

Resource-Based Industries

Fisheries, forestry, recreation-related tourism, agriculture and hunting will be affordable and sustainable industries, will employ best management practices to protect common resources, and will be supported as critical resources and key sectors of the state economy.

Conditions, Trends and Objectives (See Draft 2004-2005 Needs)

Objectives			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with federal, state and local partners to review/revise fisheries management programs to rebuild over fished stocks and promote wildlife resources as a key element in the Rhode Island Economy. 2. Promote growth and productivity of the agricultural, FISHING, and timber industry, recreation related tourism and State and private forest stewardship. 			
Indicators			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plentiful commercial fish stocks and sport fishing opportunities; a viable commercial fishing industry; increase in fish and wildlife populations and restoration of critical habitat; availability of adequate facilities to support fishing industry. 2. Number of farms in Rhode Island; number of acres of farm and forest land protected; level and diversity of production of farm and forest based products. 3. Ratio of forest growth to forest removal at least 1:1 where timber is extracted to ensure sustainability of the forest base. 4. Increased use of State recreation facilities and participation in DEM-sponsored activities. 			
Key Strategies	Performance Measures	FY'04	FY'05
Continue with the upgrade of state owned and operated facilities that provide berthing for the bulk of ri's commercial fishing fleet	Rebuild state pier e in the port of galilee. Install new bulkhead in the northwest corner of the port of galilee.	BY 6/04 10/04	
Work closely with commercial fishing organizations and representatives of the communities where the port facilities are located in addressing issues related to the industry.	Continue monthly meetings with the galilee and newport fishermen's advisory committees.		
Continue to work with town of narragansett in matters related to the galilee special district zoning plan.	Assist the town with finalizing the process applicants must first go through before the matter is turned over to the dem for final approval.	10/03	
Modify galilee port regulations pertaining to state parking lot g in an attempt to more evenly disperse tourist vehicles to all lots in the port	Monitor and adjust if necessary regulations pertaining to port parking facilities.	10/03	