



Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council

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RIMFC Atlantic Herring Ad Hoc Panel Meeting

June 27, 2012 – 6:30 PM

URI Bay Campus, Coastal Institute
Hazard Room
South Ferry Road
Narragansett, RI 02882

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At the request of the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council, an ad hoc meeting to discuss Atlantic herring issues has been scheduled for **Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 6:30 pm** (note start time) at the **URI Bay Campus, Coastal Institute, Hazard Room, off of South Ferry Road in Narragansett, RI 02882.**

All interested parties are welcomed to attend and participate; there is no predetermined membership list for this meeting.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Review of most up to date Atlantic herring stock status information
2. Review of Atlantic herring management program
 - a. NEFMC
 - b. ASMFC
 - c. Rhode Island state waters
3. Broad discussion on available tools to manage the herring fishery in state waters
 - a. Gear restrictions
 - b. Area closures
 - c. Traditional management tools - Possession limits, quotas
 - d. License limitations – move to restricted species category, exercise control rule
4. Proposals and recommendations to the RIMFC for any changes to the state waters Atlantic herring fishery management plan (**please bring any proposal you may have to the meeting for discussion**)
5. Discussion on data limitations and ways to correct them
 - a. Collect area information for bycatch tracking
 - b. Potential regulatory changes for monitoring, reporting
6. Other Business

ALL RIMFC Panel meetings are open to the public.

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