



Agenda

March 29-30, 2022

Westin Crystal City
Arlington, Virginia



2022 NATIONAL SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHERIES SUMMIT

We are witnessing unprecedented changes to the ocean environment as we emerge from extraordinary circumstances brought on by a global pandemic. The challenges resulting from these parallel occurrences are exceptional and compound pre-existing issues. For recreational fisheries to thrive, we must come together with a common purpose.

Recognizing this, the goals of the **2022 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit** include:

- Identify and investigate solutions to issues jointly identified as significant.
- Re-establish lines of communications that waned during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Strengthen rapport and collaboration between the saltwater recreational fishing community, fishery managers, and scientists.
- Share knowledge and perspectives.

Each of the four sessions address these goals through presentations, expert panels, discussion, and break-out groups. The Summit organizers and members of the Steering Committee endeavored to include diverse speakers and panelists, both in geography and sector. In addition, breaks, meals, and the reception offer opportunities for connection and networking.

The anticipated overall **outcomes** for the Summit include:

1. A shared understanding of specific challenges, opportunities, and areas for collaboration.
2. Mutual commitments to work together on Summit outcomes and initiatives.
3. Identification of potential next steps to advance key issues.

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022

5:00-7:00 p.m. **Registration** **Jefferson Conference Room Atrium**
Check in early. *Please allow sufficient time to check in.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022

7:00 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast** **Jefferson Conference Room Atrium**

8:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks*** **Jefferson Conference Room**
Russell Dunn, *National Policy Advisory for Recreational Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries*
Jessica Gribbon Joyce, *Principal, Tidal Bay Consulting*

8:20 a.m. **Keynote Speakers***
Whit Fosburgh, *President and CEO, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership*
Don Graves, *Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Department of Commerce (Pre-recorded video)*
Janet Coit, Esq., *Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries*

8:45 a.m. **Reflections Since the 2018 Summit and the Path Forward***
 Russell Dunn, *National Policy Advisor for Recreational Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries*

9:15 a.m. **Break** **Jefferson Conference Room Atrium**

Session I: Climate Resilient Fisheries

The plenary part of this session covers a range of topics, including: the state of science on changing climate and oceans; tools, investments, and the importance of habitat for climate-resilient fisheries; on the water perspectives from the recreational fishing community; and climate scenario planning. Following the presentations, there will be an opportunity for audience questions. The **outcomes** for this session are:

1. Share current climate work and knowledge.
2. Listen to climate observations, experiences, concerns, and priorities from the recreational fishing community.
3. Understand the recreational community's vision for climate resilient fisheries.
4. Identify activities/strategies to achieve the vision.

9:30 a.m. **Plenary — Presentations and Discussion*** **Jefferson Conference Room**

MODERATOR: Janet Coit, Esq.
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries

Jon Hare, Ph.D. *Science and Research Director, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries*

Richard Heap *Recreational Fisheries Advisor to several Federal and State Councils and Commissions; Port Commissioner (Oregon)*

David Sikorski *Executive Director, Coastal Conservation Association - Maryland*

Carrie Selberg Robinson *Director, Office of Habitat Conservation, NOAA Fisheries*

Kiley Dancy *Fishery Management Specialist, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC)*

11:00 a.m. **Break-out Groups**
 After brief instructions, attendees will relocate to their respective rooms.
 Please attend the break-out group that corresponds to your region(s).

Mid-Atlantic Jefferson Room *right side, facing the front*

South Atlantic, Gulf Coast, and the Caribbean Jefferson Room *left side, facing the front*

New England Crystal V

Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the Pacific Coast Crystal VI

12:00 p.m. **Lunch** **Jefferson Conference Room Atrium**

Session II: Balancing Ocean Uses

In the presentation part of this session, we will share agency, industry, and anglers' perspectives on offshore wind energy and marine aquaculture. There will be an opportunity for audience questions to better understand the status of what is happening on the water, and an opportunity for managers to learn from angler's first-hand experiences. The **outcomes** for this session are:

1. Shared understanding of current activity and plans regarding offshore wind energy and marine aquaculture.
2. Listen to experiences, concerns, and needs from the recreational fishing community.

