

Rhode Island Fishermen's Alliance

RI Marine Fisheries Regulatory Initiative (MFRI)

First Meeting: March 9, 2011

Introduction

1. Define the problems
2. Identify the interested players or participants
3. Set goals and priorities

Definitions

1. Gather all the present definition of words throughout the regulations and consolidated them into one chapter.
2. Set a clear and uniform pattern as to how they are to be presented. (alphabetically vs. chapter)
3. Individually, review each definition and note any that raise questions for a follow up meeting. Compare regulatory definitions to statutory definitions. Identify any new or undefined words, phrases or terms.
4. Hold a public hearing on the revised definitions.

Chapters

1. Identify and list all the present chapters and titles.
2. Identify and define all of the possible categorical break downs of chapters or titles. (see page 2)
3. Start the process of transferring and filling the chapters with the present corresponding regulatory language.
4. Revise and simplify old with new language while noting any perceived unnecessary, outdated or challengeable regulations or language.
5. Hold a public hearing on the revisions.

(2) Identify and define all of the possible categorical break downs of chapters or titles.

1. **Title 20 RIGL** (List those statues that are relevant to marine fisheries regulations; can be full or abbreviated versions; could be separated and placed within appropriate sub chapters or compiled into one chapter.)
2. **General Marine Provisions**
3. **Commercial Fishing**
 - a. **Licensed Individuals**
 - b. **Permitted Activities**
 - c. **Gear Restrictions**
 - i. **Fixed Gear**
 - ii. **Mobile Gear**
 1. **Maps and Management Areas**
 - d. **Regulated Species** (alphabetically list and sub-chapter all regulated species)
 - i. **Maps and Management Areas**
 - e. **Minimum Sizes, Possession Limits, Seasons** (chart)
4. **Commercial Marine Dealers**
5. **Non-Commercial Fishing** (Recreational)
 - a. **General Provisions**
 - b. **Regulated Species** (alphabetically list and sub-chapter all regulated species)
6. **Aquiculture**
7. **Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council**

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