



Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2020 1:00 - 3:00pm

➤ Attendance

- Sean Corson, NOAA (Chair)
- Marty Gary, PRFC (Vice Chair)
- Bruce Vogt, NOAA (Coordinator)
- Mandy Bromilow, NOAA
- Justin Shapiro, CRC/NOAA
- Lynn Fegley, MDNR
- Pat Geer, VMRC
- Alicia LoGalbo (USACE)
- Keith Lockwood (USACE)

➤ Introduction (Sean Corson and Marty Gary: 15 min)

➤ Fisheries GIT Membership Report (Bruce Vogt and Justin Shapiro: 10 min)

- Seeking ways to increase industry representation and participation
- Discussion:
 - **Action - Justin will send a list of recently removed membership. ExComm will provide suggestions for member replacement**
 - Lynn Fegley (DNR) - Happy to help provide potential contacts for participation. Reach out to Tidal Fish Commission
 - Marty Gary (PRFC) - One challenge for this commercial community is the time allotment required to participate.
 - Bruce Vogt (NOAA) - Agree with Marty, and forming personal relationships with this community is key to our success.
 - Pat Geer (VMRC) - I Will reach out to some contacts. What about the charter industry?
 - Sean - Charter is another sector where we have gaps

➤ Full GIT Meeting Updates (Sean: 10 min)

- [Agenda](#)
- Updates on our day-3 format

- Three potential sections:
 - What's next for oysters - Thoughts from three tidal jurisdictions on big ideas
 - Incorporating habitat in fishery management around specific managed fish species and habitats
 - Integrating observations with living resource management needs
 - Group Thoughts
 - Pat Geer - Updated telemetry array ties in nicely with real-time water quality data. A conversation that would be exciting.
 - Lynn Fegley - Careful about framing complex abiotic/biotic relationships
 - *Action - Justin will send out a summary of potential avenues of discussion. Will look for feedback over the next week or two from the ExComm*
- **Proposal for Magnuson-Stevens Act Implementation (Bruce: 10 min)**
 - NCBO is submitting a proposal through NMFS Sustainable Fisheries under the priority of improved ecosystem-based fisheries management
 - Analysis of hypoxia impacts on habitat suitability and distribution of Summer Flounder (Purposefully chose a federally managed species)
 - Group Discussion:
 - Pat Geer - Wonder if this "hypoxic edge" behavior is present in other species
- **State of the Ecosystem Update (Mandy Bromilow: 5 min)**
 - A review of the Chesapeake Bay [narrative](#) written by NCBO
 - Group Feedback:
 - Marty Gary - Curious about more-recent salinity numbers in tributaries (from recent rainfall)
 - Mandy Bromilow - Will take a look at the most recent numbers (narrative based on data up until November 1st)
 - Lynn Fegley - Who is the audience and where is this published?
 - Bruce - Headed by Northeast Science Center. Built mainly for MAFMC and New England Council. MAFMC has been asking for better estuarine reports, hence NCBO's increased involvement in the project.
 - Lynn Fegley - Can this be reviewed before publication?
 - *Action: Bruce will send to Lynn/DNR for review prior to publication*
- **CBSAC: Reviewing Biological Reference Point Approval (Mandy: 5 min)**
 - Action: [Approve decision language](#) for our ExComm tracking document
- **Hold for Management Board Updates (Sean: 10 min)**

- Discussion about measuring success and setting goals for wetland/forest buffer restoration. These conversations are just beginning, so something to keep an eye on.
- **Hold for NCBO FY21 Milestones (Sean: 10 min)**
 - Update on document
 - Being finalized this week and will be sent out in the near future
- **Selecting Dates for ExComm Meetings (Justin: 5 min)**
 - Discuss options for December (14th or 21st)
 - Landed on the 14th
 - *Action: Justin will send a calendar invite*
- **Member Updates (30 min)**
- **Calendar Updates**
 - November 16th-17th: Habitat GIT Meeting
 - 16th: 1:00-5:00 PM, 17th: 9:00-1:00 PM
 - December 7th: Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT Meeting (1-4 PM)