

Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council

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RIMFC Lobster Advisory Panel Meeting February 15, 2011 – 6:30 PM URI/GSO Coastal Institute Building (Hazard Room A),

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South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI.



A meeting of the RIMFC Lobster Advisory Panel has been scheduled for Tuesday, <u>February 15, 2011 at 6:30 pm</u> in Hazard Room A at the Coastal Institute Building, South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI (across the road from Corless Auditorium).

MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Update on whale regulations and issues (Olszewski / Brodeur)
- 2. Update of ASMFC Lobster Management Board and Plan Development Team activities (Gibson / McElroy).
 - Pending management actions for Southern New England lobster stock unit.
- 3. Definition of a lobster trap and mobile (non lobster trap) gear types (Hall $\!\!\!/$ Ethier $\!\!\!\!/$ Angell).
 - Considerations for defining a lobster trap and re-defining Non-Trap (Non Lobster Trap/Mobile Gear) gear types; Enforcement and RIDFW position.
 - Review regulations from MA, CT, NY, NMFS.
 - RIDFW and Enforcement concerns; use of multiple gear types (lobster traps and non-trap gear types) during a fishing trip; ability to circumvent the lobster trap allocation program and intent of Non-Trap/Mobile gear limits on lobster landings.
 - Consideration of a "Miscellaneous Trap/Pot" license endorsement; how many and what kind of traps/pots?

ALL RIMFC Species Advisory Panel meetings are open to the public.

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