

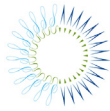
2015 Southern New England Recreational Fishing Symposium

An Abundant Future of Recreational Fishing

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AGENDA

8:00 **Registration / Meet other attendees**

8:30 **Welcome and Introductions**

Steve Medeiros, President, Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association

Governor Gina Raimondo (tentative)

Janet Coit, Director, RI Department of Environmental Management

Richard Hittinger, *Symposium Director*

President, Alliance Environmental Group, Inc. and RISAA 1st Vice President

8:50 **Agenda/Work Group Overview**

David Monti, *Symposium Facilitator*

Senior Vice President/Partner, RDW Group, Inc. and RISAA 2nd Vice President

8:55 **Ecosystem Management I**

What is Ecosystem Management?

Greg Wells, U.S. Oceans Environmental Group, Pew Charitable Trusts

Protecting Forage Fish

Kevin Friedland, Ph.D., NOAA Fisheries Science Center, Narragansett, RI

10:00 **Break**

10:15 **Ecosystem Management II**

Multi-species statistical catch-at-age model (Atlantic menhaden, striped bass, bluefish, weakfish, and scup)

Jason McNamee, Supervising Marine Biologist, RIDEM

Impact of Climate Change on Ecosystem Management

Jonathan Hare, Ph.D., Director of NOAA Fisheries Science Center, Narragansett, RI

11:20 **Group Work**

What do you think are the most significant current and future drivers of change in the Southern New England fisheries ecosystem?

12:00 **Lunch and networking**

1:00 Counting Fish

Current Status of MRIP Data Collection

David Martins, Aquatic Biologist, Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Protection

Supplemental catch and effort initiatives

Matthew Mullen, Northeast Regional Director, Oceans Programs, Environmental Defense Fund

Brett Fitzgerald, Executive Director, Snook & Gamefish Foundation, Florida

2:30 Break

2:45 National Recreational Fishing Policy

Development and implementation of the first National Plan

Russell Dunn, National Policy Advisor for Recreational Fisheries, Office of the Assistant Administrator, NOAA Fisheries Service

3:15 Group work and reports

–What can we do to influence ecosystem drivers (as individuals and as an association) in a positive way that leads to fish abundance?

–How can we advocate at the state, regional and national level for ecosystem based management and fish abundance?

4:00 Review and wrap-up

Vote on ecosystem action items (drivers and possible solutions)... what action items present our best chance to influence/impact fish abundance.

4:15 Adjourn