

# Overcoming Development, Regulatory and Funding Challenges for Rope-less Fishing in the U.S. and Canada

Woods Hole, Massachusetts  
February 1, 2018

## Agenda

8:00 *Registration and coffee*

9:00 *Welcome, purpose of workshop and expected outcomes*, Mark Baumgartner, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

### **Session 1: Need and technology**

Chair: Amy Knowlton, Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life at the New England Aquarium

9:15 *Need for rope-less fishing*, Scott Kraus, Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life at the New England Aquarium

9:35 *History of gear modifications*, Tim Werner, Consortium for Wildlife Bycatch Reduction at the New England Aquarium

9:50 *Rope-less fishing in practice today*, Michael Moore, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

10:05 *Bottom-stowed spooled rope*, Jim Partan and Keenan Ball, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

10:20 *Lift bag*, Richard Riels, SMELTS

10:35 Break

10:55 *Bottom-stowed bagged rope*, Marco Flagg, Desert Star Systems

11:10 *Resolving gear conflicts*, Mark Baumgartner, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

11:30 Discussion: Rope-less need and technology

12:30 Lunch

## **Session 2: Regulatory challenges**

Chair: Michael Moore, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

- 1:30 *Introduction to the regulatory landscape*, Mike Asaro, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, NOAA Fisheries
- 1:45 *Rules regulating gear location marking in the United States and the process to change those rules*, Peter Burns, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, NOAA Fisheries
- 2:00 *Rules regulating gear location marking in Canada and the process to change those rules*, Annette Rumbolt, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- 2:15 Discussion: Overcoming regulatory challenges to rope-less fishing
- 3:15 Break

## **Session 3: Development plan**

Chair: Tim Werner, Consortium for Wildlife Bycatch Reduction at the New England Aquarium

- 3:35 *Development plan for rope-less fishing*, Mark Baumgartner, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- 4:00 Discussion: Development plan for rope-less fishing
- 5:00 End of workshop