

Shellfish Management Plan (SMP)

Stakeholder Group Kick-off Meeting

Corless Auditorium, Watkins Building
University of Rhode Island, Narragansett Bay Campus
7th January 2013, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Agenda

Meeting Purpose:

1. Provide an introduction of the Rhode Island Shellfish Management Plan Initiative
2. Begin to identify issues, concerns, opportunities, and expectations for the Initiative

6:00 **Welcome** – Judith Swift, URI

6:15 **Introductory Remarks**

- Dr. Bruce Corliss, Dean of the URI Graduate School of Oceanography
- Senator Sue Sosnowski
- Representative Eileen S. Naughton
- Dr. Peter Alfonso, Vice President for Research and Economic Development

6:30 **Shellfish Management Plan Initiative Overview** – Mark Gibson, DEM, and Dave Beutel, CRMC

7:00 **Open Discussion: Identification of issues, concerns, opportunities, and expectations**
– Jen McCann, URI

7:40 **State Agency Remarks**

- Janet Coit, DEM
- Grover Fugate, CRMC

7:50 **Next Steps** – Jen McCann, URI

8:00 **Adjourn**

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http://seagrants.uri.edu/seafood/shellfish_mgmt_plan.html



First Step

- **Public scoping sessions – further discussion & input**
 - **Who and when:**
 - Commercial/Recreational harvest – 4-6 pm, Jan 22nd
 - Aquaculture – 1-3 pm, Jan 16th
 - Restoration – 3-5 pm, Jan 24th
 - **Where:**
 - Hazards Room, Coastal Institute bldg, URI Bay Campus
- **Next stakeholder meeting**
 - Mid-March
- Announce via SMP Listserv – be sure you're signed up!
 - http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/seafood/shellfish_mgmt_plan.html

Contact Information

- **Listserv**
 - Sign up at front table or via website
- **Website**
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