Shellfish Licensing in RI:
Structure & Purpose, Status & Trends

“Straw Poll”
September 17th, 2013
How would you best describe yourself?

A. Commercial shellfish harvester  
B. Recreational shellfish harvester  
C. Manager, work for a state/federal agency  
D. Scientist/researcher, work for a university  
E. Member of the NGO community, conservation interests  
F. General public
Given what you know and have learned today, do you think the current commercial shellfish licensing system in R.I. is:

A. **Perfect** – works stellar, wouldn’t change a thing!
B. **Adequate** – works well overall, but would benefit from minor changes
C. **Mediocre** – barely works but needs significant change
D. **Inadequate** – needs complete overhaul and re-structuring
E. **Not sure**, I don’t know how to answer this question
Should commercial shellfish licensing:

A. **Allow fewer people in**  – be more restrictive
B. **Allow more people in**  – be less restrictive
C. **Remain the Same**
D. **Not sure, I don’t know how to answer this question**

A. 15%  
B. 20%  
C. 27%  
D. 39%
Do you think the current fees for licensing are?

A. Fair
B. Too high
C. Too low
D. Not sure

45% Fair
26% Too high
17% Too low
12% Not sure
Given what you already know and have heard tonight, how do you rate your understanding of the commercial shellfish licensing structure?

A. **Great** – I understand it perfectly, like the back of my hand!

B. **Good** – I understand the system fairly well, I feel comfortable explaining it to others

C. **Fair** – I understand some parts but there are still a lot of gaps in my understanding

D. **Poor** – I have no clear understanding of how it works, I’m totally lost!

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Do you plan to attend the follow-up session on licensing on **October 8th from 5-7pm** at the URI Bay campus to express your concerns, suggestions, ideas?

A. Yes
B. No
C. Would like to, but have to check my schedule
D. Would like to, but cannot make that date/time

![Bar chart](chart.png)