

Menhaden Science & Policy Symposium

Village Inn
One Beach Street
Narragansett, R.I.

November 30, 2007
8:00 – 6:00 PM

8:00 – 8:30 **Registration**

8:30 – 8:45 **Welcome and Overview**

Barry Costa-Pierce, Director, Rhode Island SeaGrant
W. Michael Sullivan, Director, Rhode Island Dept of Environmental
Management

8:45 – 9:15 **History of Menhaden fishing in Narragansett Bay**

Dave Beutel, Rhode Island Sea Grant

9:15 – 10:00 **Menhaden biology & life history; feeding practices & filter rates of Menhaden**

Kevin Friedland, National Marine Fisheries Service

10:00 – 10:15 **Break**

10:15 – 11:00 **Nutrient cycling, bioenergetics & Menhaden's role in the ecosystem of
Narragansett Bay**

Ted Durbin, URI Graduate School of Oceanography

11:00 – 11:30 **Coast-wide stock assessment of Menhaden**

Brad Spear, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

11:30 – 12:00 **RI management of Menhaden**

Mark Gibson, RI Department of Environmental Management

12:00 -1:00 **Lunch**

1:00 –1:20 **People, Perspectives, and their importance in Fisheries Management**

Flaxen Conway, Oregon Sea Grant

1:20 – 5:45 **Listening and Sharing: a facilitated presentation and dialogue**

Flaxen Conway, Moderator

*Questions for the panel and audience: **If you were a Menhaden, what would you tell us about management and why?***

- What is the role of biological science **and** social science in the decision making?
- What does Rhode Island need to do?
- What is the best way to do this?
- Who is part of the decision making process?

Setting the Stage – Legislative Perspectives (1:30 – 1:45)

- Senator V. Susan Sosnowski
Chair, Senate Committee Environment & Agriculture
- Representative Jan Malik
Chair, House of Representatives Committee for Environment

Setting the Stage – Stakeholder Perspectives (1:45 – 3:45)

- RI Salt Water Anglers Association - Rich Hittinger
- RI Lobstermen's Association Representative
- RI Fishermen's Alliance Representative
- RI Commercial Fishermen's Association
- Ark Bait Representative
- Save the Bay Representative
- Research Fish Biologist, NMFS, Beaufort NC - Joseph W. Smith (????)

Facilitated Dialogue (3:45 - 5:45)

5:30 – 6:00 **Summary/Conclusion/Next Steps**

PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US

Join us for refreshments on **November 29, 2007** and help us capture your perspectives about the history of menhaden stocks in Rhode Island and how they have changed! We will be at the Coastal Institute, Hazard Rooms A & B from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. *All are welcome!*