

Rhode Island Commercial Fluke Symposium

Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI

Bristol Room

January 27, 2012

Objectives and Agenda

Goals and Objectives

To have a transparent, objective and focused discussion to address the following:

- Characterize the key aspects fundamental to a successful commercial fluke management program for Rhode Island;
- Share and discuss what is known, based on recent research and available information, and the experiences of participants, regarding the nature and management of Rhode Island's commercial fluke fishery;
- Share and discuss issues and perspectives regarding other fisheries outside of RI that are subject to various quota-based management programs; and,
- Identify and evaluate options for managing the Rhode Island commercial fluke fishery in 2012 and beyond.

Outcomes: by the end of this Symposium, we hope to have a shared understanding of the issues and opportunities –in broad terms– we face collectively in the Rhode Island community (this is not the same as consensus on how those issues should be balanced or resolved), which can inform decision making.

Agenda

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Welcome and introductions J Swift, URI; M. Amaral, Facilitator

- Goals and Objectives; purpose and approach of Symposium
- Agenda and flow

8:45 Director's Opening Remarks J. Coit, Director,
RI Department of Environmental Management

9:00 Fluke 101: Profile of the RI Commercial Fluke Fishery (resource/management program/
industry profile) J. McNamee, RI Department of Environmental Management

9:40 Break

10:00 What we have learned in RI: Resource panel to present studies and analyses of RI
Commercial Fluke Fishery, based on recent research and available information.

- Resource Issues, J. McNamee, RI Department of Environmental Management

- Social Perceptions, R.Pollnac, University of Rhode Island
- Economic Issues, H. Uchida, University of Rhode Island & C. Anderson, University of Washington

11:00 Experience outside of RI: Panel to present and discuss studies and analyses of other fisheries that are subject to quota-based management programs followed by Q&A with audience. Panel to consider and answer:

Recognizing that the success of programs is a function of the socio-economic and political conditions of the jurisdictions in which the program is administered (i.e. it is not prudent to believe that one can simply copy what was successful in one place and have it be equally successful in another place), this panel will answer the following:

(a) What questions can be drawn from experience in other jurisdictions that that might be constructively posed in designing and implementing a fluke management program for RI?-- Please give two or three questions and describe why these questions are important to address.

(b) Looking at the experience, positive and negative, in another jurisdiction, what lessons can RI learn from that experience? Please give the experience from one jurisdiction and at least one experience that were either wonderful or horrible (something to aspire to replicate or to seek to avoid if at all possible).

Panelist:

- John Henderschedt, Fisheries Leadership and Sustainability Forum
- Dr. Seth Macinko, University of Rhode Island
- Kevin Stokesbury, School for Marine Science and Technology, UMASS Dartmouth

12:30 Lunch

1:15 Key questions: what is success and what are the options for RI?
Panel will characterize the key short and long term aspects of a successful RI commercial fluke management program and identify and evaluate issues for managing the Rhode Island commercial fluke fishery. Panel will consider and answer the questions followed by a facilitated table discussion with participants.

RI is a place with multiple values pertaining to the appropriate goals for fisheries management and with different interests and gear types; the purpose of this panel is not for the participants to argue their perspectives, but to share their perceptions of key issues that need to be addressed setting up a discussion at the tables to consider the same questions.

(a) What do you believe are the three key issues or opportunities that should be addressed squarely in designing and implementing a fluke management program?

(b) What do you believe would be the immediate consequences of failing to address these issues?

(c) What do you foresee as the long term effects of failing to address these issues?

Panelists:

- Jerry Carvalho
- Mark Gibson
- Aaron Gewirtz
- Al Conti
- James Haitz
- David Beutel

- 2:00 Facilitated Group Discussion: Facilitated table discussion to consider questions that the panelists were asked to address Facilitator
- 3:00 Break – Coffee and dessert
- 3:20 Final report out and reaction Facilitator
- 3:45 Thank you and next steps J Swift, URI; R. Ballou, DEM, M. Amaral, Facilitator
- 4:00 Adjourn