

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Workplan

<p>This table pairs a progress report of the Fisheries GIT 2012 work plan with the set of new six and twelve month priorities identified at the June full GIT meeting. In addition, members provided the following criteria for organizing and prioritizing the work of the GIT. These goals are intended to guide the future direction of the Fisheries GIT by clearly identifying the workplan over the next year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Through future research and policy development, the Fisheries GIT should employ a proactive approach through preventative management recommendations that prioritize natural processes to both enhance restoration efforts and ensure sustainability of our fished resources. 2) As an organization, the Fisheries GIT should encourage jurisdictions to avoid overregulation of our fisheries by ensuring recommendations are sound, simple, and enforceable. 3) As a part of the Chesapeake Bay Program, the Fisheries GIT will identify opportunities to integrate actions across goal teams and highlight areas where collaboration will mutually beneficial in the future 										
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Topic	2012 Work Plan					June GIT Priorities							
	#	Task	Lead POC	Timeline	Status	Comments	#	Task	Lead POC	Priority	Timeline	Status	Comments
Blue Crabs	1	New bay-wide abundance and exploitation targets and thresholds for blue crabs recommended by the Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee and adopted by the states.	Andrew Turner/Adam Davis	December, 2012	Completed	Female targets adopted; currently working on male targets.	1	Create a factsheet on the blue crab story explaining the need for accountability and fill the info gap on the future of the blue crab fishery.	Emilie Franke	High	6 Month	Completed	
	2	New female targets adopted by all jurisdictions.	Andrew Turner/Adam Davis	June, 2012	Completed		2	A) Develop and evaluate blue crab male reference points; and B) recognize the charge to CBSAC in 2011 and implement male biological reference points (bay-wide) for blue crabs by 2013.	CBSAC	High	6 Month	In Progress	
	3	Maintain sustainable population (i.e. between the abundance and exploitation targets and thresholds) by preparing and delivering the 2012 Blue Crab Advisory Report and convening the Fisheries GIT to discuss the report and adapt management approaches when necessary.	Andrew Turner/Adam Davis	July, 2012	Completed		3	Develop and discuss a framework for obtaining reliable estimates of blue crab recreational catch; consider providing spatial resolution in addition to improving recreational accountability.	CBSAC	High	6 Month	December Meeting	
	4	Coordinate communication of report recommendations and management decisions.	Andrew Turner/Adam Davis	July, 2012	Completed		4	A) Initiate discussions on interjurisdictional blue crab allocation process; and B) develop an interjurisdictional blue crab allocation framework complete with preliminary numbers for each jurisdiction.	Executive Committee	High	6 Month	December Meeting	
	5	CBSAC hold workshop to develop methodology for male specific reference points (abundance and exploitation).	Andrew Turner/Adam Davis	Spetember 6-7, 2012	In Progress		5	Continue commercial accountability pilot project. Evaluate efficacy of accountability program in MD and consider application in VA and PRFC.	Executive Committee	High	12 Month		
	6	CBSAC develop recommendations to establish male specific reference points.	CBSAC	December, 2012	In Progress	Workshop results will be presented at December 2012 full GIT meeting.							
	7	Develop draft adaptive management decision framework for Blue Crabs per CBP.	Adam Davis	March, 2012	On Hold	Decided to focus on oysters and not do an additional decision framework at this time.							
Oysters	1	Fisheries GIT will monitor and keep informed of oyster restoration progress towards the EO outcome of 20 restored tributaries by 2025.	Executive Committee	Ongoing	In Progress		1	Identify funding for oyster restoration by 2025 (\$12 million is already slated to Harris Creek).	Executive Committee	High	6 Month	In Progress	
	2	Brief the Executive Committee on restoration progress in MD and VA tributaries.	Interagency Workgroups	Ongoing	In Progress		2	Develop an inter GIT action team focused on streamlining restoration permitting.	GIT Staff	High	6 Month		

