



**Third Annual
Project Participants' Meeting**

Tuesday, December 9th, 2003

Sheraton Harborside Hotel
250 Market Street
Portsmouth, NH
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AGENDA

Coffee, Continental Breakfast and Project Display & Exhibit Session starting at 9:00am.

Schedule:	
10:00 – 10:15am	Welcome and Overview of the Day
10:15 – 12noon	<p>Gear Design and Selectivity. Moderator: Ann Bucklin, Northeast Consortium Representative and NH Sea Grant Director.</p> <p>Panel of Presenters:</p> <p>Improving the Size Selectivity for Northern Shrimp Through Use of a Modified Nordmore Grate; Daniel Schick and Lessie White, Maine Department of Marine Resources; Kelo Pinkham F/V <i>Jeanne C.</i></p> <p>Reducing Seabed Impacts from Fishing Operations: A Semi-Pelagic Trawl for the Gulf of Maine Shrimp Fishery. Pingguo He and Rachel Hamilton, University of New Hampshire; George Littlefield, F/V <i>Lady Regina.</i></p> <p>Development and Testing of a Novel "Rigid-Mesh" Bycatch Reduction Device for Gulf of Maine Groundfish Fisheries. Chris Glass, Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, Terry Alexander, F/V <i>Jocka.</i></p> <p>Paul Howard, Executive Director, New England Fisheries Management Council</p>
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch (provided, Langdon Room)
1:00 – 1:45pm	PROJECT DISPLAYS & EXHIBITS
1:45 – 3:15pm	<p>Cooperative Research on Fisheries Biology, Habitat, and Social Science. Moderator: Paul Anderson, Northeast Consortium Representative and Maine Sea Grant Director.</p> <p>Panel of Presenters:</p> <p>Cooperative Research and Fisheries Science & Management in New England: Attitudes and Opinions from the Commercial Fishing Industry. Rob Robertson, University of New Hampshire</p> <p>Mapping Spawning and Hatching Grounds of the American Lobster, Diane Cowan, The Lobster Conservancy; Philip Bramhall F/V <i>Amanda Kate.</i></p>

	<p>Benthic Habitat Correlates of Juvenile Fish Distribution in the Bigelow Bight & Adjacent Estuaries, Michele Dionne and James Dochtermann, Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve; Marshall Alexander, F/V <i>Dee Dee Mae II</i>; Kenny Young, F/V <i>Judy Marie</i>; Peter Innes, F/V <i>Barbara Lynn</i>; Vincent Balzano, F/V <i>North Star</i>.</p> <p>A Preliminary Study of the Maine Sea Cucumber (<i>Cucumaria frondosa</i>) Fishery. Developing a Computer Simulation Framework for Identifying an Optimal Fishery-Independent Survey Program for the ME Sea Urchin Population. Yong Chen and Sheril Kirshenbaum, University of Maine.</p>
3:15 – 4:30pm	<p>Stakeholder Perspectives on Cooperative Research. Panel discussion examining interests, successes, challenges and lessons learned in cooperative research. How have certain projects succeeded in getting their results in to the fisheries management process or other appropriate end users? How are scientists benefiting from Consortium funding. How are fishermen’s ideas integrated into the scientific process? What role do environmental groups see for cooperative research in fisheries management?</p> <p>Moderator: Troy Hartley, Consortium Executive Director.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Fisheries Management – Using Cooperative Research Findings: Steve Cadrin and Azure Westwood, NEFSC; Bud Fernandes, fishermen, New England Fishery Management Council member and Chair of Council’s Research Steering Committee.</p> <p>Scientists – Making Science Happen with Cooperative Research Funds: Lew Incze, University of Southern Maine - Bioscience Research Institute.</p> <p>Fishermen -- Getting Ideas Integrated into the Scientific Process: David Goethel, F/V <i>Ellen Diane</i>. Laura Taylor Singer, Gulf of Maine Research Institute.</p> <p>Environmental Organizations -- Cooperative Research and Fisheries Management: Geoffrey Smith, Ocean Conservancy.</p>
4:30 – 5:00pm	<p>Wrap Up: Summary and Adjourn</p>
<p><i>Social with light hors d'oeuvres & cash bar starting at 5:00pm.</i></p>	