

Sustainable Fisheries GIT
2012 Work Plan

Topic	Task	Lead POC	Timeline	Status
Blue Crabs	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New female targets adopted by all jurisdictions 	Derek Orner	February	
	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate communication of report recommendations and management decisions 	Derek Orner	April	
	CBSAC hold workshop to develop methodology for male specific reference points (abundance and exploitation)	Derek Orner	June	
	CBSAC develop recommendations to establish male specific reference points	Derek Orner		
	Develop draft adaptive management decision framework for Blue Crabs per CBP	GIT Staff	March	
Oysters	Fisheries GIT will monitor and keep informed of oyster restoration progress towards the EO outcome of 20 restored tributaries by 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing on restoration progress in MD and VA tributaries 	ExComm	Ongoing	In Progress
	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.	Stephanie Westby	Ongoing	In Progress
	Fisheries GIT routinely informed on results of the bay-wide Oyster Stock Assessment.	Stephanie Westby	Quarterly	
	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.	ExComm	December	
	USACE Native Oyster Restoration Master Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have someone brief the ExComm/GIT on the Oyster Restoration Master Plan 	GIT Staff & USACE	February/March	
	Establish a team to develop recommendations addressing the challenge of limited shell resources.	ExComm	March	
	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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o a) Convene a policy discussion among key actors across the jurisdictions o b) Workshops o c) Oyster Summit 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ d) Develop a strategy for execution of goals 			
	Consider role of the GIT in aquaculture	ExComm	Ongoing	
	Develop adaptive management plan for oyster outcome per CBP	GIT Staff	March	In Progress
Invasive Catfish	Finalize adoption of the invasive catfish policy statement	GIT Staff	January	Completed
	Reconvene catfish workgroup as an Invasive Catfish Action Team to develop a set of public outreach and mitigation measures per the objectives of the Policy.	ExComm & GIT Staff	March	
Land Use and Fisheries	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	ExComm & GIT Staff	March 15	
	Communicate outcomes of the American Fisheries Symposium on land use and fisheries to the Executive Committee	Derek Orner & Andrew Turner	September	
	Complete proposal for STAC workshop to focus on scientific tools/application to better link land use and fisheries	Bruce Vogt & Adam Davis	February	
	Work with the Healthy Watersheds GIT to develop guidance on getting involved in planning and decisions	GIT Staff		
Administrative Tasks	Hold monthly Executive Committee meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up science briefings for Executive Committee 	Adam Davis	Ongoing	In Progress
	Hold biannual full GIT meetings (note: possibly change to May and November)	GIT Staff	June & December	
	Complete action items from December full GIT meeting	GIT Staff	January-July	In Progress
	Complete action items from June full GIT meeting	GIT Staff	July-December	
	Draft and distribute Biannual newsletters to full GIT	Adam Davis	March & September	
	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
	Be responsive to CBP tasks	GIT Staff	Ongoing	In Progress
	Keep GIT informed of PSC and MB meetings and get GIT1 topics on agendas as appropriate	GIT Staff	Ongoing	In Progress