1:00 p.m. **Plenary — Presentations and Discussion*** **Jefferson Conference Room**

MODERATOR: Robert Beal

Executive Director, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC)

Brian Hooker	<i>Marine Biologist, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)</i>
Claire Richer	<i>Director, Offshore Wind, American Clean Power Association</i>
Danielle Blacklock	<i>Director, Office of Aquaculture, NOAA Fisheries</i>
Neil Sims	<i>Chief Executive Officer, Ocean Era</i>
Rick Bellavance	<i>President, Rhode Island Party and Charter Boat Association; Owner/Operator, Priority Fishing Charters; NEFMC Member</i>
Capt. McGrew Rice	<i>Owner, Hooked on Kona Fishing Charters</i>

2:30 p.m. **Break** **Jefferson Conference Room Atrium**



Panel Discussion

The panel part of this session includes a facilitated discussion and Q & A with an expert panel of representatives from BOEM, NOAA Fisheries, the states, as well as anglers. The panelists will discuss having a voice in the process as these industries expand, maintaining fishing opportunities, and understanding potential impacts. There will be an opportunity for the audience to interact with the panelists. The **outcomes** for this session are:

1. Identify strategies for stakeholder involvement with issues coordinated by multiple agencies.
2. Identify strategies and actions to maintain sustainable fishing opportunities.

2:45 p.m. **Plenary — Panel Discussion*** **Jefferson Conference Room**

MODERATOR: Robert Beal

Executive Director, ASMFC

Brian Hooker	<i>Marine Biologist, BOEM</i>
Danielle Blacklock	<i>Director, Office of Aquaculture, NOAA Fisheries</i>
Marcos Hanke	<i>Council Chair, Caribbean Fishery Management Council</i>
Rick Bellavance	<i>Owner/Operator, Priority Fishing Charters</i>
Jason McNamee, Ph.D.	<i>Deputy Director for Natural Resources, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management</i>
Caren Braby, Ph.D.	<i>Marine Resources Program Manager, OR Department of Fish and Wildlife</i>

3:45 p.m. **Report from Break-out Groups***

We will hear from the rapporteurs from the climate-resilient fisheries break-out groups. Building on these recommendations and others from the balancing ocean uses session, we will facilitate a discussion around shared and cohesive next steps.

Jessica Gribbon Joyce, *Tidal Bay Consulting*
Break-out Group Rapporteurs

4:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Tim Sartwell, *Recreational Fisheries Specialist, NOAA Fisheries*
Jessica Gribbon Joyce, *Tidal Bay Consulting*

- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**
- 6:00 p.m. **Reception** **Jefferson Conference Room Atrium**
Join Summit attendees in the atrium for appetizers and a cash bar.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast and Registration** **Jefferson Conference Room Atrium**
- 8:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks*** **Jefferson Conference Room**
 Tina Berger, *Director of Communications, ASMFC*
 Jessica Gribbon Joyce, *Principal, Tidal Bay Consulting*
- 8:15 a.m. **Guest Speaker***
 Spud Woodward, *ASMFC Chair*

Session III: Data Collection and Use

The presentation part of the data session will provide an overview of marine recreational fishery data collection, stock assessment, and catch monitoring processes, as well as the role that uncertainty plays in them. There will be brief presentations on each topic, followed by an opportunity for audience questions. The outcomes for this session are:

1. Improved understanding of current data collection, stock assessment, and catch monitoring processes.
2. Shared understanding of the data sources, appropriate uses of recreational data and their limitations, and role of uncertainty.

- 8:30 a.m. **Plenary — Presentations and Discussion*** **Jefferson Conference Room**
- MODERATOR:** Evan Howell, Ph.D.
Director, Office of Science and Technology, NOAA Fisheries
- Richard Cody, Ph.D. **Data Collection**
Chief - Fisheries Statistics Division, Office of Science and Technology, NOAA Fisheries
- Katie Drew, Ph.D. **Stock Assessments**
Stock Assessment Team Lead, ASMFC
- Luiz Barbieri, Ph.D. **Catch Monitoring**
Program Administrator, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

- 9:45 a.m. **Break** **Jefferson Conference Room Atrium**



Panel Discussion

The panel discussion part of the data session will cover strategies for improving public confidence and participation in recreational fisheries data and data collection, as well as the potential roles of government, stakeholders, and new technologies in doing so. There will be an opportunity for the audience to interact with the panelists. The **outcome** for this session is:

1. Identify pathways to improving confidence in data, participation, and the potential role of outreach and electronic technology in doing so.

