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RIMFC MEETING

November 1, 2011 – 6:00 PM

URI Narragansett Bay Campus, Corless Auditorium
South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI

FINAL AGENDA

Date Posted 10/20/2011

Agenda item	Agenda item detail	Suggested action
1. Approval of Agenda	11-1-2011 RIMFC Agenda	Approval of 11-1-2011 agenda
2. Approval of Minutes	RIMFC 10-3-2011 meeting minutes	Approval of 10-3-2011 meeting minutes
3. Public Comments	Comments from the public	No action, may take under consideration
4. Advisory Panel Reports	a. Lobster (10/26/11) – J. Grant	Review minutes, and recommendations
5. New Business	a. Brief overview of the commercial licensing program – B. Ballou	No action needed
	b. Council recommendations on October 17, 2011 public hearing items – B. Ballou	Council recommendations to the Director on; proposed Com. Licensing amendments for 2012, and fisheries management plans
	c. Recreational Saltwater Fishing License – Accountability and Oversight Report – B. Ballou	To solicit comments from the general public and recommendations from the Council on the report
	d. Discussion on proposed amendments to Part III to allow the Division flexibility to change seasons – B. Ballou	Discussion and recommendations to the Director on allowing the Division more flexibility to change seasons
	e. Brief update on lobster transferability program– B. Ballou	Discussion
	f. Review and discussion on the summer flounder exemption certificate program - B. Ballou/R. Hittinger	Discussion and recommendations to the Director on eliminating the program or modifying aspects of the program.
	g. Brief overview of the Research Set Aside (RSA) program - B. Ballou	Discussion and recommendations to the Director
	h. Review membership and approval of agenda for an adhoc Whelk meeting – B. Ballou	Review membership list and approve agenda for adhoc whelk meeting
6. Old Business	a. Review of Advisory Panel Policy – B. Ballou/C. Powell	Review policy and make recommendation for revisions as necessary
	b. Continued discussion, review, and consolidation of Advisory Panels and members – B. Ballou:	Council Chairs to report back on AP memberships. Council to consider consolidation of AP's.
	c. Continued discussion on RI state fisheries with a federal management plan – B. Ballou/M. Gibson	Review and discussion on list of federally managed species, with guidance to the Groundfish AP for the review process.
7. ASMFC - NEFMC Updates	a. ASMFC summary & Mid Atlantic Fishery Council – M. Gibson	No action needed

8. FYI	a. Letter of response from the Division to CRMC - B. Ballou	No action needed – for aquaculture lease application 2011-07-018 –P. Brown, and aquaculture lease application 2011-07-081 – Papa.
9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting		
10. Adjourn		