

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Meeting
Agenda for March 18th, 2011 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

In Attendance: Peyton Robertson, Tom O’Connell, Jack Travelstead, A.C. Carpenter, Bob Beal, Derek Orner, Nancy Butowski, Bruce Vogt, Toni Kerns, Ellen Cosby, Lynn Fegley, Tom Miller, Rob O’Reilly, Karl Blankenship, Adam Davis

ASMFC Meeting Pre-Brief Topics

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- Toni Kerns summarized the Technical Committees (TC) work on reference points.
 - Document states we are not overfished, but overfishing is occurring for the first time in the last nine years. The TC is going to go over alternative reference points.

River Herring/Shad

- The river herring terms of reference (TOR) agenda item is to approve the TORs for the river herring assessment scheduled to be completed at the end of the year
 - Peer review early 2012
- Chris Zeman from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will ask the Management Board to support a federal FMP for shad and river herring
- Two additional terms of reference (TOR) being requested
- TC will conduct a coast wide stock assessment
 - Currently 28-30 river systems, but not combined into one assessment

Striped Bass

- Tom O’Connell will provide an update on MD poaching incidences
- Stock assessment will be completed in November at Massachusetts

Blue Catfish

- ASMFC statement on Blue Catfish
 - Issue put on policy board agenda
 - Concern over potential impacts of ASMFC managed species
 - Policy board is developing a resolution
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Presentation (2:00pm)

Blue Crab CIE Review

- Presentation and Q&A session from Tom Miller and Derek Orner
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Oyster Metric Team Update

- Team has developed both ‘Reef-Level’ and ‘Tributary-Level’ goals
- Currently in drafting phase and hope to submit to consulting scientists by first week in April
- Goals:
 - Reef-Level: (6 years post restoration)
 - a. Are structures still present? Are oysters surviving?
 - b. Reef footprint and height must be sustained or growing
 - c. Neutral or positive shell budget

- d. Biological:
 - i. Maintain minimum density
 - ii. Maintain target density
 - iii. At least 2 year classes present
- o Tributary-Level:
 - a. Will count as restored when ‘x’ percentage of “currently restorable bottom” is restored

Catfish Workgroup Proposal

- Executive Committee still concerned that this group is reluctant to think outside the box
- **Action Items:**
 - o Consider new/expanded membership
 - a. Resource Economist with fisheries experience
 - b. Invasive, Non-Native Species Expert

Proposed FEW Short-Term EBFM Activities for 2011-2012

- **Action Item:** Bruce and Adam will create a survey for the ExComm members to fill out regarding the FEW Short-Term EBFM Activities

June Full Fisheries GIT Meeting

- Agreed to target June 6-7th
- PRFC building in Colonial Beach, VA is probably too small
- **Action Item:** Look into Stratford Hall, Virginia

Updates

Next Executive Committee Meeting

- TBD until blue crab meeting is resolved
- **Action Item:** Send out pole to schedule meeting