



Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council

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RIMFC MEETING

October 3, 2011 – 6:00 PM

URI Narragansett Bay Campus, Corless Auditorium
South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI

FINAL AGENDA

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Chairman
423-1926

Richard Hittinger
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739-1875

Dr. Christopher Anderson
874-4587

Richard Bellavance
741-5648

Kenneth Booth
793-0454

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480-3444

William Mackintosh, III
477-0603

J. Christopher Powell
524-1714

Jeff Grant
243-5123

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Agenda item	Agenda item detail	Suggested action
1. Approval of Agenda	10-3-2011 RIMFC Agenda	Approval of 10-3-2011 agenda
2. Approval of Minutes	RIMFC 9-12-2011 meeting minutes	Approval of 9-12-2011 meeting minutes
3. Public Comments	Comments from the public	No action, may take under consideration
4. Advisory Panel Reports	a. Summer Flounder (9/28/11) – R. Hittinger	Review minutes, and recommendations
	b. Scup/Black Sea Bass (9/14/11) – W. Mackintosh, III	Review minutes, and recommendations
5. New Business	a. Overview of CRMC Aquaculture program – D. Beutel, CRMC (pending availability)	Discussion on Council role and questions
	b. Status of proposed Whelk Mgt. measures & proper venue for addressing the issue – B. Ballou	Discuss and recommendations
6. Old Business	a. Continued discussion about future review procedures and appropriate advisory panel for aquaculture lease applications – B. Ballou	Continued discussion and consideration of staff recommendations whether to establish an aquaculture lease review advisory panel and who should be on it.
	b. Continued discussion on 2011-2012 Shellfish Winter Management Area Openings (specifically Greenwich Bay & Potowomut “A”) – B. Ballou/J. Grant	Review and discuss the opening schedules for Greenwich Bay and Potowomut “A”, with recommendations to the Director
	c. Continued discussion on industry proposed reconfiguration of High Banks and Potowomut “A” – B. Ballou/J. Grant	Council discussion and recommendations to the Director
	d. Continued discussion and review of number and types of Advisory Panels and memberships – B. Ballou	Council Chairs to report back on AP memberships. Council discussion and recommendations.
	e. Recreational Saltwater Fishing License - Accountability and Oversight – B. Ballou	Discussion and recommendations to the Director
	f. Continued discussion on RI state fisheries with a federal management plan – B. Ballou/M. Gibson	Review and discussion on list of federally managed species, with guidance for the Groundfish AP in the review process.
7. ASMFC - NEFMC Updates	a. ASMFC meeting week summary & NEFMC – M. Gibson	No action needed
8. FYI	a. November 9, 2011 Proposed Public Hearing items – B. Ballou	No action needed

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting		
10. Adjourn		