

Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee

Minutes

September 21, 2020 1:00 - 3:00pm

Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/ydh-twva-pgo

Call in #: 435-562-1203

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Action Items

- Review Striped Bass science one-pager, to discuss at later ExComm meeting
- Review NCBO strategic plan to further discuss intersections with the goal team and fisheries management

- **Attendees**

- *Roll Call*

- *Guests*

- *Nany Rybicki (USGS)*
 - *Julianna Greenberg (HGIT)*
 - *Megan Ossmann (HGIT)*

- *Executive Committee*

- *Lynn Fegley (DNR)*
 - *Pat Geer (Virginia MRC)*
 - *Bruce Vogt (NOAA)*
 - *Michael Bednarski (Virginia DGIF)*
 - *Mandy Bromilow (NOAA)*
 - *Susan Layton (USACE)*
 - *Keith Lockwood will be taking over representing USACE*
 - *Marty Gary (PRFC)*

- **Invasive Water Chestnut (Nancy Rybicki: 1:00-1:30)**

- Presentation from Nancy
 - Questions and Discussion
 - Marty Gary - Were observations in VA *bispinosa* variety?
 - Yes
 - Marty Gary - Implications for fish/habitat and SAV?
 - Swift action is necessary while still contained to Virginia
 - Not preferred habitat for fish and waterfowl

- Michael Bednarski
 - Chestnut creates terrible habitat conditions
 - Working in VA to address this issue in a proactive way
- **Striped Bass Science (Bruce Vogt: 1:30-1:45)**
 - Current projects
 - Nursery habitat assessment (Fabrizio)
 - Abundance estimates (Wilberg and Latour)
 - Telemetry (Secor)
 - Use of Shallow water habitat (Ogburn)
 - [Link to google doc](#)
 - Discussion
 - Issues not mentioned in Sea Grant one-pager:
 - Hook and line mortality, micro plastics, climate change
 - Bruce - Is this synthesis helpful to the management community?
 - Lynn - What type of communication document would this be?
 - Presenting strictly on science synthesis and not communications
 - Important note - not a document for the public, but to better connect work for managers.
 - This may be most useful as a GIT only "database" of emerging striped bass science to facilitate discussion
- **Planning Full GIT Meeting - January, 2021 (Bruce Vogt: 1:45-2:15)**
 - Discuss the proposed [agenda](#)
 - Telemetry and bay specific pop estimates, state interest, and discussion
 - Discussion and Suggestions
 - Susan Layton - Corps will support oyster updates
 - 3-day layout is a positive
- **NCBO Strategic Plan and direction of Fish GIT (Sean Corson: 2:15-2:35)**
 - [Strategic Plan](#)
 - Discussion
 - Fish GIT intersects restoration and ecosystem science in the strategic plan
 - Fish GIT responsible for oyster restoration goals
 - Where do we go post-2025?
 - Mentions other outcomes and invasive catfish.
 - Executing catfish strategy across jurisdictions
 - Further engaging recreational fishing constituency
 - Focus on climate/weather and emerging effects on fish habitat
 - Continued fish habitat assessment
 - Bruce - This links back to an interest in creating conversation on striped bass

- **Satellite Ocean Color--Fishery management applications (2:35-2:45)**

- Discussion

- We can get turbidity and chlorophyll - on an hourly basis (geostationary)
 - What can this mean for the Chesapeake and managers?
 - Ideas internally:
 - Algal blooms, aquaculture
 - We want to build a one-pager
 - We will send something this week highlighting potential applications

- **GIT Funded Projects (Justin Shapiro: 2:45-2:55)**

- **Member Updates (2:55-3:00)**

- Marty Gary

- Cooperative aquaculture about begin 10th year
 - Good news from catfish harvest

- Lynn Fegley

- New document dealing with TAC with Cobia
 - ASMFC, DNR, Delaware
 - Management action for spot upcoming from ASMFC
 - Spring, 2021
 - Tri-annual coastal forum

- Pat Geer

- Cobia meeting
 - Telemetry project
 - Working with Navy
 - CARES act
 - Working to get 4.5 million dollars out

- **Next Meeting**

- October 26th, 1-3 PM