



National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit

Date: March 28 - March 29, 2018
Location: Westin Crystal City
Jefferson Room
1800 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202

Meeting Objectives

The 2018 Summit will focus on improving opportunity and stability in recreational fisheries. Summit participants will identify actions where progress can be made in the near term, tailored to specific regions and fisheries. A chief aim will be to identify complementary and collaborative actions that the angling and management communities can work on together. Participants represent a diversity of regions and perspectives, including anglers, charter boat operators, tackle companies, managers, and research institutions, among others. During the Summit, participants will:

- Share information and perspectives within and across regions about innovative management alternatives and approaches, uses of electronic data collection and reporting, socioeconomics, and conservation actions to improve opportunity and stability in saltwater recreational fisheries.
- Identify opportunities for collaborative actions that improve opportunity and stability in recreational fisheries.
- Discuss implementation strategies and solutions to overcome challenges and seize opportunities.

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

7:30 am **Breakfast**

For registered participants only

8:00 am **Welcome, Introduction, and Agenda Review**

Speakers include:

- *Ingrid Irigoyen, Senior Mediator, Meridian Institute*
- *Russell Dunn, National Policy Advisor for Recreational Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Fisheries*
- *Chris Oliver, Assistant Administrator, NOAA Fisheries*

8:20 am Keynote Addresses

Speakers include:

- *Bill Shedd, President and Chairman, American Fishing Tackle Company*
- *RDML Timothy Gallaudet, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Acting Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere*
- *Secretary Wilbur Ross, Department of Commerce (Invited)*

9:00 am Insights from the 2018 Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Pre-Summit Survey

During this session, Meghan Massaua of Meridian Institute will provide an overview of key themes and highlights from the Pre-Summit Survey.

9:15 am Innovative Management Alternatives and Approaches | Panel

This session will include a series of presentations on alternative management approaches and will showcase examples from different regions and fisheries. Participants will have the opportunity to ask brief clarifying questions at the end of the panel and engage in deeper discussions on this topic in subsequent breakout groups. Presenters include:

- *Moderator: Ingrid Irigoyen, Senior Mediator, Meridian Institute*
- *Ken Haddad, Marine Fisheries Advisor, American Sportfishing Association*
- *Alan Risenhoover, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries*
- *John Carmichael, Deputy Executive Director for Science & Statistics, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC)*
- *Richard Yamada, President, Alaska Charter Association*

10:45 am Break – Transition to breakout groups

11:00 am Innovative Management Alternatives and Approaches | Breakout Groups

In this session, participants will divide into five breakout groups by region and work together to identify a) specific challenges in their regions that innovative management approaches may address better than traditional management approaches; b) specific fisheries or fisheries characteristics for which these approaches may be appropriately applied; c) collaborative actions among anglers and managers that may advance such approaches; and d) challenges and solutions to implementing these approaches.

Breakouts will be as follows:

- *Alaska and West Coast – Crystal II Room*
- *Pacific Islands – Davis I Room*

- *Greater Atlantic Region – Jefferson Room*
- *South-Atlantic and Caribbean – Jefferson Room*
- *Gulf Coast – Crystal IV Room*

12:15 pm Lunch

Provided for registered participants only. Walk-ins are invited to find information about nearby restaurants at registration.

1:15 pm Innovative Management Alternatives and Approaches | Reflection Panel

In this session, leaders from each region will briefly share perspectives from their regional breakout discussions to enhance cross-regional understanding of alternative management approaches. Panelists include:

- *Moderator: Ingrid Irigoyen, Senior Mediator, Meridian Institute*
- *Alaska – Richard Yamada, President, Alaska Reel Adventures*
- *West Coast – Scott McBain, President, Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers*
- *Pacific Islands – Ed Watamura, President, Waialua Boat Club*
- *Northeast – Rip Cunningham, Author, Saltwater Sportsman Magazine*
- *Mid-Atlantic – David Sikorski, Executive Director, Maryland Coastal Conservation Association*
- *South-Atlantic and Caribbean – David Webb, Board Member, West Palm Beach Fishing Club*
- *Gulf Coast – April DePaola, State Chairman, Alabama Coastal Conservation Association*

2:00 pm Socioeconomics in Recreational Fisheries Management | Overview Presentation and Panel Discussion

In the first part of the session, participants will hear about NOAA Fisheries' social sciences and economics programs to create a shared understanding of socioeconomic methods currently being used around the country and the results and response to NOAA Fisheries' socioeconomic program review and potential next steps.

- *Dr. Doug Lipton, Senior Research Economist, NOAA Fisheries*

In the second part of the session, socioeconomics experts will provide information on economic benefits, economic impacts, and social indicators and their application in fisheries management. Panelists will then engage in a facilitated discussion followed by an audience question and answer session. The discussion will generate insights from the recreational fishing community about various approaches to measuring, analyzing, and incorporating socioeconomic information.

Panelists include:

- *Moderator: Ingrid Irigoyen, Senior Mediator, Meridian Institute*
- *Doug Lipton, Senior Research Economist, NOAA Fisheries*
- *Scott Steinback, Economist, Northeast Fisheries Science Center*
- *Leif Anderson, Natural Resource Economist, Northwest Fisheries Science Center*
- *Dr. Steve Kasperski, Economist and Program Manager, Economic and Social Sciences Research, Alaska Fisheries Science Center*
- *Judy Amesbury, Archeologist, Micronesian Archaeological Research Services*
- *John Hadley, Fishery Economist, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council*
- *Tom Allen, Vice President of Research, Southwick Associates*

3:30 pm **Break**

3:45 pm **Socioeconomics in Recreational Fisheries Management | Small Group Discussions**

After the break, informal small group discussion will occur at roundtables in plenary (*Jefferson room*) where participants will react to the panel and brainstorm further ideas on socioeconomics data needs, collection methods, and use in decision making. After small group discussion, each table will report out on major highlights from their small group.

