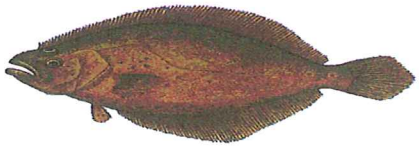
Rhode Island Commercial Fluke Symposium



Given the importance of the Rhode Island commercial summer flounder (fluke) fishery and its capacity to provide long-term, sustainable harvest opportunities, the University of Rhode Island, in collaboration with the RI Department of Environmental Management and the Rhode Island commercial fishing community, is holding a forum to consider options for managing the fishery.

When: **January 27, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Where: **Crowne Plaza, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI**

Who is invited: **All who that have an interest in RI's commercial fluke fishery**

Hosted by: **University of Rhode Island**

Objectives of Symposium:

- Characterize the key aspects of 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 industry 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 quota-based management programs; and
- Identify and evaluate options for managing the Rhode Island commercial fluke fishery in 2012 and beyond.

Philosophy, format, and flow:

The symposium will be transparent, objective, and focused. It will include presentations by a range of experts and panelists with diverse perspectives and expertise, including managers, researchers, industry participants, and other stakeholders. It will be facilitated by Mark Amaral of Lighthouse Consulting Group, who will guide and encourage a balanced and informative dialogue and discussion.

To register, or for more information, contact:

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***Please Note:** There is a capacity limit at the venue. If you wish to attend, you must register, in advance. Registration will remain open, on a first come, first-served basis. Registration will close if/when the capacity limit is met.*