

2009 IFOMC Conference Program



Holiday Inn By The Bay, Portland, Maine

Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 24

Monday, July 20	2009-Pre-conference workshop schedule
8:00AM-12:00 PM	Observer Professionalism Working Group: Cumberland Room Members will be contacted directly by the working group chairman with further details.
8:30AM-5:00PM	Data Extrapolation Workshop: Oxford-Somerset Room This full-day workshop will cover how discrete sets of data are extrapolated to represent the activities of an entire fishery and to support management decisions. The workshop coordinators are Lisa Borges for the European Commission and Vicki Cornish of the Ocean Conservancy. For more information visit the data extrapolation website.
12:00PM-5:00PM	Vessel Safety Training: Rhode Island Room Safety trainers from US observer programs and the US Coast Guard will be on hand for dockside training. Learn about boat drills and damage control subjects, while trying your hand at patching ruptured pipes and hulls. You'll learn lessons that may save your life, and you'll stay cool on a summer day. This is a great opportunity to train the trainers. Vessel Safety Training is being held off-site.
1:00PM-3:30PM	Moving Sushi, a Marine Resource Expedition: Massachusetts Room The Marine Resource Expedition is trekking across 42 countries spread between Africa, Europe and Asia over 2 years, filming a documentary both above and underwater, uncovering the positive side to marine resource use and its conservation. Expedition leaders, Michael Markovina and Linda Schonknecht, will share videos, photos, and stories from the expedition route as they film their holistic and objective documentary. For more information please see this website http://www.marine-expedition.co.za/
12:00PM-5:00PM	Conference check-in, poster exhibit setup
Evening event 5:00PM-7:00PM	Reception Casco Bay Hall Refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres

Tuesday, July 21	Sessions 1 -2 * Indicates key speakers
8:00AM	Conference check-in opens
9:00AM-12:00PM	Conference plenary commences Vermont/New Hampshire Rooms
	Conference opening and remarks from the chairman Dennis Hansford, NOAA Fisheries Service, USA
	Welcome to Portland, Maine The Honorable Jill C. Duson, Mayor of Portland, Maine
	Guest speaker- Sustaining fisheries through collaboration John Annala, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer, Gulf of Maine Research Institute
	Keynote address – Looking Ahead: A Global Approach to Improving Fisheries Science and Enforcement through Observers Rebecca Lent, Ph.D, Director, Office of International Affairs, NOAA Fisheries Service, USA

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12:00PM	Lunch and Poster Viewing
1:00PM-3:00PM	Session 1: What are the different types of monitoring programs available for collection of fisheries information? Panel leader: Steve Kennelly, New South Wales Department of Primary Industries, Australia
	Overview of the Namibian Fisheries Monitoring System: the role of the fisheries observer program and the challenges it faces. Kruger E, Namibia
	The Scientific Observers Program: as a tool for sustainable management of the marine trawl fishing in Cameroon. Meke P, Cameroon
	Inshore small vessel monitoring of cetaceans by observers. Loveridge C., New Zealand
	The case for full retention in fisheries: benefits for monitoring. Kritizer J, USA
	The integration of commercial groundfish fisheries in British Columbia. Ackerman B, Canada
	A shore-based monitoring program in Alaska: catch monitoring and control plans. Watson J, USA
	The fully documented fishery using electronic monitoring to improve industry self-reported data. Dalskov J, Denmark
	Monitoring tuna transshipments using observers. Trumble B, USA
Break	Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans is the sponsor of this afternoon's refreshments.
3:30PM-5PM	Session 2: How can fishery monitoring information be standardized and how can data quality be improved? Panel leader: Charles Gray, New South Wales Department of Primary Industries, Australia
	Standardized data collection formats: How important are they? Beerkircher L, USA
	The data collection regulation of the European Commission. Stockhausen B, Italy
	The development of national standards for protected species observers in the US. Baker K, USA
	Challenges to data standardization between on-board and alternative platform observation of small vessels. Passerotti M, USA
	Computer science technology applied to data collection and data management. Guzman O, Chile
5:00PM	Session adjourns
Evening event 6:00PM-8:30PM	Reception Refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, and music Portland Museum of Art