4:45 pm **Wrap-up Day One**
Ingrid Irigoyen

5:00 pm **Networking Reception**
Cash bar available

Thursday, March 29, 2018

7:30 am **Breakfast**
For registered participants only

8:00 am **Welcome Day 2 and Reflections from Day 1**
This session will welcome participants back to the second day of the Summit and provide an opportunity to reflect on the first day.

- *Ingrid Irigoyen, Senior Mediator, Meridian Institute*
- *Russell Dunn, National Policy Advisor for Recreational Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries*

8:10 am Angler Engagement in Collaborative Data Collection and Reporting | Overview Presentation

During this session, participants will hear an overview of the types of data that can be collected through electronic platforms, and how these platforms and their associated data could improve recreational fishing opportunity and stability. Dr. Barbieri will tee up areas for improvement and implementation challenges for discussion later in the day. Participants will have an opportunity to pose clarifying questions.

- *Dr. Luiz Barbieri, Marine Fisheries Research Program Leader, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute*

8:30 am Angler Engagement in Electronic Reporting of Catch, Effort, and Other Data | Panel

This session will feature panel presentations from a variety of fisheries and electronic reporting programs. Dr. Greg Stunz of Texas A&M University will moderate a panel that will explore a) the specific circumstances/requirements for an ER system to produce useable catch data; b) the circumstances/requirements for an ER system to produce other kinds of data that can inform science and management; c) characteristics that make an ER program usable and successful for the angling community and managers; d) potential challenges impeding ER implementation; and e) potential strategies for overcoming challenges, such as encouraging consistent angler use. The audience will have the opportunity to ask the panel questions in plenary. Participants will engage in deeper discussion on this topic in subsequent breakout groups. Presenters include:

- *Moderator: Dr. Greg Stunz, Professor of Marine Biology, Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies and Director for the Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation*
- *Ken Franke, President, Sportfishing Association of California*
- *Carly Somerset, Biological Program Coordinator for the Finfish Bureau, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources*
- *Kelsey Dick, Fishery Outreach Specialist, Private Recreational Reporting, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council*
- *Dr. Cisco Werner, Chief Science Advisor, NOAA Fisheries*
- *Laura Oremland, Acting Citizen Science Coordinator, NOAA*

10:00 am Break and transition to breakout groups

10:15 am Angler Engagement in Data Collection and Reporting | Breakout Groups

During this session, participants will divide into five breakout groups by region (as on day one) where they will discuss opportunities and challenges for electronic reporting of catch and effort data, as well as other types of data, taking each topic in turn.

Breakouts will be as follows:

- *Alaska and West Coast – Crystal II Room*
- *Pacific Islands – Davis I Room*
- *Greater Atlantic Region – Jefferson Room*
- *South-Atlantic and Caribbean – Jefferson Room*
- *Gulf Coast – Crystal IV Room*

11:15 am Transition back to plenary

11:30 am Angler Engagement in Data Collection and Reporting | Reflection Panel

In this session, leaders from each region will briefly share perspectives from their regional breakout discussions to enhance cross-regional understanding of data collection and reporting. Panelists include:

- *Moderator: Ingrid Irigoyen, Senior Mediator, Meridian Institute*
- *Alaska – Richard Yamada, President, Alaska Reel Adventures*
- *West Coast – Scott McBain, President, Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers*
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12:15 pm Lunch | Optional Presentation on Transition to Fishing Effort Survey and Calibration

During lunch (*which is provided for registered participants only*), participants have the option to attend a session on the transition to the mail-based fishing effort survey and work to calibrate NOAA Fisheries estimates for private angler catch and effort in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. This will be followed by a brief opportunity for clarifying questions.

- *Dave Van Voorhees, Division Chief, Fisheries Statistics, NOAA Fisheries*
- *Kelly Denit, Chief of the Domestic Fisheries Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries*

1:15 pm Expanding Recreational Fishing Opportunity through Conservation | Panel

John Armor, Director of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, will moderate this session, with a series of speakers discussing habitat protection and restoration, forage fish, and reducing release mortality. These overview presentations will prepare participants for subsequent discussion in breakouts. Panelists include:

- *Moderator: John Armor, Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, NOAA*
- *Dr. Chris Moore, Board Member, National Fish Habitat Partnership and Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council*
- *David Sikorski, Executive Director, Maryland Coastal Conservation Association*
- *Dan Wolford, Board of Directors, Coastside Fishing Club*
- *Kurt Kawamoto, Ret., Pacific Islands Fisheries Group*

2:15 pm Break and Transition to Breakout Groups

2:30 pm Expanding Recreational Fishing Opportunity through Conservation | Breakout Groups

Participants will break out by region to reflect on the presentations and consider approaches for expanding recreational fishing opportunity through conservation.

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3:15 pm Transition back to plenary

3:25 pm Reflections on the Summit and Next Steps for the Community

In this panel, recreational fishing community leaders and managers will reflect on the Summit and discuss potential next steps.

Speakers include:

- *Moderator: Ingrid Irigoyen, Senior Mediator, Meridian Institute*
- *Ken Franke, President, Sportfishing Association of California*
- *John McMurray, Captain and Owner, One More Cast Charters*
- *Ken Haddad, Marine Fisheries Advisor, American Sportfishing Association*
- *Russell Dunn, National Policy Advisor for Recreational Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries*

3:50 pm **Closing Remarks**

Chris Oliver, Assistant Administrator, NOAA Fisheries

4:00 pm **Adjourn**