3	The Fisheries GIT will ensure oyster restoration performance metrics are applied to existing projects in the Great Wicomico and Lynnhaven Rivers. These metrics will be used to guide new tributary restoration planning and monitoring.	Interagency Workgroups	Ongoing	In Progress	Harris Creek Blueprint Completed	3	Define and determine the role of the Fisheries GIT in promoting and facilitating aquaculture.	Executive Committee	High	6 Month		
4	Fisheries GIT routinely informed on results of the bay-wide Oyster Stock Assessment.	Peter Bergstrom	Quarterly		Roger Mann briefed the Executive Committee	4	Evaluate the use of diploids versus triploids in restoration efforts.		Low	6 Month		
5	Fisheries GIT to provide comments and insight to a native oyster protection and restoration strategy, including a collaborative and agreed-upon federal-state list of priority tributaries targeting four to six tributaries for restoration and lay out steps for expanding aquaculture and evaluating sustainability of wild fishery. The collaborative strategy will document a phased approach for developing tributary scale restoration plans, reef construction, monitoring, and performance evaluation.	Executive Committee	December, 2012	In Progress	Oyster Decision Framework submitted to CBP MB. It currently only addresses tributary selection, not aquaculture or the wild fishery. Currently working with partners to update the latest Harris Creek Blueprint.	5	Identify a single tributary that by oyster metrics is seen as restored, and then quantify the ecosystem services and fishery benefits.	Stephanie Westby	Unplaced	6 Month		Nowhere is currently listed as restored. Harris and Lafayette are the first two to be considered. Harris is currently being monitored to look for ecosystem services.
6	Complete USACE Native Oyster Restoration Master Plan	USACE & GIT Staff	February/March	In Progress		6	Educate land use decision makers about their impacts on oyster restoration projects.	GIT Staff	Unplaced	6 Month		Do we know what these are?
7	Have someone brief the ExComm/GIT on the Oyster Restoration Master Plan	USACE & GIT Staff	April, 2012	Completed	Presented by Angie Sowers.	7	Develop a draft statement on the possibility of using oysters in nutrient trading.	Peter Bergstrom	High	6 Month		NOAA sponsors a workshop to develop a consensus statement on the value or range of values for oyster denitrification.
8	Establish a team to develop recommendations addressing the challenge of limited shell resources.	Executive Committee	March, 2012	Not Started	Not yet established	8	Provide economic valuation and cost comparison for restoration (non-fished) versus the "put and take" restoration efforts.		Medium	12 Month		USACE is conducting a study in VA on sanctuary reef vs. rotational harvest.
9	Develop a multi-jurisdictional policy for oyster management and aquaculture (this would require involving the Coast Guard) to assist localities in dealing with user conflict and other hurdles. Proposed Options a) Convene a policy discussion between the jurisdictions; b) Workshops; c) Oyster Summit; d) Develop a strategy for execution of goals.	Executive Committee	December, 2012	Not Started	Some discussion among NCBO & ExComm members and is being addressed at some level by MD Interagency Workgroups. Do we take an _____ of CBP & GIT?	9	Cost per pound of nitrogen reduction. Use this opportunity to create smart land use decisions in the Harris Creek watershed. Make the connection where the restoration efforts are funded, underway, and successful.		Low	12 Month		Cost will be too high.
10	Consider role of the GIT in aquaculture	Executive Committee	December, 2012	Not Started	We haven't done anything with this yet.	10	Develop messaging campaign to provide legislators with quantifiable benefits for their constituents (What does \$27 million get them? i.e. ecosystem services, nitrogen removal, fishery productivity, etc.).	GIT Staff	Unplaced	12 Month		Not ready for this yet.
11	Develop adaptive management plan for oyster outcome per CBP	GIT Staff	March, 2012	Completed	Requires updating.	11	Research the documentation concerning post-Katrina oyster restoration.		Unplaced	12 Month		Purpose?

Invasive Catfish	1	Finalize adoption of the invasive catfish policy statement	GIT Staff	December, 2011	Completed		1	Assemble the Invasive Catfish Task Force and discuss future policy options.	GIT Staff	High	6 Month	September/October	Initial workshop meeting in September or October
	2	Reconvene catfish workgroup as an Invasive Catfish Task Force to develop a set of public outreach and mitigation measures per the objectives of the Policy.	Executive Committee & GIT Staff	September, 2012	In Progress		3	Establish a unified approach amongst jurisdictions for precautionary invasive catfish management.	Invasive Catfish Task Force	High	6 Month		
							4	Develop and present policy options/recommendations to implement the goals from the Invasive Catfish Policy Statement.	Invasive Catfish Task Force	3	6 Month		
								Develop integrated results with clear articulated (Bay-wide) goals for invasive catfish.	Executive Committee	1	12 Month		
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Land Use and Fisheries	1	Develop draft land use and fisheries strategy that identifies and prioritizes a set of actions the Fisheries GIT will implement to improve the linkage between land use decisions and fisheries health and sustainability.	Executive Committee & GIT Staff	March, 2012		We haven't done anything with this yet.	1	Educate land use decision makers about their impacts on:	-	-	-	-	-
	2	Communicate outcomes of the American Fisheries Society symposium on land use and fisheries to the Executive Committee.	Derek Orner & Andrew Turner	September, 2012	Upcomming			Oyster Restoration Projects					
	3	Complete proposal for STAC workshop to focus on scientific tools/application to better link land use and fisheries.	Bruce Vogt & Adam Davis	February, 2012	Needs Work	Need to look into when the next workshop applications deadline is and figure this out.		Striped Bass					
	4	Work with the Healthy Watersheds GIT to develop guidance on getting involved in planning and decisions.	GIT Staff	Ongoing	In Progress	We met with them once on March 27th, 2012.		Shad (Indicators)					
Administrative Tasks	1	Organize and hold monthly Executive Committee meetings.	Adam Davis	Ongoing	In Progress			EBFM					
	2	Set up science briefings for Executive Committee.	GIT Staff	Ongoing	In Progress	Need to plan these further in advance		Land Use					
	3	Hold biannual full GIT meetings.	GIT Staff	June & December, 2012	In Progress	June meeting successful; Planning for December underway		Stakeholder Engagement					
	4	Complete action items from December full GIT meeting.	GIT Staff	January-July, 2012	In Progress	We should check back into these.							
	5	Complete action items from June full GIT meeting.	GIT Staff	July-December, 2012	In Progress	Added to priorities list to the right.							
	6	Draft and distribute Biannual newsletters to full GIT.	Adam Davis	March & September, 2012	In Progress	March newsletter distributed							
	7	Increase communications between the GITs by developing a consistent communication tool to be distributed amongst the GITs on a regular basis.	GIT Staff	Ongoing	In Progress	We haven't done anything with this yet							
	8	Be responsive to CBP tasks.	GIT Staff	Ongoing	In Progress								
	9	Keep GIT informed of PSC and MB meetings and get GIT1 topics on agendas as appropriate.	GIT Staff	Ongoing	In Progress								