

Workshop: Sector Allocation as a Management Tool

January 15-16, 2008
Village Inn Resort and Conference Center
Narragansett, Rhode Island

Agenda

Day 1:

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

9:00 am – 9:45 am - **Registration**

9:45 am – 9:50 am – **Welcome** – *Peg Parker, Workshop Coordinator*

9:50 am – 10:05 am – **Opening Remarks** – *Dr. Barry Costa-Pierce, Director, RISG*

10:05 am – 10:15 am – **Introduction to Workshop** - *Dr. Kathy Castro, Co-leader, RISG Sustainable Fisheries Extension Program, University of Rhode Island*

- Purpose of Workshop
- Overview of two-day agenda

10:15 am – 10:45 am - **Why consider alternative management approaches such as sector allocation?** – Overview of existing problems with current management approach – *Chris Brown, President, Rhode Island Commercial Fishermen's Association*

10:45 am – 11:45 am – **General Information - Clarification of different terminologies in use, review of existing statutory context, and overview of the similarities and differences between sectors and different types of Limited Access Privilege Programs (LAPPs)**

- *Mark C. Holliday, Supervisory Policy Analyst, NMFS, Office of Assistant Administrator*

- Definition of terminologies (Explanation of the different terminologies in use including Limited Access Privilege Programs; Dedicated Access Privilege; sector allocation; cooperative harvesting agreements; fishing cooperatives; IFQs/ITQs; community quotas; quotas issued to regional fishing organizations; common pool; etc.)
- Brief summary of Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006 focusing on provisions for LAPPs and sectors

- *Andrew Kitts, Economist, NMFS, Woods Hole, MA*

- Overview of the similarities and differences between sectors (allocation of quota to a group of fishermen) and different types of LAPPs (IFQs/ITQs; community quotas, quotas issued to regional fishing organizations) focusing on:
 - Impacts to individual fishermen
 - Transferability

- Allocation options
- How day-to-day management responsibilities are handled
- Provisions for new entrants

11:45 am – 12:15 pm - **Review of implementation status of sectors**

Chris Kellogg,, Deputy Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council

- Summary of New England Fishery Management Council’s actions on sectors

Jason T. Didden, Assistant Fishery Plan Coordinator, Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council

- Update on actions being taken or considered by the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm – **Lunch**

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm - **What does a sector look like?** Focus on allocation of quota to a group of fishermen

Moderator: Syma Ebbin, Assistant Professor in Residence, Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut

Case Studies:

- Georges Bank Cod Hook Sector and Georges Bank Cod Fixed Gear Sector –
 - *Eric Brazer, Fisheries Policy and Management Coordinator, Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen’s Association*
 - *Jan Margeson, Commercial Fisherman, Chatham, Massachusetts*
- Shetland Fish Producers Organisation (Shetland Islands)
 - *Brian Isbister, Chief Executive, Shetland Fish Producers Organisation*

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm - **Break**

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm – **Small Group Discussions – Sector option**

Moderator: Patricia Pinto da Silva, NMFS

Key questions to address:

- What are some of the reasons why you might choose this strategy?
- What key decisions would have to be made in establishing a sector? What assurances would be needed for individual fishermen to join?
- What are some of the reasons why you would not choose this strategy?
- What other actions might you take to stay in the fishery? What other management changes would you recommend?

Small group facilitators: Roland Barnaby, New Hampshire Sea Grant Program; Kathy Castro, RISG Sustainable Fisheries Program; Antoinette Clemetson, New York Sea Grant, George Darcy, NMFS; Madeleine Hall-Arber, MIT Sea Grant Program; Phil Haring, New England Fishery Management Council; Andrew Kitts, NMFS; Sally McGee, Environmental Defense; Dave Preble, New England Fisheries Management Council;

Barbara Somers, RI SG Sustainable Fisheries Program; Syma Ebbins, University of Connecticut

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm - **Whole group discussion of findings** – Major issues/points that need to be addressed. – *Discussion leader – Patricia Pinto da Silva, NMFS*

Day 2:

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

8:30 – 9:00 am – **Registration for newcomers**

9:00 am – 9:30 am - **Recap of major discussion points/findings/questions raised during Day 1-** *Peg Parker, Workshop Coordinator*

9:30 am – 10:00 am - **Sector allocation: Legal Considerations** – Summary of major findings of the Maine workshop -“Cooperative Harvesting Agreements Workshop for New England Groundfish Fisheries” – *Elizabeth Butler, Esq., Pierce Atwood LLP, Portland, Maine*

10:00 am – 10:45 am – **Sector Allocation: Enforcement Considerations -**
- *Christopher Mccarron, Criminal Investigator, Northeast Enforcement Division, NMFS*
- *LT Anthony Kenne, Fisheries Enforcement Officer, U.S. Coast Guard, Boston, MA*

10:45 am – 11:00 am – **Break**

11:00 am – 11:30 am - **Recreation fishing considerations** – How do recreational fisheries fit into a sector allocation method of management? - *Robert Johnston, Associate Director, Connecticut Sea Grant Program, Associate Professor, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut*

11:30 am – 12:00 pm - **Management considerations** – What does the New England Council need to address/consider regarding sector management? *Discussion Leader: David Preble, Member of the New England Fisheries Management Council*

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – **Lunch**

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm – **Broadening the Scope - Assessing the potential for rights based management in U.S. fisheries** – *Kate Bonzon, Fisheries Specialist, Environmental Defense, Oakland, CA*

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm - **Rights based management – Pros and cons of this approach to management.** *Panel Discussion - Leader: Sally McGee, Environmental Defense, Mystic, CT and member of the New England Fisheries Management Council*

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm - **Next steps** – *Discussion Leader: Andrew Kitts, NMFS, Woods Hole, MA*

- Critical areas workshop participants could use help in
- Possible resources – roles of government agencies, academic institutes, industry organizations, etc.

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm - **Closing Remarks** - *Dr. Kathy Castro, Director, RISG Sustainable Fisheries Extension Program, University of Rhode Island*