

Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team
 Biannual Full GIT Meeting
 June 4-5th, 2014
 Virginia Institute of Marine Science – Watermen’s Hall A/B
 Gloucester Point, VA

Meeting Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/21025/>

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Day 1 Webinar:

Day 2 Webinar:

The Sustainable Fisheries Goal Implementation Team (Fisheries GIT) continues to provide a forum for connecting science and policy across jurisdictions and the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. The diverse team meets bi-annually in June and December.

For this June 2014 meeting, a significant portion is focused on blue crabs as CBSAC has been working on their annual Blue Crab Advisory Report in addition to other research priorities. The agenda will also stimulate discussion on recent happenings in the Bay including an update on striped bass management from ASMFC, a discussion on climate effects on fisheries, and a continuing discussion on forage fish.

Wednesday, June 4th

- 10:00 am** **Welcome and Overview of Day 1** – Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair
Introductions
- Striped Bass**
- 10:30 am** ***Effects of Hypoxia, Temperature and Mycobacteriosis on Striped Bass***– Mary Fabrizio (VIMS) and team
 Presentation-25 min; Discussion-25 min
Objectives: Present the findings and management implications of this research.
- 11:20 am** **Striped Bass Nutritional Reference Points** – Jim Uphoff (MD DNR)
 Presentation: 25 min; Discussion-25 min
Objectives: Present the work and potential application of nutritional targets and limits for Chesapeake Bay striped bass.
- 12:10 pm** **LUNCH**
- 1:00 pm** **ASMFC Striped Bass Update** – Bob Beal (ASMFC)
 Presentation-15 min; Discussion-15 min
Objectives: Update from ASMFC on draft Addenda IV and V that discuss potential management options to achieve the new reference points.

Forage Base

1:30 pm **STAC Forage Workshop and Forage Definition** – Steering Committee Member?, Tom Ihde (NCBO) and Ed Houde (CBL)
Presentation-15 min; Discussion 30 min
Objectives: Present an overview STAC-funded forage workshop and objectives.
Outcomes: *Shared awareness of the STAC workshop expected outcomes and forage definition.*

2:15 pm **Break**

Climate and Fisheries Panel Discussion

2:30 pm **Climate Change Effects on Fisheries Panel**
Panel and Full GIT Discussion-1 hr 15 min
Objective: Scientists from the Bay region will discuss climate change impacts on fisheries and living resources. The panel will include perspectives from VIMS faculty on impacts on Bay habitats and fisheries. The panel will also include a broader perspective on climate change and fisheries impacts on the Mid-Atlantic coast.

*Carl Hershner (facilitator) - VIMS
Vince Saba – NOAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center
Donna Bilkovic – VIMS
Jim Gartland – VIMS*

3:45 pm **Public Comment Period**

3:55 pm **Day 1 Recap**

4:00 pm **VIMS Tour**

6:30 pm **Dinner at VIMS**

Thursday, June 5th

9:00 am **Day 2 Overview** – Peyton Robertson, Fisheries GIT Chair

9:15 am **Fisheries GIT Member Updates**
Objective: Fisheries GIT members submitted fisheries-related written updates from their organization or projects they are involved with. Fisheries GIT Staff will give a brief overview of each update. Meeting attendees will then have time to ask questions and discuss any of these updates.

10:15 am **Break**

Blue Crabs

10:30 am **CBSAC Updates: 2014 Advisory Report and VMRC Proposed Management Triggers** – Joe Grist (VMRC, CBSAC Chair)
Presentation-30min; Discussion 45min

Objective: Update the full GIT on CBSAC’s recent work including analysis of VMRC’s proposed management triggers and analysis of WDS results for the 2014 Blue Crab Advisory Report.

11:45 am LUNCH (Wide Net Project)

12:45 pm Blue Crab Research Needs: Data Sources- – Rom Lipcius (VIMS) and Chris Bonzek (VIMS)

Presentation-20 min; Discussion 30 min

Objective: Update the full GIT on what data sources are being worked up (summer survey data, ChesMMAP) and their potential applications to address critical blue crab research needs identified by CBSAC.

1:35 pm Natural Mortality and the Blue Crab Population

Discussion-45 min

Objective: Full GIT discussion on natural mortality of blue crabs with a focus on predation pressure and habitat loss and how to better understand impacts on blue crabs.

2:20 pm Public Comment Period

2:40 pm Day 2 Recap; Next Steps

3:00 pm Adjourn
