

November 2-3, 1978

AGENDA ITEM: 23

ACTION REQUIRED: Nominations for attendees

SUBJECT: Smallboat Fishermen's Workshop

SUMMARY: The enclosed comminque from NMFS requests Council nomination of individuals to attend a small boat fishermen's workshop.

COMMENTS: An AP agenda item and likely AP nominations.



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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
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SUBJECT: Small Boat Fishermen Workshop

NMFS will be holding a series of three workshops to discuss commercial "small-boat" fishermen in the U.S. Each of the Workshops will bring together a small group of professionals with experience in dealing with matters associated with small-boat or otherwise small-scale fishing enterprises. The principal aim of these workshops is to produce a better understanding of the activities of small boat or small-scale fishermen in the commercial fishing sector. This understanding in turn will contribute to a determination of whether small-scale fishing enterprises warrant special focus from the viewpoint of federal policy.

The first workshop will be held on October 16 and 17, 1978, at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, where the discussions will center on the Atlantic and Gulf fisheries. This workshop will be followed by one to be held on November 13 and 14 at the NMFS facility in Tiburon, California, covering small-scale fishermen of the West Coast and Alaska. A third workshop, on Island Fisheries, will be held in December (site undetermined).

We felt it was necessary to restrict these workshops to a relatively small number of participants in order to assure productive discussions. Consequently, we are trying to hold the number down to around 20 participants. The roster and agenda for the Woods Hole workshop are enclosed. The other rosters have not been completed. We recognize that the rosters may not include all those who are knowledgeable or experienced in this area.



However, we feel that the costs, in terms of workshop effectiveness and dollars, outweigh any benefits that may derive from enlarged participation.

We intend to write a report on each of the workshops and in this way communicate the findings to all interested persons. In the meanwhile, we would welcome your comments.

Enclosures

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Woods Hole, Massachusetts  
October 16-17, 1978

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Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute  
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9:00 a.m. - Opening Remarks and Introductions - Morton Miller and  
Michael Orbach

9:30 a.m. - I. Definition of a Small-Scale Fisherman

- A. Vessel or boat size
- B. Average yearly revenues and landings
- C. Patterns of ownership of vessels and boats
- D. Level of capitalization
- E. Technology

10:30 a.m. - Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. - II. Description of Small-Scale Fishermen

- A. Geographical
  1. location of small-scale fishermen
  2. area of fishing operations
  3. character of location, i.e., rural or urban
  4. species fished
  5. distribution of products

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 p.m. -

- B. Economic
  1. number of vessels and boats
  2. contribution of fishing to income
  3. sources of capital
  4. profitability
  5. efficiency
  6. productivity
- C. Social
  1. demographic characteristics of owners/operators, such as, age, income, education, marital status, family size, etc.
  2. community structure
- D. Cultural
  1. ethnicity
  2. role of kinship, ethnicity, in determining occupation
  3. attitudes toward fishing as an occupational lifestyle

## E. Political

1. membership in fishery related organizations, such as, cooperatives, unions, or trade associations
2. awareness of and involvement in federal, state, or local assistance or management programs
3. participation in organizations not related to fisheries

3:00 p.m. - Coffee Break

3:15 p.m. - III. Problems Faced by Small-Scale Fishermen

- A. Availability of credit
- B. Sensitivity to fluctuations and trends in economy and society
- C. Availability of information on marketing, etc.
- D. Technical assistance
- E. Impact of management

6:00 p.m. - End of First Session

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8:30 p.m. - IV. Policy Issues

- A. The role of small-scale fisheries in the industry and regions
- B. Relationship between small-scale fishermen and recreational fishermen
- C. Relationship between small-scale fishermen and part-time fishermen
- D. Relationship between small-scale and large-scale fishing operations

10:00 a.m. - Coffee Break

10:15 a.m. - V. Existing Research

- A. Application of small-farm research to small-scale fisheries
- B. What research has been undertaken?
- C. What was the purpose of the research?
- D. What were the major conclusions and applications?

12:00 - 1:00 - Lunch

1:00 p.m. - VI. Future Research Needs

- A. Limitations of existing data
- B. Overcoming data limitations
- C. Analytical needs
- D. Role of government, universities, industry, in future research

2:30 p.m. - VII. Summary and Conclusions

3:00 p.m. - Workshop Adjourns