

June 2014 Full Fisheries GIT Meeting
Wednesday-Thursday, June 18-19th, 2014
Waterman's Hall, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Agenda Item Ideas

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Climate and Fisheries Panel Discussion

- Panelists: scientists from the Bay region will present on their work on how climate change effects on fisheries in the long-term (Bob Wood, Dave Secor) and management implications on living resources
- Discussion: Fisheries GIT will discuss strategies for fishery management in the future
- Review content and recommendations from previous STAC report(s) and recent MAFMC Climate Change and Fisheries Governance Workshop (March 19-21st, 2014)

Menhaden Gear Comparison Study – Ed Houde (CBL)

- Ed Houde will present the results of their two-year menhaden gear-comparison study comparing the catch of offshore trawls to nearshore seines for two tributaries (Patuxent River, Choptank River)

CBSAC and Blue Crabs

- Brief overview of 2014 Blue Crab Advisory Report and CBSAC charter
- Progress on prioritized critical research needs
 - Gear selectivity WDS sampling design
 - Summer survey data analysis
- Discussion on the connection and importance of habitat to blue crabs
 - Habitat limitation
 - Capacity of habitat types
 - Should habitat and other environmental factors be included in the next stock assessment?
- Discussion on what happened to the record juveniles from 2012?
 - Link to habitat and climate discussions
- Updates on accountability projects in Maryland and Virginia (EDF)
- Update on Virginia winter dredge fishery discussion

American Shad – Potomac Abundance Data

- Discussion led by Eric Brittle of VDGIF on the Potomac shad abundance index (past data, current trends, potential changes in data calculation)

Striped Bass and ASMFC

- Update from ASMFC on draft Addenda IV and V that discuss potential management options to achieve the new reference points.

Forage Fish Discussion

- Use the full team to narrow down species list or identify representative species to focus on when discussing the New Agreement forage fish outcome

New Agreement Management Strategies

- Explain the Management Strategy requirements for the New Agreement outcomes and the required strategy completion date of one year after the signing of the Agreement (by June 2015)
- Discuss and develop a process and way forward for the Fisheries GIT to develop the Management Strategies for the fisheries outcomes (workgroups?).

Invasive Catfish

- Discussion with the full GIT to prioritize the Task Force's management recommendations and discuss potential pilot projects