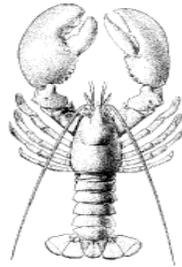


STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

MEMORANDUM



TO: RIMFC Lobster Advisory Panel
Other interested parties

FROM: Jody King, Co-Chairman, RIMFC Lobster Advisory Panel
Thomas Angell, RIDEM/DFW

DATE: February 24, 2009

SUBJECT: RIMFC Lobster Advisory Panel meeting

A meeting of the RIMFC Lobster Advisory Panel has been scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.** at RIDEM/Fish and Wildlife, 3 Fort Wetherill Road, Jamestown, RI.

The agenda will be as follows:

- 1. Proposed change to Regulation 15.12 – “Buoying of Pots – Escape Vents”**
 - Review draft regulatory language and make recommendation to RIMFC.
(The current regulations say that each lobster trap must have a buoy; this should be changed in light of the whale interaction issues; the current regulation is just fuel for the environmental groups!)
- 2. ASMFC Lobster Addendum XII.**
 - Review draft Transferability regulations.
 - Recommendation to RIMFC?

ALL RIMFC Species Advisory Panel meetings are open to the public.

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