NHSG Fisheries Roundtable Series Wednesday, November 29, 2023 Seacoast Science Center, 5pm - 7pm

SUMMARY NOTES

A Fishing Community Dialogue on Values and Impacts of Change in the Gulf of Maine

Goal of this Roundtable session: Share your perceptions about fishing community values, anticipated impacts, and associated implications of change in the Gulf of Maine. Assessing fishing community values will help to prioritize actions that the industry can take to address your needs.

What is Sea Grant's role? Ecological and economic change in the Gulf of Maine presents a complex set of opportunities and trade-offs for communities and industries in NH. NHSG does not have any decision-making authority as change happens, but is committed to encouraging community engagement and autonomy, serving as an honest broker of information, and providing the best available science. We are here to facilitate open, honest discussion and give guidance to you all on effective ways to engage. We cannot advocate for the industry, but we are here to help make connections and support you all in navigating change.

Nov. 29 Discussion Prompts:

- What matters to you? What does the industry value?
- How will a changing seascape impact what you value?

Takeaways from discussion:

Roundtable participants expressed frustration over the oversight of their deeply held values in pivotal decisions, policies, and ocean-planning processes. These values, linked closely to accrued knowledge, are crucial yet often not prioritized. To address this, a suggested approach involves pinpointing and categorizing these values to construct action plans that specifically address key concerns. Despite a sense of futility in affecting change, there was recognition that control is not entirely absent; instances like NHCFA's consistent and continuing involvement in offshore wind siting have yielded relatively positive outcomes. This acknowledgment underscores that industry engagement can generate progress, even if it might not meet the desired pace or level of acceptability. Outcomes from the conversation are below.

Next steps:

We have invited the Responsible Offshore Development Alliance (RODA) and NOAA Fisheries to the <u>next</u> Roundtable (Dec. 13, 2023), to seek your input on their <u>Fisheries and Floating Offshore Wind Integrated</u> Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) for the Gulf of Maine. This is an opportunity to insert your accrued knowledge, values, and associated concerns into an ongoing process, and generate progress towards preserving what you value.

In 2024 Roundtables, we would like to build on these discussions by communally prioritizing ideas to work towards an action plan that addresses key concerns.

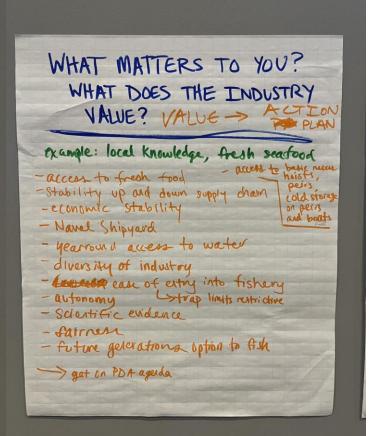
Nov. 29 exercise outcomes:

Value	does the industry value? Sub-value	Example
Basic functional	Ability to physically access ocean	Functional boat ramps, piers
infrastructure	Ability to process seafood	cold storage on piers; cold storage on boats; hoists
Autonomy	Freedom to fish	,
	Freedom from surveillance	
	Space to fish	
	Ability to become owner-operator	
Cultural connection	Continuance of heritage	
	Emotional connection to ocean	
	Multi-generational knowledge	
	Ecological knowledge	
	Spatial connection	
Food security	Food affordability	
	Access to fresh seafood	
	Local food sources	
Healthy marine ecosystem	Healthy non-fished species	whales; marine birds
	Intact habitats and conditions	
	Sustainability of commercial species	
Capability to effect change	Having fishermen's knowledge valued	
. , ,	Being understood	
	Scientific evidence	
Stability of fisheries and	Affordability	Cost of fuel; cost of bait
markets	Continuity of fleet and fisheries into the future	
	Community support	
	Opportunity for future generations	
Industry diversity	Decentralized quota allocation	
	Small boat fishery, lobster fishery	

Action	Possible Action	Value impacted
Category		
Prioritization	Create an action plan with prioritized actions, and track how/when the action plan is implemented	
Infrastructure	Get on Pease Development Authority agenda (PDA has advisory role for the New Hampshire Port Authority)	Basic functional infrastructure; capability to effect change; stability of

		fisheries & markets; autonomy; food
	Survey/Map of fishing infrastructure &	security Basic Functional Infrastructure;
	infrastructure needs (survey three state facilities and coop)	capability to effect change; stability of fisheries & markets; autonomy; food security
	Compile information on different funding sources to address infrastructure needs (e.g., ARPA, IRA, BIL, https://www.maritime.dot.gov/PIDPgrants)	Basic Functional Infrastructure; capability to effect change; stability of fisheries & markets; autonomy; food security
Collaborative	Advocate for more research from F&G and	Scientific evidence; capability to effect
Research	collaborative research with industry,	change
	Collect data on fishery to inform offshore wind	Scientific evidence; capability to effect
	compensatory mitigation (what data would be useful and doable?)	change; fairness
	Make CCOM aware of seafloor mapping	capability to effect change; healthy
	priorities	marine ecosystem
	Learn about cooperative research that the	capability to effect change; healthy
	Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation does	marine ecosystem
Advocacy	Learn mechanisms for introducing legislation, or	Capability to effect change;
	have the Marine Advisory Committee convene	community support
	all the legislators so they are aware of industry needs	
	Work with F&G and Marine Advisory	Stability of fisheries & markets;
	Committee to advocate for dredging to not	capability to effect change
	happen during spawning	
	"Virtual project" for where the fishing industry	capability to effect change; healthy
	would put a transmission cable, like the UK	marine ecosystem
	example	

WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? TO THE INDUSTRY? Example: local knowledge; fresh scafed - Working water fronts - continuity - Space to fish organisms - truth - decentralized - functional allocation (constitutions) - truth - decentralized - functional allocation (constitutions) - truth - decentralized - functional allocation (constitutions) - ecological knowledge good infrastructure - presidence - mall boat fishery + lobster fishery - stability into fiture - autonomy - local seafood - fisher men's voice, generational knowledge - affordability - freedom to fish / from surveillance



POSSIBLE ACTIONS -Get on PDA agenda (advison) -> introlly or point of fishing intrastructure + needle - Survey of fishing intrastructure + needle - Janice (3 stake facilities - go after ARPA & + (coop) - look for different & sources - advocate & diverging to not happen - during spamming = F166 - reasonant man Adv comm - more research who fishery - collaborative research of sishery - figure out how to maneuer legislation. - Input to complexisations - collect data on fishery to inform - collect data on fishery to inform