

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Meeting Agenda

December 19-20th

Crowne Plaza Hotel Old Town Alexandria
901 North Fairfax Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

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December 19th → Day 1: Field Trip and Progress Updates

8:45am – 12:00pm **Alexandria Sanitation Authority (ASA) Field Trip** (Optional)

Objectives: Education on the increasing stressors land-use practices are having on available resources.

8:45-9:00am **Morning Arrival @ ASA Visitors Center**

- Address: 1500 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22314
- J-Building → first building on the left
- Group to convene in the visitor's center of the Alexandria Sanitation Authority
- Self guided interactive tour of the visitor's center

9:00-9:45am **Presentation led by Quality Manager of ASA, Jim Sizemore**

Presentation to include:

- Detailed overview of the plant and their goals as a leading sanitation facility
- A cradle to the grave explanation of treatment process
- "Hunting Creek, now versus then:" Brief portion of presentation devoted to highlighting the changes in TMDL policy and the associated impacts on a local tributary, Hunting Creek

10:00 – 11:00am **Guided Tour of the Facility**

- Led by Jim Sizemore, Rickie Everette, and Lisa Racey
- Explanation and onsite walkthrough of different stages included in the treatment process for both liquid and solid waste
 - Liquid waste: biological nutrient removal and ultraviolet treatment.
 - Solid waste: pasteurization, digestion and the production of bio-solids.

11:00 – 11:30am **Question & Answer**

- Additional question and answer session
- A brief survey as a courtesy to the Alexandria Sanitation Authority

12:00-1:00pm **Bag Lunches** (Provided for those attending field trip)

1:00 – 1:10pm **Expectations and Outcomes**

Objective: Make certain all participants understand their roles and the reason for being here.

- Facilitator – will discuss ground rules and expectations for how the meeting will operate.

1:10 – 2:15pm **Progress Since Previous Meeting**

Objective: Inform on progress since June meeting.

- Peyton Robertson (NOAA) – Introduction (5 min)
- Stephanie Westby (NOAA) – Oyster Metrics and Adoption
 - Report – What metrics say, why important, and acknowledgements (15 min)
 - Policy Adoption Statement Signing (5 min)
- Lynn Fegley (MDNR) – Findings of the 2011 Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee (CBSAC)
 - Blue Crab Advisory Report (20 min)
 - Presentation on CBSAC recommendations based on 2011 stock assessment

- Invasive Catfish Progress Report
 - Tom O'Connell (MD DNR) – Policy Statement (10 min)
 - Howard Townsend (NOAA) – Evaluating Ecosystem Impacts of and Management Strategies for Blue Catfish Populations in the Chesapeake Bay (15 min)

2:15 – 3:45pm Next Set of Fisheries GIT Priorities?

Objective: *Take time to brainstorm and discuss the next big topics on which the Fisheries GIT should focus.*

- Oyster Issues and Questions
- Blue Crab Ecological Reference Points
 - Alternative Management Strategies
- Next Generation of Chesapeake Bay Science
- Other Species of Interest (Menhaden, Alosines, etc.)
- Land-Use → what will we do with the information learned tomorrow?
- Making the GITs work
- Other Ideas?

3:45 – 4:15pm Public Comment (3-5 min each)

Objective: *Allow the public an opportunity to weigh in on Fisheries GIT decisions and direction.*

- Please sign in on the sheet at the main door

5:00 – 7:00pm Evening Reception

- Railstop Gastropub – 2nd Floor (<http://www.railstopgastropub.com/>)

December 20th → Day 2: Making the Connection – Land, Water Quality, and Fisheries

7:45 – 8:30am Breakfast (provided for those staying overnight)

8:30 – 8:40am Review of Expectations and Outcomes

Objective: *Make certain all participants understand their roles and the reason for being here.*

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8:40 – 9:40am Setting the Stage (15 min presentations; 5 min Q&A each)

Objective: *Introducing all meeting participants to land-use issues and their impacts.*

- Peter Claggett (USGS) – Projecting human population change and nutrient pollution hotspots within the Chesapeake Bay watershed
- David Secor (UMCES) – Future fish productivity and impacts of water quality
- Troy Hartley (VIMS) – Policy Implementation Analysis Perspective - Why isn't my policy working as intended?

9:40 – 10:10am Executive Committee Perspectives (5 min each)

Objective: *Allow the Executive Committee a chance to explain why land-use impacts are particularly important to themselves and their overall objectives.*

10:10 – 10:25am Break

10:25 – 11:10am Stakeholder Panel (5 min each; 15 min group Q&A)

Objectives: *Provide stakeholders the opportunity to give individual perspectives on how land-use decisions have impacted their particular business/fishery.*

- Jim Gracie – Chairman of the Maryland Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission
- Moochie Gilmer – Maryland Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commissioner
- Daniel Baldwin – MD Dept. of Planning - LEED Green Associate Watershed Planner
- Tom Powers – Representing Virginia recreational or commercial fisheries
- Al Todd – Executive Director of Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
- Chris Moore – Chesapeake Bay Foundation (Virginia)

11:10 – 11:45pm GIT Chairs Perspectives (5 min each)

Objectives: *Provide Chesapeake Bay Program Goal Implementation Team (GIT) chairs the opportunity to give individual GIT perspectives on how land-use decisions have impacted their group.*

- Mike Slattery – Protect and Restore Vital Habitats GIT
- Rachel Streusand – Water Quality GIT
- Mark Bryer – Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT
- John Maounis – Foster Chesapeake Stewardship GIT
- Mike Foreman – Enhance Partnering, Leadership, and Management GIT
- Mark Bennett – Scientific, Technical, Analysis, and Reporting (STAR)
- Kevin Sellner – Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

11:45am – 12:50pm Case Studies (10 min Group Q&A)

Objective: *Learn firsthand experiences and approaches to solving land-use issues affecting vital resources.*

- Jim Uphoff (MD DNR) –Managing Chesapeake Bay’s Land Use, Fish Habitat, and Fisheries - Positive and Negative Case Studies (25 min)
- Margaret McGinty (MD DNR) –Applying Impervious Thresholds to Develop Management Priorities (15 min)
- Troy Hartley (VIMS) – Local Governance Analysis (15 min)

12:50 – 1:30pm Lunch (Provided)

1:30 – 2:00pm Public Comment Session (3-5 min each)

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2:00 – 5:00pm Workshops (1.5 hrs each)

Objectives: *Work together to identify potential actions stakeholders, managers, and planners can take to improve the available resources.*

- Identifying Actions at Local Levels
 - Getting the necessary information to key stakeholders and empowering them with the knowledge of whom to contact in order to affect change in local land-use decisions in a manner that sustains viable working waterfronts.
- Identifying Actions at Federal/State Level
 - Using the CBP GITs to develop cross-cutting/joint projects that better link nutrient reduction efforts with living resource outcomes. Strategies and tools to assist stakeholders in understanding the connection among land use activities and decisions, the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem, and sustainable fisheries.

- Ways to enhance communication between fisheries managers and land use planners and decision-makers.

5:00 – 5:10pm

Closing Remarks (Peyton Robertson & Facilitator)

5:10pm

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