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RIMFC Industry Advisory Committee Meeting August 9, 2011 – 6:00 PM

URI/Narragansett Bay Campus, Coastal Institute Building, Large Conference Room South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02835

AGENDA

1. Discussion on new commercial license opportunities for 2012:

- a) Shellfish sector
 - (1.) Licensing exit entrance ratios
 - (2.) Create a Whelk endorsement this would identify participants in the whelk fishery so they can be required to fill out a catch and effort logbook
 - (3.) Discuss the addition of hours fished to complete a 1 ticket system for all shellfish, except whelk.

b) Finfish sector -

- (1.) Licensing exit entrance ratio
- c) Crustacean sector –
 Create a Horseshoe crab endorsement for monitoring horseshoe crab bait fishery quota
- 2. Add a mandatory renewal date or penalty for late renewals of dealer licenses.
- **3.** Upon upgrading to PEL all endorsements to PEL, so there are no more dual licenses.
- 4. Consolidate landing licenses instate and out-of-state
- 5. Address the Research Set Aside (RSA) program and discuss a fee for the program so it does not remain unfunded.
- 6. Other licensing related issues
 - **ALL RIMFC Species Advisory Panel and Committee meetings are open to the public.** For more information, please contact Nancy Scarduzio at (401) 423-1927
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