

**Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team**  
Semiannual Full GIT Meeting  
First week of June 2016  
Virginia

Meeting Materials:

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Day 1 Webinar:

Day 2 Webinar:

The Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team (Fisheries GIT) continues to provide a forum for connecting science and policy across jurisdictions and the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. The diverse team meets biannually in June and December.

For this June 2016 meeting, a significant portion is focused on blue crabs, as CBSAC has been working on their annual Blue Crab Advisory Report in addition to other CBSAC research priorities. The agenda will also stimulate discussion on recent striped bass management through ASMFC and climate change impacts on fisheries.

Venue Options (for Ex Comm discussion 3/28)

- Virginia Commonwealth University (Day 1), Rice Rivers Center (Day 2)
  - Richmond, VA
- Cousiac Manor
  - Lanexa, VA
- Old Dominion University
  - Norfolk, VA
- Woman's Club of Portsmouth
  - Portsmouth, VA

Meeting Overview (DRAFT)

Proposed Topics

- I. Blue Crab**
  - a. Advisory Board/Update on Stock Assessment – Glenn Davis (MD DNR)
    - i. Working session
  - b. Climate effects on blue crab – Tom Miller (UMCES)
  - c. Megalopae Study, larval ingress – Elizabeth North (UMCES)
- II. Ecosystem-focused Session**
  - a. MAFMC's EAFM and forage efforts – Rich Seagraves (MAFMC)
    - i. Intersections with habitat and climate
  - b. ASMFC Report Out – Bob Beal (ASMFC)
  - c. Fish Habitat Assessment by NFHP
  - d. 6 Bay Tributary Study?
  - e. NOAA EBFM Roadmap
  - f. Climate – NOAA?
- III. Invasive Catfish**
  - a. Status of fishery – Marty Gary (PRFC), Greg Garman (VCU)

- i. Compile numbers for fishery
  - b. USDA Regulations
- IV. **Oysters**
  - a. Oyster Monitoring Report Preliminary Data – Dave Blazer? (MD DNR)
    - i. Meet scientists that are writing the oyster monitoring report due in July
- V. **Fish GIT**
  - a. Describe Fish GIT efforts since last meeting
    - i. Workplans, GIT-funded forage study awarded, Oyster Summit, etc.
- VI. **Sturgeon**
  - a. Current work on sturgeon – Chris Hagar (Chesapeake Scientific), Dave Secor (UMCES), Greg Garman (VCU) Jason Kahn (NOAA) David Bruce (NOAA)
    - i. Check with Geoff Smith (PA Fish and Boat Commission) and Edna Stetzar (DNREC)
    - ii. Check with Edward Hale (DNREC), who presented on early juvenile Atlantic Sturgeon Abundance at Delaware Wetlands Conference
  - b. MATOS – TBD (Kevin has a meeting with developer on April 1<sup>st</sup>)

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**Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 11:00 am**      **Welcome and Overview of Day 1** – Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair  
*Introductions*
- 11:30 am**      **Status of the Invasive Catfish Fishery** – Marty Gary (PRFC), Greg Garman (VCU)  
Presentation-20 min; Discussion-15 min  
**Objectives:** Present the harvest numbers for the fishery and provide an overview of the direction the fishery is going.
- 12:05 pm**      **LUNCH**
- 1:00 pm**      **MAFMC Update: Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management and Intersections with Sustainable Fisheries GIT** – Rich Seagraves (MAFMC)  
Presentation: 30 min; Discussion-15 min  
**Objectives:** Determine how to incorporate our ecosystem-based fishery management efforts with the current work of the MAFMC. Discuss MAFMC’s approach to forage species.
- 1:45 pm**      **NOAA EBFM Roadmap** – Bruce Vogt (NCBO)  
Presentation: 15 min; Discussion 10 min
- 2:10 pm**      **ASMFC Update** – Bob Beal (ASMFC)  
Presentation: 20 min; Discussion 10 min  
**Objective:** Discuss the new regulations and harvests for the 2016 season. Review outcomes from the most recent ASMFC meeting.
- 2:40 pm**      **Break**

- 3:00 pm**            **Climate – NOAA**
- 3:45 pm**            **Sturgeon Update** – Chris Hagar (Chesapeake Scientific), Dave Secor (UMCES), Greg Garman (VCU) Jason Kahn (NOAA) David Bruce (NOAA)  
Presentation: 30 min; Discussion: 15 min  
**Objective:** Review the current research on sturgeon, including mapping efforts and population studies
- 4:20 pm**            **Break**
- 4:30 pm**            **On-site Activity**
- 6:00 pm**            **Dinner**
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**Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 9:00 am**            **Day 2 Overview** – Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair
- 9:15 am**            **Fisheries GIT Updates**  
**Objective:** Fisheries GIT will give an overview of what projects and efforts they've been involved in. Goal Team members will have the opportunity to submit brief updates on the projects that they have been involved in that correspond with the Sustainable Fisheries GIT work. Meeting attendees will then have time to ask questions and discuss the updates presented.
- Include discussion on 2016 – 2017 workplans.
- Blue Crabs**
- 10:00 am**            **The Effect of Climate Change on Blue Crabs** – Tom Miller (UMCES-CBL)  
Presentation-15 min; Discussion 10 min  
**Objective:** Learn about the study that is being initiated by UMCES to evaluate the effects of climate change on blue crabs
- 10:25 am**            **2016 Blue Crab Advisory Report** – Glenn Davis (MD DNR)  
Presentation-20 min; Discussion 20 min  
**Objective:** Review the results of the Winter Dredge Survey, blue crab population status, and CBSAC's recommendations.
- 11:05 am**            **Break**
- 11:20 am**            **Blue Crab Larval Ingress Study** – Elizabeth North (UMCES-CBL)  
Presentation-20 min; Discussion 10 min  
**Objective:** Update the full GIT on the status of the electronic reporting pilot project and plans for the future.
- 11:50 pm**            **Lunch**

- 12:45 pm**      **Blue Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment Planning - CBSAC**  
Presentation-30 min; Discussion-30 min  
**Objective:** Discuss the final terms of reference (TORs) that will guide the upcoming benchmark stock assessment and the major research questions that managers and scientists hope to address.
- 1:45 pm**      **Oyster Update? – Dave Blazer**  
Presentation: 15 min; Discussion 10 min  
**Objective:** Discuss the preliminary results of the monitoring efforts in the Choptank Complex.
- 2:10 pm**      **Public Comment Period**
- 2:30 pm**      **Day 2 Recap; Next Steps**
- 3:00 pm**      **Adjourn**
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