10:00 a.m. **Plenary — Panel Discussion*** **Jefferson Conference Room**

MODERATOR: Dave Donaldson

Executive Director, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission

Richard Cody, Ph.D. *Chief - Fishery Statistics Division, Office of Science and Technology, NOAA Fisheries*

Katie Drew, Ph.D. *Stock Assessment Team Leader, ASMFC*

Luiz Barbieri, Ph.D. *Program Administrator, FWRI, FWC*

Joshua DeMello *Fishery Analyst, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council*

Kenneth Haddad *Marine Fisheries Advisor, American Sportfishing Association*

Session IV: Management Reform, Flexibility and Optimum Yield

The first part of the management session will provide an overview of ongoing efforts to develop and apply management flexibility in the context of improving fishing opportunities and seeking to better understand the recreational fishing community's vision for management reform/flexibility. There will be an overview of the recent National Academy of Sciences review on the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP), followed by lightening talks, and an opportunity for audience questions. The **outcomes** for this session are:

1. Shared understanding of existing flexibilities and ongoing work to develop/utilize management flexibility.
2. Understanding constituent vision for management reform/flexibility.

11:15 a.m. **Plenary — Presentations and Discussion*** **Jefferson Conference Room**

MODERATOR: Barry Thom

Executive Director, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

Michelle Duval *Principal, Mellivora Consulting; Member, National Academy of Sciences Committee on Recreational Fisheries Data and Management*

John Carmichael *Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council*

Julia Beaty *Fishery Management Specialist, MAFMC*

Mike Burner *Deputy Director, Pacific Fishery Management Council*

Forrest Braden *Executive Director, Southeast Alaska Guides Organization*

Tony Friedrich *Vice President, American Saltwater Guides Association*

12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

The second part of the management session is intended to develop a common understanding of optimum yield (OY) as defined in statute, regulation, and in practice. We will then learn about anglers' perspectives on OY, human dimension aspects in considering OY, and the potential for OY to guide management from the Council/Commission perspective. After the presentations, there will be an opportunity for audience questions. The **outcomes** for this session are:

1. Initiate discussions with the recreational community around OY.
2. Shared understanding of OY in the statute and regulations.
3. Gain perspectives of anglers and managers on OY, while learning about human dimension aspects.

1:30 p.m. **Plenary — Presentations and Discussion*** **Jefferson Conference Room**

MODERATOR: Michael Ruccio

Division Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries

Marian Macpherson *Management and Program Analyst, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries*

John Froeschke, Ph.D. *Deputy Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council*

Mike Leonard *Vice President of Government Affairs, American Sportfishing Association*

Capt. Scott Hickman *Owner, Circle H Outfitters; Charter Fishermen's Association*

Jorge Holzer, Ph.D. *Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland*

2:30 p.m. **Break-out Groups**

Small groups discuss recreational management flexibility and OY, sharing insights across regions. The **outcomes** for this session are:

1. Understand anglers' visions of management reform, implementation challenges, and needed actions.
2. Understand anglers' perspectives of OY and how to advance its application as a tool to guide management.

Group 1 Jefferson Room *right side, facing the front*

Group 2 Jefferson Room *left side, facing the front*

Group 3 *Crystal V*

Group 4 *Crystal VI*

3:30 p.m. **Break** **Jefferson Conference Room Atrium**

3:45 p.m. **Report from Break-out Groups***

We will hear from the rapporteurs from the management reform/flexibility, and OY break-out groups. Building on these recommendations, we will facilitate a discussion around shared and cohesive next steps.

4:15 p.m. **Closing Panel*** **Jefferson Conference Room**

This panel of regional leadership from Commissions and NOAA Fisheries will share reflections and next steps.

MODERATOR: Russell Dunn, *NOAA Fisheries*

Jenni Wallace *Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries*

Evan Howell, Ph.D. *Director, Office of Science and Technology, NOAA Fisheries*

Andy Strelcheck *Regional Administrator, Southeast Regional Office, NOAA Fisheries*

Ryan Wulff *Assistant Regional Administrator, West Coast Regional Office, NOAA Fisheries*

Robert Foy, Ph.D. *Director, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NOAA*

Kristen Koch *Director of Science & Research, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries*

Robert Beal *Executive Director, ASMFC*

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**



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