American Lobster Technical Committee Workshop
May 14-17, 2018
University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography
218 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, Rhode Island

Monday, May 14, 2018

Welcome	1:00 p.m.

Heidi Henninger (in person)   1:00 p.m.
- Update on offshore tagging program

Researcher #1: Jeff Shields (in person)   2:00 p.m.
- Mismatch between molting phenology and epizootic shell disease; estimated progression rates of shell disease

Kisei Tanaka (in person)   3:30 p.m.
- Update on UME model development

Adjourn   5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Ventless Trap Survey Data   9:00 a.m.
- Review data mining task to understand what protocol differences, if any, are significant; investigate optimal sampling for VTS and any effects of going to 3-ventless traps per trawl in Maine

Researcher #2: Flynn Casey and Jim Churchill (in person)   10:30 a.m.
- Larval connectivity between Georges Bank and Mass. Bay/LCMA2

Lunch Break   12:00 p.m.

Researcher #3: Rick Wahle, Carl Huntsberger, Dr. Kilada (webinar)   1:00 p.m.
- Lobster aging techniques
- Webinar: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/749793373
- Telephone: 1-888-394-8197, passcode: 499811

Researcher #4: Arnault LeBris (webinar)   3:00 p.m.
- Climate vulnerability and resilience
- Webinar: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/749793373
- Telephone: 1-888-394-8197, passcode: 499811

Adjourn   5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Josh Carloni   9:00 a.m.
- Update on Seabrook larval data

Review Model Input and Indicator Data   9:30 a.m.
- Fishery Dependent Data
  - Landings data
  - Sea/port sampling (states, NEFOP, CFRF)
  - Gap-filling and potential changes, length compositions, sex-specific landings
  - Other Fishery Performance Indicators
  - Discard data (scallop fishery project?)
- Fishery Independent Data
  - Trawl surveys
  - Settlement/YOY surveys

Lunch   12:30 p.m.

Summarize new life history information (including stock structure)   1:30 p.m.

Public Data Submissions   3:00 p.m.

Data Needs for Environmental Drivers/Indicators and Habitat TOR   3:30 p.m.
- What environmental indicators is the TC interested in exploring?
- How does the TC envision presenting the environmental indicators?
- Discuss potential approaches for addressing habitat TOR
- What data is required?

Remaining Data Needs   4:30 p.m.

Adjourn   5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Discussion Potential Changes to Assessment Model   9:00 a.m.
- Minimum size of lobster modeled, dome-shaped selectivity of offshore traps, reference biomass vs. reference abundance reference point

Discuss Plans for Model Runs through 2017/Task List   11:00 a.m.

Review Analysis for Draft Addendum XXVII   12:00 p.m.

Adjourn   1:00 p.m.