

GIT Goals and Objectives

GIT 1: Fisheries http://www.chesapeakebay.net/team_fisheries_info.aspx?menuItem=51029	Oyster Metric Team	<u>Oyster Outcome:</u> Restore native oyster habitat and populations in 20 tributaries by 2025. <u>Actions:</u> Launch a Bay-wide oyster strategy using scientific support for decision making; Restore priority tributaries and support enforcement; Expand commercial aquaculture; Complete 'Oyster Metrics' report and begin selecting tributaries for restoration efforts.
	Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee	<u>Blue Crab Outcome:</u> Maintain sustainable blue crab interim rebuilding target of 200 million adults (1+ years old) in 2011 and develop a new population target for 2012 through 2025. <u>Actions:</u> Support continued interjurisdictional blue crab management; Revise blue crab population rebuilding target; Complete 2011 Blue Crab Stock Assessment and CIE review comments; Convene Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee (CBSAC) to develop Blue Crab reference points.
	Full GIT	Improve interjurisdictional management of fisheries resources that move across political and administrative jurisdictions by designing surveys to better provide information on status and trends in abundance, age structure, health, and recruitment variability of managed fish species.
		Improve the connection between science and management to ensure decision making leads to productive and sustainable fisheries.
		Develop ecosystem approaches to fisheries management in order to better target future management practices so they are more effective and efficient. Promote coalition building, information sharing, and appropriate coordination of management decisions that can feed into broader fisheries commissions and councils (e.g., Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission [ASMFC] and the Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council [MAFMC]). Develop a means to influence land-use decision practices (i.e. identify communication pathways, TMDLs, WIPs, etc.).