

Summary of
Fisheries GIT Meeting
of
12/2-3/2014

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STAC Quarterly Meeting

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Day 1 (12/2/14)

- Focus on deadline of 6/15 for Management Strategies (blue crab, oyster restoration, forage, fish habitat)
- Tom Ihde summarized preliminary results from the STAC Forage Fish Workshop
- Driving NCBO funding of 4 projects related to oyster reefs, restored shore habitat, sonar, fish use of the Piankatank
- VA Sea Grant-NCBO social science post-doc for Ecosystem Based Management (fisheries connections to land use change, habitats, services)
- ASMFC:
 - slight reductions in several eel harvests, but 25% reduction for coastal striped bass, 20.5% for MD
 - Menhaden stock assessment report in February 2015

Day 2 (12/3/14)

- **Oyster restoration** summaries from MD and VA. Tributaries: Harris Creek, Little Choptank, Tred Avon, Lafayette, Lynnhaven and Piankatank. Emphasis on substrate losses and need for alternatives. Operational vs. Functional endpoints.
- **Blue crab** stock assessment to be completed in 2016, recommendations in 2017. Draft MP considering a TAC for females and perhaps males, sex ratios, conservation triggers. Current draft considers only fisheries catch-related management actions, not EBM or MSM.
- **Blue catfish** STAC report summarized and discussed. Timeline:
 - Jan. 7, 2015* DiPasquale response to STAC.
 - Mid-Jan – Feb, 2015* Small workgroups to make modifications to the report and its recommendations.
 - March 2015* Full Task Force review and final report to Fisheries GIT