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