

Agenda for Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting
March 24, 2010 2-4:00 pm

Consent Agenda: The following updates on FYI's will be given. Once these updates are completed if there are no questions then we will move on to agenda items for discussion.

I. Overview of Fisheries GIT activities, interaction, and relationship with the CBP (FYI)

2:00 – 2:15

- CBP meetings: GIT Leadership and Coordinators have been attending CBP meetings including STAR and Coordinator meetings, other GIT meetings as well as responding to CBP tasks such as updating the Bay Barometer and the CBP Management Board (**Peyton/Shannon S.**)
- Each GIT is required to provide a one page written update to the CBP Management Board every 6 weeks. (**Peyton/Shannon S.**)
- CBP's Science, Technical Analysis and Reporting Team (STAR): Fisheries GIT collaboration with and use of STAR resources (**Shannon G./Bruce**)
 - Science and Technology support of the Fisheries GIT is done mostly through the MD Sea Grant EBFM project
 - As we progress there may be opportunity to collaborate with aspects of STAR
 - Spatial Representation and Information across the GITS: Have provided suggestions to STAR that it would be beneficial to us to have a capacity assessment of members of the CBP. It would also be beneficial to have a spatial representation of living resources, habitat, watersheds, and water quality to facilitate coordination across disciplines.
- New CRC Staffer joined us (**Peyton/Shannon S.**)
 - Adam Davis, a graduate from St. Mary's College, will be joining us soon as a Chesapeake Research Consortium staffer to assist with coordination of the Fisheries GIT.
 - Adam will work closely with Peyton and Shannon Simpson on coordination of the Fisheries GIT and participate as interested or appropriate in other GIT activities. Adam will act as a communication link between the GIT Coordinator/Staff meetings and the MD Sea Grant EBFM project.

Handout:

1. Fisheries GIT Update to CBP Management Board for March 23 meeting

II. Membership (FYI)

Peyton/Shannon S.

2:15 – 2:20

- Invitations: Tom and Peyton reviewed, making phone calls, individual letters being prepared for email and mailing.

- Coordination between GIT and Fisheries Ecosystem Workgroup (FEW) – resource manager from each organization represented on the ExComm as members of the GIT and liaisons to the FEW

Handouts:

2. List of proposed full GIT members
3. Invitation letter

III. Best way to communicate with ExComm members? (Discussion/Decision)

Shannon S.

2:20 – 2:25

- Schedulers, administrative assistant?
- Email, phone?

IV. Update on Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management Project

Shannon G.

2:25 – 2:30

- The Fisheries Ecosystem Workgroup (comprised of the chairs of the EBFM teams) will be holding its first meeting in the next few months.
- Status updates on Blue Crab and Alosines Species Teams, and the QETs.

Discussion Agenda

V. Draft Charter

Peyton/Shannon S.

2:30 – 2:55

- A draft charter for the Fisheries GIT has been provided for your review. This initial draft is to get us started, please provide comments and revisions to Shannon.Simpson@noaa.gov. The finalization of this document will be an iterative process. Before being adopted this document will also be review by the full membership of the GIT once confirmed. The content of the charter will be updated periodically as needed.

Handouts:

4. Draft Fisheries GIT Charter

VI. First meeting of the full GIT membership in conjunction with the Fisheries Ecosystem Workgroup (FEW)

Peyton/Shannon S.

2:55 – 3:15

- Bring full GIT and FEW together for a meet and greet, GIT and EBFM overview, state of the science and management discussion
- The FEW is planning an initial meeting before this meeting of the GIT
- Targeting the beginning of June, keep an eye out for a poll concerning specific dates

- **NOTE:** We will be looking for feedback from the ExComm on whether what has been proposed makes sense and we will move forward with planning.

Handouts:

- 5. Draft proposal for agenda

VII. Oysters: Address entirely in the Fisheries GIT including restoration (Decision)

Bruce

3:15 – 3:20

- Habitat GIT is ok with the Fisheries GIT assuming responsibility for oysters
- What this means for the GIT

VIII. Request for Proposals

Peyton/Bruce/Jon

3:20 – 3:25

- Couple ExComm members helping to review NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office multi-species proposals
- NOAA and Maryland Sea Grant coordination on proposals received for respective RFP's

IX. Executive Order update

Peyton/Bruce

3:25 – 3:30

- The E.O. goals framework will be out for public comment as of Friday, March 19. We encourage you to pass this on to others and provide feedback.

Science and/or Management Topic

X. Presentation on modeling tools and capabilities to assist managers

Howard Townsend, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office

3:30 – 4:00

- **NOTE:** Two ExComm members participating in modelers and managers session of the Chesapeake Community Modeling Program's symposium (FYI)

Other

MEETING SCHEDULE AND NEXT MEETING: It has been challenging to establish a good time for monthly meetings and I apologize for the change. After reviewing schedules it looks like every third Wednesday from 1:00 – 3:00 pm may work best for everyone. However, for April that would put us on Wednesday, April 13 when Peyton is otherwise engaged. So for April we propose Thursday, April 14 from 3:00 – 5:00. Shannon Simpson will work with you or your scheduler to determine the feasibility of these dates.