

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Agenda for July 22, 2013 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Call-In: 866-917-0618; Pass Code: 1613714

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/19245/>

➤ **Welcome to the Fisheries GIT (1:00-1:05)**

- New Ex Comm member Martin Gary (PRFC Executive Secretary)

➤ **Membership (1:05-1:15)**

- Handout: *Fisheries GIT Membership 7-12-13*
- Discussion of current members and commitment
 - Recent additions: Martin Gary (PRFC); Susan Conner (USACE); Melanie Frisch (DOD)
- Decisional: Additional members for the SFGIT?
 - MD and VA Sea Grant folks?
 - Jorge Holzer for MD
 - Jack T. will recommend replacements for Ken Smith and Ernie Bowden
 - Before the next full GIT meeting, the Ex Comm will call members to encourage their attendance and participation in order to have a broader representation of stakeholders
- **Ex Comm Action: Review the current membership list (attached) and make any additional changes (as discussed on the call, we are looking for additional commercial and recreational reps.) by the next Ex Comm meeting. (Emilie will send a reminder).**

➤ **June Full GIT Meeting (1:15-1:30)**

- Handouts: *June 2013 Meeting Summary final*
- Discussion of outcomes and identified next steps from the meeting
 - Are we focused on the right things?
 - Invasive Catfish – we need to move forward with public messaging to publish information in upcoming fishing guidebooks
- Staff Action: Review GIT work plan for next meeting
- **Ex Comm Action: Review draft language suggested to be included in jurisdictional recreational fishing guides and provide comments on this material (to be sent by Andrew Turner within the next week).**

➤ **Review of Chesapeake Bay New Agreement (1:30-2:00)**

- Handouts: *Abridged New Agreement, CBP discussion notes, Stakeholder Comments & draft language, SFGIT Stakeholder Involvement*
- Review of the New Agreement structure and goals/outcomes
- Timeline
 - Need GIT and stakeholder input on goals/outcomes by mid-late August
 - Full draft of Agreement mid-September
 - Stakeholder review periods: Jul 10-Aug 15 (abridged draft) and late Sept-late Oct (full draft)
 - Final Agreement signed in December

➤ **Discussion of Fisheries Outcomes (2:00-3:00) → Full GIT + Stakeholders**

- Handouts: *Abridged New Agreement, CBP discussion notes, Stakeholder Comments & draft language, SFGIT Stakeholder Involvement*
- Discussion: stakeholder comments on additional fisheries outcomes
 - **Blue Crab** - future management (allocation, etc.)
 - **Oysters** – agreement on tributaries
 - **Forage fish** – concern that the New Agreement should address more than just blue crabs and oysters
 - **Habitat** – Do the outcomes under the Habitat goal support fisheries? Is there a way to incorporate land use planning (impervious surface, etc.) into a habitat outcome under fisheries or somewhere else in the Agreement?
- Decisional:
 - Does the SFGIT recommend adding any of the above outcomes in the New Agreement?
 - Blue Crab Allocation – consensus to include CBC’s draft outcome with a few minor changes
 - Oysters – general agreement on ten tributaries, with a provisional action to produce a document citing background and assumptions of financials and implementation of oyster restoration to date (Harris Creek and Great Wicomico)
 - Forage Fish – no agreement reached after discussion; will continue to discuss outcome ideas
 - Habitat – content of this potential outcome is still unclear; will continue to discuss and include GIT 2 to discuss connections between fisheries and habitat outcomes
 - Who should the GIT reach out to directly for stakeholder input?
 - Advisory commissions?
- **Full New Agreement discussion Notes in separate document *Ex comm 7-22 stakeholder discussion***
- **Ex Comm Action: We will engage in e-mail exchanges on outstanding issues and set up a call to review final proposals/draft language prior to the August 15th deadline. Additional discussions can occur prior to the mid-September 2013 deadline for a final draft (for public comment).**

Informational

➤ **Navy Telemetry Letter**

- Handout: *DRAFT Navy Telemetry Letter*
- Letter to the Navy expressing GIT support for their telemetry arrays and the opportunity for long-term monitoring of migratory fish species
- **Ex Comm Action: Provide feedback on draft letter by COB Wednesday, July 31st**

➤ **Public Service Announcement explaining the Chesapeake Bay Program (1:25-1:40)**

- Handout: *PSA CBP info*

- The Chesapeake Bay Program is developing a 2-3 minute PSA video as a public outreach tool about the Bay program and Bay restoration. Each GIT will be featured in the video by having a representative read a short mission statement to be filmed at a field location.
 - **DRAFT STATEMENT:** *"We're studying the Bay's complex underwater ecosystems -- using science and technology to help create a sustainable future for the Bay's fish and fishermen."*
- You will be updated as the content develops – the handout has some preliminary ideas for filming locations

➤ **Land Use and the Fisheries GIT**

- Currently developing a summary of potential land use impacts on fisheries and potential SFGIT involvement in land use decisions
- Collaboration with MD DNR

➤ **Confirm upcoming meeting dates**

Upcoming Meeting Schedule (1-3 pm)

August 19th

September 23rd

October 21st

November 18th

December (Full GIT Meeting) – Need Date