

## **Marine Recreational Fishing License/Registry Study Group**

Coastal Institute, URI Bay Campus  
Narragansett, RI

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6:30-8:30 PM

### Agenda

1. Review of federal Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) and its Relevance to Rhode Island
2. Review of Status of Other State Recreational Licensing Programs
3. Discussion of 3 RI Program Proposals
  - Option A: “Bare bones” registry
    - Per April 2009 draft proposal
    - Fee revenues used solely to support administrative costs of registry
    - With updated analysis of cost-revenue projections
  - Option B: Expanded registry
    - Fee revenues used to support administrative costs of registry and additional improvements to recreational fishing assessments for RI
  - Option C: License
    - Fee revenues used to support administrative costs of registry, additional improvements to recreational fishing assessments for RI, and other issues of importance to RI’s recreational fishing community (e.g., infrastructure)
4. Establishment of Oversight Committee as Additional Program Component
  - Under auspices of RI Marine Fisheries Council?
5. Next steps
  - Legislation
  - Regulation → Program Development & Implementation → Outreach & Education
  - MOU with NMFS → Exempted State Status

