workshop products was difficult.
 - The Climate Change workgroup is submitting a workshop proposal to address how CBP can better understand and address potential climate change impacts on Watershed Agreement outcomes, specifically oysters, blue crabs and SAV.
 - Discussion:
 - What data or actions would be most valuable for the Ex Comm to support the Fish Habitat Outcome?
 - Determine what are most immediate steps to progress in the Fish Habitat Outcome
- **February and March Ex Comm Call (2:55-3:00pm)**
 - Handout: *2016 calendar*
 - Confirm February Ex Comm Call – Monday, February 29th
 - Approve proposed March Ex Comm Call date – March 28th
- **Ex Comm Updates**
 - Executive Committee members' updates and discussion of management issues.

Informational

- **Confirm upcoming Ex Comm meeting dates**
 - Monday, February 29th 1:00-3:00pm
 - Monday, March 28th 1:00-3:00pm