

# Welcome to the Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team Winter Biannual Meeting



Chesapeake Bay Program  
*Science. Restoration. Partnership.*

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January 7-8, 2020  
Virginia Institute of Marine Science in  
Gloucester Point, VA

Sean Corson, Fisheries GIT Chair  
Marty Gary, Fisheries GIT Vice-Chair

# What's happened since our last meeting?

- Blue crab CBSAC science needs
- Invasive Catfish Workgroup plans for workshop January 29-30
  - Aim to reach agreement on high priority needs for stakeholders and propose potential solutions for management
- Developing options for continued telemetry array in the lower Chesapeake Bay
- NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office fisheries proposal to estimate relative abundance of key species



# FY2019 GIT-Funded Projects

\$135,000 total awarded for Fisheries GIT collaborative projects

- Chesapeake Bay Striped Bass Nursery Habitat Assessment (\$85,000)
- Developing Communications and Guidance on Shoreline Protection Options for Coastal Landowners (\$50,000)

Contracts will be awarded to selected bidders in Spring 2020 (striped bass) and Summer 2020 (shorelines)

Seeking project ideas for FY2020 in Spring



# NCBO Funding - Supporting Habitat Science

6 funded projects currently underway

Focus on estuarine habitat use for  
Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass and  
Striped Bass

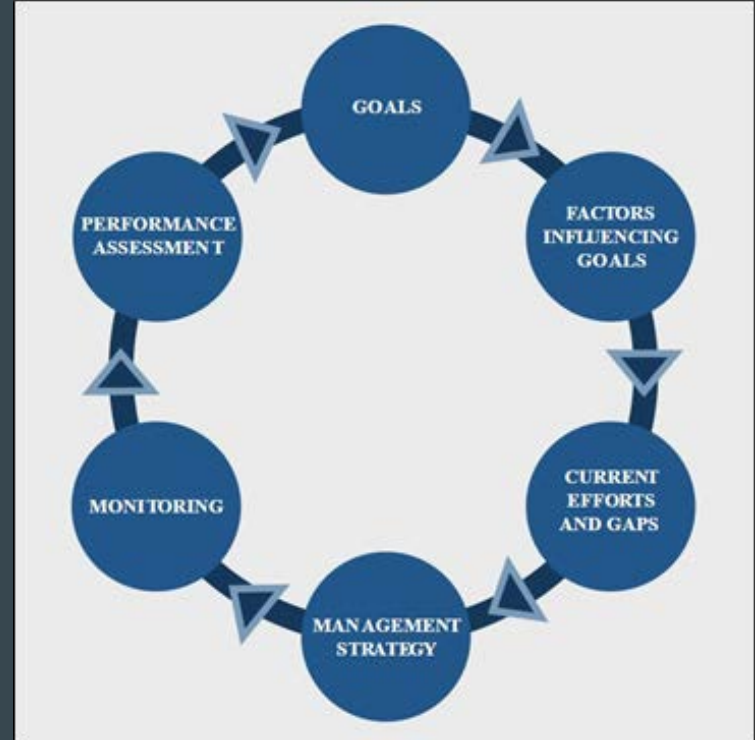
- Hosted webinar in November 2019 sharing project updates for NOAA and Chesapeake Bay Program partners



# Looking Ahead

Adaptive management ongoing through the Strategic Review System (SRS) process

- Currently updating 2-year workplans
  - Fish Habitat expected to be approved January 16 by Management Board
  - Blue Crab, Oysters and Forage draft workplans in progress - public review begins February 10
- Science needs updates every 2 years





# Meeting Agenda

A large, dark, textured oyster shell structure, possibly a reef or a collection of shells, set against a background of blue water and a clear sky. The shells are dark brown and black, with some lighter, white, and yellowish patches. The background shows a body of water and a distant shoreline under a clear blue sky.

## Day 1

Restoration Progress for Oysters

Oyster Reef Ecosystem Services (ORES) Research

Member Updates



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## Day 2

Oysters and Water Quality

Oysters Role in Nearshore Habitats

Ecosystem Change in the Chesapeake: Implications for Oysters

