

**Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee
Meeting Agenda**

January 13, 2014 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Call-In: 877-921-8911; Pass Code: 7762916

Webinar: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/333799999>

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/19246/>

Decisional

- **Request for CBSAC Review of Winter Dredge Fishery Triggers in VA (1:00-1:20)**
 - Handout: VMRC_request_dredge fishery triggers
 - VMRC is requesting that CBSAC review their proposed management trigger options for a winter crab dredge fishery season. (attach scanned letter)
 - Decision: Ex Comm endorsement of request, tasking CBSAC with review.

- **Debrief of December 2013 full GIT Meeting (1:20-1:50)**
 - Handout: *Dec2013 FishGIT take aways-actions; Dec2013 FishGIT Meeting Summary_final*
 - Discuss how the meeting went in terms of logistics, format, etc.
 - Review the major outcomes from the meeting and discuss how to follow up on outcomes and involve full GIT members in these actions between the June and December meetings.

- **2014 Updated Work plan (1:50-2:10)**
 - Handout: *SFGIT Jan2014 workplan v1*
 - Discuss draft work plan to now include actions from the December meeting.
 - Review those assigned to each task.
 - Action: Ex Comm to suggest edits and/or approve the draft work plan to move forward.

- **Invasive Catfish Task Force Process Update (2:10-2:20)**
 - Get the Ex Comm's approval for the peer review plan for the Task Force's "Invasive Catfish Response Plan".
 - The proposed peer review process includes a review by STAC (Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee).
 - Inform the Ex Comm of the outcomes of the invasive catfish presentation to the Mid-Atlantic Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel in December. These outcomes include a meeting with NPS to post outreach materials in their public access locations in the watershed, and a future meeting with folks discussing Asian carp marketing and management plans in the Great Lakes.
 - Proposal to review Task Force recommendations at Feb. Ex. Comm., with participation by David Whitehurst (VDGIF), David Saveikis (DNREC), and a PA rep and gain consensus on which actions to pursue in the short term.
 - Decision: Does the Ex Comm endorse the Task Force's plan moving forward for a STAC peer review and report completion?

- **2014 Meeting Dates and Science Presentation Topics (2:20-2:30)**
 - Handout: *2014 Calendar*
 - Choose future Ex Comm meeting dates and discuss science presentation topics that interest the Ex Comm for their upcoming monthly calls.

- Actions: Schedule Ex Comm meeting dates for March, April, and May 2014. Staff will begin setting up science presentations for the next Ex Comm calls.

➤ **Ex Comm Updates**

- Executive Committee members' updates and discussion of management issues.
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Informational

➤ **New Agreement Updates**

- The Bay Program's Executive Council met on December 12th to discuss the draft New Agreement. The Council members participated in a press conference where Governor O'Malley was announced as the new Executive Council Chair.
- Joe Gill (Secretary of Natural Resources, PSC Chair) and Frank Dawson (Deputy Secretary, MD rep. to the Management Board) are meeting with the other Bay jurisdictions over the next few weeks to discuss support of the New Agreement outcomes and potential participation in the Management Strategies.
- The draft Bay Agreement is set to be released on January 29th for a 45-day public comment period.

➤ **Striped Bass Tagging Project – Dave Secor (UMCES)**

- This project to tag Potomac River fish that will be tracked by 23 receivers in the Potomac and lower Bay will be moving forward. The project is funded by ASMFC through a cooperative agreement with the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office.

➤ **Telemetry Discussion with the Navy**

- Peyton, Bruce, and other NOAA folks participated in a call with the Navy in response to the correspondence between them and Peyton as the Fish GIT chair regarding the Navy's telemetry array at the mouth of the Bay
- NOAA and Navy will be working together in the near future to inform the Bay Program about this array as the Bay Program looks to revamp their monitoring program.

➤ **Chesapeake Bay Program Fisheries Indicators**

- Handout: *MB Fisheries Indicators Updates 11-21*
- The Management Board approved the Ex Comm's recommendations for updating the oyster, striped bass, and menhaden indicators on the Bay Program website. Staff are working on these updates and will keep the Ex Comm informed.

➤ **Dr. Kevin Chu representing NOAA in the Mid-Atlantic**

- Serve as Assistant Regional Administrator for the Northeast Region and will be located in the Mid-Atlantic (Annapolis)
- Responsibilities include a focus on constituent engagement and improved communication with fishery managers in the Mid-Atlantic – we envision an opportunity to get him further involved with the Fisheries GIT.

➤ **Confirm upcoming meeting dates**

(Mondays 1:00-3:00 pm)

February 24, 2014

