

**Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting**  
Minutes for July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 1:00pm-3:00pm  
Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/18492>

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**Decisional**

**CBSAC Advisory Report**

- Handouts:
  1. *CBSAC 2012 Final Draft.pdf*
  2. *CBSAC2012AdFinal Figs1(1).pdf*
  3. *DRAFT press release Blue Crab Advisory Report 2012.pdf*
- Lynn Fegley (MD DNR) presented the latest draft of the 2012 CBSAC Blue Crab Advisory Report.
- The Executive Committee agreed to endorse the report with a few modifications.
- Outcome: CBSAC agreed to make these changes and will redistribute a revised copy to the Executive Committee on Wednesday (7/18) for final endorsement.

**New Chesapeake Bay Program Shad Indicator**

- Handout: *New CBP Shad Indicator Options.pdf*
- The Executive Committee was presented with several options for revision of the current CBP shad indicator as described in the above referenced handout. Discussion focused on whether or not we need a shad indicator at all or how best to devise a new indicator. Due to shad management being considered restoration and not a fishery since the species has been under a moratorium, ideas included creating a whole habitat indicator that would consider habitat range, available stream miles, and any available population estimates. This would require working with other GITs, STAR, and ASMFCs American Shad Technical Committee in order to develop a new indicator.
- Outcome: Executive Committee agreed to look into development of a new CBP indicator for American Shad.

**June Full GIT Meeting Summary**

- Handout: *Sustainable Fisheries GIT\_June2012 Meeting Summary.pdf*
- What should we do with the near and long term action items (pg. 9)?
- The Executive Committee discussed what to do with the short- and long-term action items identified by the full GIT.
- Outcome: GIT staff was tasked with reviewing the action items, categorizing them into relevant groups, and developing an initial prioritized list for further review by the Executive Committee.

**December Full GIT Meeting Planning**

- The Executive Committee discussed ideas concerning hosting the December full GIT meeting at Port Isabel on Tangier Island from December 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Holding the meeting on Tangier Island would allow the GIT to reach out to key waterman and stakeholders in the area, but may cause some difficulty in getting people to and from the meeting. We will need to target our membership and ensure participation from those willing to contribute.
- Outcome: The Executive Committee agreed to target Port Isabel for the December full GIT meeting and staff was tasked with providing analysis of current GIT membership and participation.

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## **Informational**

### **Blue Crab Management Story**

- Handout: *blue crab 2008 timeline v4 one col.pdf*
- Emilie Franke presented her draft timeline of the blue crab story summarizing the complex management and highlighting the Fisheries GIT involvement.

### **Chesapeake Bay Program Executive Council Meeting**

- Materials: [http://www.chesapeakebay.net/about/ecmeeting/2012\\_executive\\_council\\_meeting](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/about/ecmeeting/2012_executive_council_meeting)
- Peyton gave a rundown of the latest CBP Executive Council (EC) meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The EC was briefed on the oyster metrics and blueprint put together for Harris Creek, the high level of blue crab 2012 recruitment, and invasive catfish shocked some of the EC members as they had no previous knowledge of their presence within the Chesapeake Bay.

### **Chesapeake Bay Program Management Board Meeting**

- The next CBP Management Board meeting is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00am-3:00pm. The Fisheries GIT has been working with the other GITs to present a mini-Bay restoration example of how the GITs can collaborate to support mutual objectives spotlighting the Harris Creek oyster restoration blueprint as a possible geographic target. We will distribute the presentation to the Executive Committee following its completion and presentation.

### **American Fisheries Society**

- Handout: *Symposium Description Ex-Comm.pdf*
- August 19-23 in Minneapolis, MN
- Chesapeake Bay Related Symposia:
  1. Role of Forage Species in Ecosystem Approaches to Management
    - Organizer: Derek Orner
    - Date/Time: Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00am–12:00pm
    - Synopsis: The goal of the symposium is to review and discuss recent advancements in forage fish research and management to address which tools exist or need to be developed for management
  2. Making the connection between land, water, and sustainable fisheries: Management beyond the aquatic zone
    - Organizers: Andrew Turner, Derek Orner, Karen Terry (University of Minnesota)
    - Date/Time: Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00am–3:00pm
    - Synopsis: This symposium will feature some of the latest research in the Chesapeake Bay region as well as the Upper Midwest that has addressed or is involved with explaining the connection between land use and fisheries. Bringing this issue to a national level will provide us with a better idea of the links between fisheries and land based activities as well as the actions others have taken to get involved in the decision making process.

### **Next Meetings:**

- Executive Committee Meeting August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 1:00-3:00pm

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Schedule**

- September 17<sup>th</sup>
  - ***October – Need date***
  - ***November – Need date***
  - Full GIT – December 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>?
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