

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee

Meeting Agenda

November 16th, 2015 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1475990276988027650>

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/23067/>

Science Presentation

➤ **Oyster BMP Expert Panel (1:00-1:20pm)**

- 15 minute presentation, 5 minute discussion
 - Julie Reichert, Fisheries Scientist and Panel Coordinator at the Oyster Recovery Partnership, will provide an overview of the Oyster BMP Expert Panel. The Oyster BMP Expert Panel has been charged with identifying oyster practices for BMP consideration, developing pollutant removal crediting framework, and determining pollutant removal effectiveness estimates from nutrients where data is available.
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Decisional

➤ **December 2015 Full GIT Meeting (1:20-1:40pm)**

- Handout: *Dec 2015 Full GIT Meeting Agenda*
- Kara will review the agenda for the December 2015 Full GIT meeting and focus on what discussions we want to cultivate.
- Discussion:
 - Comments on topics for the December 2015 meeting agenda: Additional topics? Important discussion questions?
 - Ex Comm approval of agenda

➤ **Workplan Progress (1:40-2:00pm)**

- Handouts: *Workplans: Blue Crab, Oyster, Forage and Fish Habitat*
- Preliminary Workplan drafts were submitted for an informal review by CBP staff on November 2nd. Workplans will be submitted to the Management Board for a four-week review on December 18th.
- The public comment period will open on January 22nd.
- Discussion:
 - For the 12/18 drafts, staff will need cost estimates for workplan actions. Who should we contact in your organizations?
 - Final thoughts on workplans.

➤ **STAR Priorities (2:00-2:15)**

- Handouts: *STAR – Fisheries Goal Implementation Teams Needs*
- The Scientific, Technical and Reporting Team asked the GITs to rank their science needs
- Bruce will explain our initial ranking of the Fisheries Goal Implementation Needs.
- Science needs for all GIT's will be discussed at a Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee meeting on December 8th and 9th.
- Discussion:
 - Does the Ex Comm agree with the ranking?
 - Are there additional needs that need to be added to the list that the Chesapeake Bay Program could address?

- **January and February Ex Comm Call (2:15-2:20pm)**
 - Handout: *2016 calendar*
 - Select January and February 2016 Ex Comm call dates. Monday from 1:00-3:00pm.
 - **Ex Comm Updates**
 - Executive Committee members' updates and discussion of management issues.
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Informational

- **Confirm upcoming meeting dates**

Full GIT Meeting – Monday, December 14th, 2015 from 10:00am to 4:30pm in Solomons, MD
- **Oyster Summit**
 - The Steering Committee met last month. They agreed on three major agenda topics: shell availability, larval availability/growth and improving coordination among jurisdictions/sectors.
 - Additional topics may include discussion on oyster economics.
 - Did not include topics that are being discussed in other venues (Oyster BMP Expert Panel and Maryland sanctuary review)
 - Targeted meeting date is now the third week of February.
- **STAC Workshop RFP**
 - STAC will be issuing their annual RFP for workshops soon. Proposals will be due in early 2016.
 - Potential Fish GIT proposals could include a workshop on oyster hatchery production and water quality issues and a workshop on fish habitat.
- **GIT Project Update**
 - Project information was submitted to the Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT). The CBT formulated RFPs for each individual project to be released at the end of November. They project that awardees will be selected and contracts in place by the end of February.