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Wednesday, July 22	Sessions 3 – 6 * Indicates key speakers
8:30AM-10:00AM	Session 3: Using fishery monitoring information in assessments and management. Panel leader: James Nance, National Marine Fisheries Service, USA
	Use of observer-based surveys in monitoring and assessing environmental conditions imposed on developing fisheries. Gray C, Australia
	Sea turtle bycatch in U.S. Mid-Atlantic gillnet gear: characteristics, magnitude, and opportunities for conservation. Murray K, USA
	The evolution of a discard policy in Europe. Borges L, Belgium
	The Peruvian Anchovy Fishery Observer Program and its role in monitoring interactions with top predators. Van Oordt F, Peru
	Fisheries observers and bycatch reduction research. Benaka L, USA
	Fisheries observer program in Sierra Leone and its implications for fisheries management. Bangura A, Sierra Leone
Break	<i>This morning's coffee break is sponsored by NOAA Fisheries Service.</i>
10:30AM-12:00PM	Session 4: How can fishery monitoring information be used to ensure compliance with fisheries regulations? Panel leader: Mark Showell, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada
	Northeast Fisheries Observer Program: facing challenges in a changing program. Wetmore S, USA
	An introduction of the IATTC Tuna Transshipment Observer Program. (Are we looking at a real solution to a worldwide problem?) Arceneaux S, USA
	The accuracy of yelloweye rockfish catch estimates from the British Columbia Groundfish integration project. Workman G, Canada
	Observers and the enforcement process. Walker G*, USA Adams M, USA
	Enforcing observer victim crime. Lagerwey N, USA
	Law enforcement concerns in international observer programs. Dubois T, USA
	Towards the integration of new technologies based on molecular biology, genetics, chemistry and forensics into a European framework for fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance. Martinsohn JT, Italy

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12:00PM	Lunch and Poster Viewing
1:00PM-2:30PM	<p>Session 5: What factors should be considered when addressing access to fishery monitoring information? Panel leader: Dennis Hansford, Office of Science and Technology, National Marine Fisheries Service, USA</p> <p>Public access to fishery observer data as a critical component of management. Fleming R, USA</p> <p>Data sharing and data accessibility in Canada. Bond S, Canada</p> <p>When it rains it pours – a program’s struggle to balance data collection with data dissemination. Van Atten A, USA</p> <p>A case study in agency implementation of statutes – The confidentiality requirement and associated exceptions under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act. Hagg K, USA</p>
Break	
3:00PM-4:30PM	<p>Session 6: What are the major factors impacting fisheries observers? Panel leader: John LaFargue Northwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, USA</p> <p>Minimizing the risk to observers from foreign charter vessels operating in New Zealand's EEZ. Woods A , New Zealand</p> <p>Description and logistics of the U.S. Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Observer Program. Pulver JR, USA</p> <p>Observer safety in the Gulf of Mexico. Walia M, USA</p> <p>Multi-resistant bacteria: Concerns for observer programs and their field staff. Gulak SJB, USA</p> <p>Anger management much? Using video dramatizations and hands on drills to desensitize observers with conflict and teach them how to resolve it successfully. Vieria S, USA</p> <p>Assisting observers in bridging the gap. Lengares J, USA</p> <p>Observer support mechanisms. Patten J, Canada</p> <p>The art and science of juggling the increasingly complex observer work load. Donovan C, USA</p>
4:30PM-6:30PM	Poster Review and Reception at Casco Bay Room
Optional additional events, fee & pre-registration required	Sunset schooner cruise with the Portland Schooner Company Shopping excursion to Freeport

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Thursday, July 23	Sessions 7 -9 * Indicates key speakers
8:30AM-12:00PM	<p>Observer Professionalism Workshop Oxford-Somerset Room Concurrent with plenary sessions 7 & 8, the Observer Professionalism Working Group (OPWG) will conduct a workshop exploring observer employment practices from around the world. The theme is <i>“Fostering Recruitment and Retention of a Professional, Equitably- Employed Observer Workforce”</i></p>
8:30AM-10:00AM	<p>Session 7: How can self-reported data by the fishing industry be improved for use in assessments and management? Panel Leader: Lisa Borges, European Commission, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Belgium</p> <p>Fishery management by fishermen for fishermen: The area a crab association taking a leading role. McElderry H*, Canada Scherr J, Canada</p> <p>Good communication: the key to reliable results from self sampling. Quirijns F, Netherlands</p> <p>Perils of self-reporting and the need for actual weights. Flavia, Chen*, Slifka L, Martens B, USA</p> <p>Fisher-based audit system in the BC Groundfish Fishery. Fedoruk A, Canada</p> <p>Validation of study fleet data collected through the SMAST study fleet program. Roman S, USA</p> <p>The representativeness of the reference fleet data and how it is biased by changes in the dynamics of the Norwegian Mackerel Purse Seine Fishery. Huse I, Norway</p> <p>Comparison of self-reported logbook data with at-sea observations in the recreational headboat fishery in Florida and Alabama. Sauls B, USA</p> <p>Self Monitoring system An indigenous system developed by Sri Lankan fishermen-a case study in Southern Sri Lanka. Patabendi P, Sri Lanka</p>
Break	<i>The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission is the supporter of this morning's coffee break.</i>
10:30AM-12:00PM	<p>Session 8: What specific issues are important to the fishing industry regarding fishery monitoring? Panel leader: Amy Sierra Van Atten, Northeast Fisheries Observer Program, National Marine Fisheries Service, USA</p> <p>An inaugural case study in ground fish sector monitoring. Brazer E, USA</p> <p>New handling and accounting procedures on deck to reduce halibut mortality rates while improving catch accounting. Gauvin J, USA</p> <p>Developing a monitoring program in the U.S. Atlantic Herring Fishery Tooley MB, USA</p>

