

Scoping Paper: Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee (CBSAC)
April 11th 2012

Goal:

To establish a more formal organizational structure for CBSAC that will result in a more efficiently designed process for the 2013 blue crab fishing season.

Purpose:

CBSAC has been responsible for synthesizing the results of the winter dredge survey and making bay wide Blue Crab management recommendations. Using the best available science these recommendations come in the form of the Blue Crab advisory report which is published and distributed to the jurisdictions in the fall of each year. To better support the process we at NCBO would like to organize and solidify CBSAC into a more streamlined and formally structured group by the 2013 season. To accomplish this we propose to work with current CBSAC members to create a formal charter that:

- Defines organizational structure, mission statement, and operating principles of CBSAC
- Clearly outlines the responsibilities of chairs and co-chairs including, term or length of commitment, nomination requirements, nomination process.
- Creates a bi-annual meeting schedule where the full CBSAC can discuss and plan next steps.
- Establishes and creates small working groups within CBSAC tasked with items assigned by chairs (drafting committee, analysis committee, recommendations committee, outreach committee)
- Clearly outlines the responsibilities of each supporting position and committee
- Assures equal representation from each jurisdiction (MD, VA, PR)
- Updates and maintains CBSAC website and pursue integration with Chesapeake Stat website
- Facilitates public interest by providing and distributing updates on committee progress and providing meeting information.