

Managing Our Nation's Fisheries 3

Advancing Sustainability

With some of the largest and most successful fisheries in the world, the United States has become a model of responsible fisheries management. This success is due to strong partnerships among the commercial and recreational fishing, conservation, and science and management communities. Continued collaboration is necessary to address the ongoing challenges of maintaining productive and sustainable fisheries.

Managing Our Nation's Fisheries 3—co-sponsored by the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries—will bring together a broad spectrum of partners and interests to discuss current and developing concepts on the sustainability of U.S. marine fisheries and their management. Ideas that emerge from this event will inform possible changes to current policy or regulatory approaches, as well as legislative changes via reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as appropriate.

Session 1: Improving Fishery Management Essentials

Chair: Dave Witherell – Deputy Director, North Pacific Fishery Management Council

This session will examine challenges that go along with managing using annual catch limits, implementing rebuilding programs, and participating in international management. This theme examines the core principles, practices, and tools essential to the long-term sustainability of fishery resources.

ACL Science and Implementation Issues, including Managing Data-Limited Stocks

- **Richard Methot** – Science Advisor for Stock Assessments, Office of Science and Technology, NOAA Fisheries
- **Bill Kelly** – Executive Director, Florida Keys Commercial Fisherman's Association; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Advisory Panel member
- **Dick Brame** – Atlantic States Fisheries Director, Coastal Conservation Association

Rebuilding Program Requirements and Timelines

- **Andre Punt** – Professor, School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington
- **Jackie Odell** – Northeast Seafood Coalition
- **Chris Dorsett** – Gulf of Mexico Restoration and Fish Conservation Director, Ocean Conservancy

International Fisheries Management: Leveling the Playing Field

- **Russell Smith** – Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, NOAA
- **Sean Martin** – President, Hawaii Longline Association
- **Bill Fox** – Fisheries Vice President, World Wildlife Fund

SESSION THEMES

Improving Fishery Management Essentials

Advancing Eco-System Based Decision Making

Providing for Fishing Community Sustainability

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Senator Mark Begich, Alaska

Chairman, Senate Commerce Sub-Committee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries & Coast Guard

Congressman Doc Hastings, Washington

Chairman, House Natural Resources Committee

Eric Schwaab, NOAA

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Conservation and Management (Acting)

Session 2: Advancing Ecosystem-Based Decision Making

Chair: John Henderschedt – Executive Director, Fisheries Leadership & Sustainability Forum

This session will foster conversation around the fact that fisheries affect, and are affected by, an ever-changing ocean ecosystem and that we need to consider relationships between managed species and their environment when setting policy and developing management strategies.

Assessing Ecosystem Effects and Integrating Climate Change

- **Phil Levin** – Ecosystem Science Program Manager, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries
- **Malin Pinsky** – Smith Fellow, Princeton University
- **Cora Campbell** – Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Forage Species Management

- **Peter Baker** – Director, Northeast Fisheries Program, Pew Environment Group
- **Ronald Lukens** – Senior Fisheries Biologist, Omega Proteins Corporation, Inc.
- **Isaac Kaplan** – Research Fishery Biologist, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries

Integrating Habitat Considerations: Opportunities and Impediments

- **Frederick “Buck” Sutter** – Director, Office of Habitat Conservation, NOAA Fisheries
- **Rip Cunningham** – Chairman, New England Fishery Management Council
- **John Boreman** – Adjunct Professor, North Carolina State University

Session 3: Providing for Fishing Community Sustainability

Chair: Mark C. Holliday, Ph.D. – Director, Office of Policy, NOAA Fisheries

This session will look at recreational and subsistence fisheries, socio-economic trade-offs, and fishing communities, including jobs and seafood quality, to examine how to meet management objectives while taking into account the needs of different user groups and their diverse social and economic objectives.

Recreational and Subsistence Fishery Connections

- **Ken Franke** – President, Sportfishing Association of California
- **Manny Duenas** – President, Guam Fishermen’s Cooperative
- **Mike Nussman** – President and CEO, American Sportfishing Association

Integrating Community Protection, Jobs Emphasis, and Domestic Seafood Quality Assurances

- **Robin Alden** – Executive Director, Penobscot East Resource Center
- **Larry Band** – Senior Advisor, California Fisheries Fund
- **Roger Bing** – Vice President of Protein Purchasing, Darden Restaurants USA

Assessment and Integration of Social and Economic Tradeoffs

- **Richard Robins** – Chairman, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
- **Marty Smith** – Associate Professor, Duke University
- **Jim Martin** – Conservation Director, Berkley Conservation Institute

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