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To: Sector Managers and Interested Parties

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Subject: Permit Bank Workshop

RIDEM will host a workshop on **July 12, 2012** from 3-5 pm at the University of Rhode Island Coastal Institute at the URI Bay Campus in Narragansett RI. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss options for implementation of the RI Permit Bank program. The workshop will provide a much-needed forum for Rhode Island's groundfish sector fleet to identify priorities, informed by the approaches taken by the other three New England states.

While we are particularly interested in meeting with sector managers who have RI vessels in need of ACE or DAS, we are reaching out to all groundfish Sector Managers and state officials who have had experience with permit acquisition or the development of a revolving loan fund. Our goal is to identify the areas of greatest need and develop the appropriate program to support the RI groundfish fleet.

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