

Marine Fisheries Management: What We Need to Know

A Roundtable Discussion Sponsored by The Heinz Center

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Room 2318 Rayburn House Office Building

Ecosystem-based management of fisheries has broad support from many in Congress, the Pew Ocean Commission, the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, and the Bush Administration, but do we have the information we need to meet this challenge? Join us for a discussion of the nature and scale of what we need to know to implement ecosystem-based approaches to fisheries management.

AGENDA

Introductory Remarks (10 minutes)

Sherwood Boehlert, Chairman, House Science Committee

Thomas Lovejoy, President, The H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment

Speakers (45 minutes)

Margaret Spring, Democratic Senior Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation

National/regional information collection and integration to strengthen the role of science in fisheries management.

Gregg Waugh, Deputy Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

Information needs for managing regional fisheries on an ecosystem rather than single-species basis.

Doug Rader, Principal Scientist for Oceans and Estuaries, Environmental Defense

Building a science-based framework for protecting and restoring fish habitat and re-building productive fisheries.

Gil Sylvia, Resource Economist and Superintendent, Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station

Engaging fishermen, managers and scientists in developing a real-time salmon monitoring system.

Roundtable Discussion (60 minutes)

Moderator: **John Boreman**, Director, Office of Science and Technology,
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service

Join Congressional and agency staff, fisheries and coastal managers, and representatives from marine conservation, fishing and other organizations to identify how data can be collected and delivered to improve fisheries management decisions.

Closing Comments (5 minutes)

Robin O'Malley, Program Director, *State of the Nation's Ecosystems* Project, The Heinz Center

Reception Immediately Following – Room 2325 Rayburn

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