

Workshops: December 2016

An informal discussion about warming waters and commercial fisheries (December 7, 4-6 PM @ Whalers Brewery, 1174 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield)



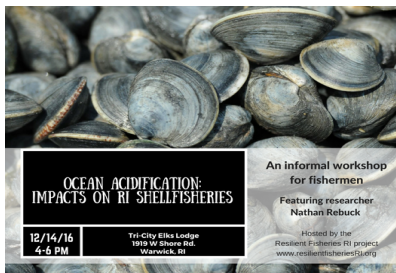
Join your fellow fishermen for a chat about how warming water temperatures are affecting RI commercial fisheries. We will be joined by oceanographer Jon Hare, who recently assumed a role as director of the Northeast Fisheries Science Center. Before taking that position, Jon was at the NEFSC Narragansett Lab, where he directed a two-year study to estimate and compare the vulnerability of each East Coast commercial species to climate change. Refreshments will be provided. Participants will be able to purchase several delicious local brews from the bar. Eat, learn, and be merry!

Learn the latest news on ocean and coastal acidification (Ocean) (December 13, 4-6 PM @ the conference room above Superior Trawl)



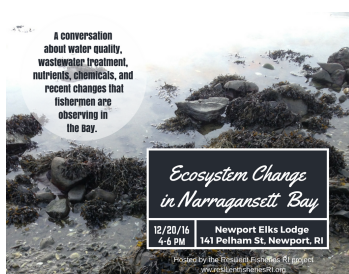
This workshop is designed for ocean-going fishermen. Ocean and coastal acidification (caused mainly by a combination of global carbon dioxide emissions and coastal nutrient inputs) has recently emerged as an issue of public concern and scientific inquiry. Changes in seawater pH are predicted to affect the marine food web in major ways -- but where, and when? At this workshop, NOAA researcher Nathan Rebutck will answer these and other burning questions. Food will be provided.

Learn the latest news on ocean and coastal acidification (Bay) (December 14, 4-6 PM @ Elks Lodge, 1919 West Shore Rd. Warwick)



This workshop is designed for Narragansett Bay fishermen and quahoggers. Ocean and coastal acidification (caused mainly by a combination of global carbon dioxide emissions and coastal nutrient inputs) has recently emerged as an issue of public concern and scientific inquiry. Changes in seawater pH are predicted to affect shellfish in major ways -- but where, and when? At this workshop, NOAA researcher Nathan Rebutck will answer these and other burning questions. Refreshments will be provided and a cash bar is available.

Getting to the bottom of what's going on in the Bay (December 20, 4-6 PM @ Elks Lodge, 141 Pelham St, Newport)



Narragansett Bay fishermen are raising concerns about recent changes in the Bay ecosystem. Despite major efforts to clean up the Bay in recent decades, some fishermen are seeing signs that things are moving in the wrong direction. At this workshop, we will exchange observations with Jason McNamee (RIDEM Marine Fisheries), Angelo Liberti (RIDEM Water Quality), and Amy MacKown (independent consultant), in the hopes of furthering a dialogue between fisheries, managers, and researchers about these changes and how to address them. Refreshments will be provided and a cash bar is available.