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	Benefits of Cooperative Research as seen by the Gulf Fishermen's Association in Florida Ward W, USA
	Fishermen and the University of the Azores working together to observe the Tuna Fishery Neves E, Azores
12:00PM	Lunch and Poster Viewing
1:00PM-3:00PM	Session 9: What specific issues are important to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) regarding fishery monitoring? Panel leader: Vicki Cornish, The Ocean Conservancy, USA
	The application of observer data by NGOs in advancing policies for protected species conservation. Griffin E, USA
	Slippage in the commercial fishing industry. Baker P, USA
	The Association for Professional Observers (APO): Strengthening fisheries monitoring through advocacy and education, since 1995. Davis K*, USA , Billings A, Rojas E
	Data Requirements in Marine Stewardship Council Certification. Lugar J, Canada
	Fisheries monitoring in the recreational sector: Challenges and opportunities in the Gulf of Mexico. Robbins C, USA
Break	NOAA Fisheries Service is the sponsor of this afternoon's refreshments.
3:30PM-5:00PM	Session 10: "How can observer capacity be developed and/or expanded?" Panel Leader: Andrew France, Observer Services, Ministry of Fisheries, New Zealand
	Capacity building in West Africa. Turk T, USA
	Utilizing observers to collect social data about fishermen's well-being. Westwood A D, USA
	Fisheries observer program staffing strategies. Orcutt M, Canada
	Should I stay or should I go? Observer retention and attrition in the WCGOP. Shama R, USA
	Retention of observers in a global market. Belay B, USA
Evening event 6:00PM-10:00PM	Conference Banquet Gulf of Maine Research Institute A Maine lobster bake!

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Friday, July 24	Sessions 11 – 12, and Concluding session * Indicates key speakers
8:30AM-10:00AM	<p>Session 11: "What are the monitoring issues with right-based managed fisheries?" Panel Leader: Teresa Turk, Office of Science and Technology, National Marine Fisheries Service, USA</p> <p>Robust & accurate monitoring is the key to successful catch share management. Sanderson M, USA</p> <p>No data, no fishery-the crucial role of catch monitoring in providing access to fish resources. Gislason G, Canada</p> <p>Observers' role in monitoring multi-species individual quota (IQ) programs. Majewski J, USA</p> <p>How new quota systems aimed at stopping overfishing impact observer programs. Faunce C, USA</p> <p>Count, cap, and control-a comprehensive approach to managing fisheries mortality. Brogan G, USA</p> <p>Rights based management of European Fisheries. Parkes G, USA</p> <p>Using fishery observer data in community-based fisheries management. Billings A, USA</p>
Break	<i>This morning's coffee break is supported by Archipelago Marine Research Ltd.</i>
10:30AM-12:00PM	<p>Session 12. How can electronic monitoring be used to improve data collection activities? Panel leader: Howard McElderry, Archipelago Marine Research Ltd, Canada.</p> <p>Electronic monitoring in the Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Fishery. Bonney J, USA</p> <p>Electronic catch monitoring in New England's Groundfish Fishery. Sanderson M, USA</p> <p>Using electronic monitoring to estimate reef fish catch on bottom longline vessels in the Gulf Of Mexico: a pilot study. Dyas M, Canada</p> <p>Assessing protected species interactions using electronic monitoring technology -a pilot study in New Zealand Longline Fisheries. France A, New Zealand</p> <p>A new approach to monitoring protected species interactions with inshore trawl vessels. Rowe S, New Zealand</p> <p>Summary of the North Pacific Electronic Fisheries Monitoring Workshop, July 2008. Loefflad M, USA</p>
12:00PM	Lunch and Poster Viewing
1:00PM-3:00PM	<p>Concluding Session: Panel Leader: Dennis Hansford, Conference Chair, Office of Science and Technology, National Marine Fisheries Service, USA</p> <p>The Conference Chair and a diverse panel of delegates will offer their perspectives on IFOMC 2009 and Thoughts on the future of the conference. The Session will include audience discussion.</p>
3:00PM	Adjourn Conference

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