



Sustainable Fisheries GIT Executive Committee Call - MINUTES

September 13, 2021 1:00 -3:00pm

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/iog-bgdz-eor>

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➤ Attendance:

- Bruce Vogt (NCBO)
- Sean Corson (NCBO)
- Justin Shapiro (CRC/NCBO)
- Pat Geer (VMRC)
- Lynn Fegley (MDNR)
- Keith Lockwood (USACE - Norfolk)
- Mike Bednarski (VDWR)
- Dave Maginnes (Public)
- Genine McClair (MDNR)
- Mandy Bromilow (NCBO)

➤ GIT Funding Project Ideas Ranking (Sean Corson: 30 min)

- Refresher of GIT-funding 2021 criteria (Justin Shapiro)
- We will rank and endorse [potential project ideas](#) to be put forward for 2021 GIT funding.

Group Discussion:

- Pat Geer (VMRC): Asks what species the forage indicator will be covering?
 - Bruce Vogt (NCBO): Confirms that the two species are bay anchovy and juvenile spot
- Pat Geer (VMRC): Says as CBSAC chair he leans towards ranking the blue crab management project as the highest priority.
- Lynn Fegley (MDNR): Says based on immediate management utility, the blue crab project should be prioritized. MDNR has some concerns about the immediate utility of the forage habitat indicator project.

- ***After these comments, the Executive Committee officially ranks the Blue Crab population model project as the Fisheries GIT top priority. Both projects will still be submitted under the GIT-funding ranking process.***

- *Pat Geer (VMRC) offers to assist with project development for the blue crab project.*

➤ **Approval of Incoming Fish Habitat Action Team Chair (Bruce Vogt: 15 min)**

- *The Executive Committee will vote to endorse Chris Moore, a senior fisheries biologist at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF), as the next Action Team chair.*

Group Discussion:

- ***Unanimous consent from the Executive Committee to endorse Chris Moore (CBF) as the next chair of the Fish Habitat Action Team.***

➤ **Revisiting Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) at the Fish GIT (Sean Corson: 5 min)**

Group Discussion:

- *Sean Corson (NCBO): Suggests a good next step is to utilize existing work in the Choptank, such as Bill Burton Pier, and other outreach work in low income areas. Also suggests utilizing partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) to drive and grow DEIJ involvement at the GIT through recreational fishing initiatives.*
- *Pat Geer (VMRC) mentions that VMRC provides funding for low income youth fishing tournaments. Pat will look more into these programs.*
- *Lynn Fegley (MDNR): Likes this line of thinking and it aligns nicely with MDNR's R3 plan*

➤ **Member Updates (15 min)**