

Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team

Semiannual Full GIT Meeting

December 18-19, 2017

Glendening Annex

St. Mary's College of Maryland

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Day 1 Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7323768173934391299>

Day 2 Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7775184767345776131>

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.

Day One of the December 2017 meeting will focus primarily on oyster research, restoration, and efforts in the Chesapeake Bay. Day Two will highlight progress made towards the Outcomes supporting the [2014 Watershed Agreement](#), such as blue crab, forage, and fish habitat.

The meeting will be held in the Glendening Annex at St. Mary's College of Maryland, in St. Mary's City, MD.

Monday, December 18, 2017

10:00 am Welcome and Overview of Day 1

Sean Corson, Fisheries GIT Chair (NCBO)

Introduction to the meeting structure and objectives, including a review of recent GIT activity.

10:20 am Introduction of St. Mary's College of Maryland

TBD (SMCM)

Review of the St. Mary's College of Maryland's role in Chesapeake Bay oyster restoration efforts.

Oysters

10:30 am Oyster Restoration Status in the Chesapeake Bay

MD Presenters: Stephanie Westby (NCBO), Angie Sowers (USACE), Jodi Baxter (MD DNR)

VA Presenters: Susan Conner (USACE), Andrew Larkin (NCBO)

Facilitator: Rob O'Reilly (VMRC)

Presentation: 50 min; Discussion: 20 min

Objectives: Learn about the restoration efforts in the eight selected tributaries in Maryland and Virginia.

- 11:40 am** **LUNCH**
- 12:40 pm** **Virginia Selection of the Lower York and Great Wicomico**
Presenters: Susan Conner and Alicia Logalbo (USACE)
Facilitator: Sean Corson (NCBO)
Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 10 min
Objective: Explain the selection criteria and process for Virginia’s newest tributaries in the oyster restoration outcome.
- 1:10 pm** **Oyster Reef Ecosystem Services Research Updates**
Presenter: David Bruce (NCBO)
Facilitator: Bruce Vogt (NCBO)
Presentation: 45 min; Discussion: 15 min
Objective: Discover how oyster reef ecosystem services are being monitored and measured in the Chesapeake Bay.
- 2:10 pm** **BREAK**
- 2:20 pm** **Adaptive Management through Goal Setting Methods**
Presenter: Jay Lazar (NCBO)
Facilitator: Marty Gary (PRFC)
Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 15 min
Objective: Discuss the proposed revisions to the goal setting procedures for restoring oysters in tributaries under the Chesapeake Bay Program’s Oyster Restoration Outcome
- 2:55 pm** **Stock Assessment**
Presenter: Michael Wilberg (UMCES)
Facilitator: Dave Blazer (MD DNR)
Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 10 min
Objective: Learn about the current effort to estimate the oyster population in the Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay.
- 3:25 pm** **Oyster Best Management Practice Expert Panel**
Presenter: Julie Reichert (ORP)
Facilitator: Sean Corson (NCBO)
Presentation 20 min; Discussion 10 min
Objective: Review the recent evaluation of the Oyster Best Management Practice (BMP) expert panel on the water quality impacts attributed by oysters
- 3:55 pm** **BREAK**
- 4:05 pm** **Shell Budgets in the Chesapeake Bay**
Presenter: Roger Mann (VIMS)

Facilitator: Rob O'Reilly (VMRC)

Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 10 min

Objective: Learn about the development of salinity dependent shell budgets for tributary – scale restoration sites and actively fished and rotational harvest reefs in Maryland and Virginia.

4:35 pm

Fisheries GIT Member Updates

Facilitator: Sean Corson (NCBO)

Objective: Share updates from your organization. Contribute brief reports on current projects, recent accomplishments, and emerging issues that relate to Fisheries GIT priorities.

5:15 pm

Adjourn

6:00 pm

Dinner

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

9:00 am

Day 2 Overview

Sean Corson, Fisheries GIT Chair

9:10 am

Biennial Review – Strategy Review System

Presenter: Bruce Vogt (NCBO)

Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 10 min

Objective: Discover how the team is evaluating progress and adaptively managing as we work to achieve our outcomes.

Fish Habitat

9:40 am

Fish Habitat Workshop

Presenter: Gina Hunt (MD DNR)

Facilitator: Bruce Vogt (NCBO)

Presentation: 15 minutes; Discussion 15 minutes

Objective: Discover how fish habitat experts are working together to evaluate the impact of factors influencing fish habitat function in the Chesapeake Bay.

10:10 am

Connecting Fish Habitat to Water Quality and Local Communities

Presenter: Gina Hunt (MD DNR) and Kara Skipper (CRC)

Facilitator: Bob Beal (ASMFC)

Presentation: 10 minutes; Discussion 10 min

Objective: Learn about the vision for the Chesapeake Bay Program to improve the health of the Bay, and how the Sustainable Fisheries GIT feeds into the larger goals of the partnership.

Blue Crabs

10:20 am

Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee Next Steps

Presenter: Glenn Davis (MD DNR), Sara Coleman (ERT/NOAA)

Facilitator: Marty Gary (PRFC)

Presentation: 15 min; Discussion: 10 min

Objective: Find out how the Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee (CBSAC) is addressing concerns and incorporating new research into their efforts.

10:45 am

BREAK

10:55 am

Ecosystem Factors Impacting Blue Crab Population Dynamics

Presenters: Tom Miller (UMCES), Dong Liang (UMCES)

Facilitator: Dave Blazer (MD DNR)

Presentation: 30 min; Discussion: 15 min

Objective: Update the team on the GIT-funded study investigating ecosystem factors impacting blue crab population dynamics in the Chesapeake Bay

Forage

11:40 am

Environmental Factors Impacting Forage Species

Presenter: Ryan Woodland (UMCES)

Facilitator: Marty Gary (PRFC)

Presentation: 20 min; Discussion: 10 min

Objective: Learn about the GIT-funded study to investigate how environmental factors are impacting forage species and how we can use this information to inform our future management actions.

12:10 pm

LUNCH

Next Steps

1:20 pm

2018-2019 Outcome Workplan Priorities

Presenter: Sean Corson (NCBO)

Presentation: 45 min; Discussion: 15 min

Objective: Breakout into groups to provide feedback on upcoming priorities for the Sustainable Fisheries GIT outcomes.

Invasive Catfish

2:20 pm

Invasive Catfish Symposium Summary and Next Steps

Presenter: Bruce Vogt (NCBO), Sara Coleman (ERT/NOAA)

Facilitator: Rob O'Reilly (VMRC)

Presentation: 15 min; Discussion: 10 min

Objective: Update on the scientific findings and discussions from the November 2017 Invasive Catfish Symposium.

2:45 pm

Meeting Recap

3:00 pm

Adjourn

