

Using Standardized Assessments to Evaluate Harvest Regulations: Advancing Science-based Fisheries Management

Why have this symposium? Harvest regulation (i.e., minimum length limits, daily bag limits) use by agencies is ubiquitous. However, how agencies and research staff evaluate the effectiveness of regulations is less well known. Data which result from standardized assessments likely provide direct ways to assess outcomes of regulations. Here, we seek to provide a forum to:

- Summarize what is known about the effectiveness of harvest regulations across a wide variety of aquatic ecosystems;
- Share information on regulations evaluated, data collected, identified data gaps, and data sharing needs; and,
- Address how data from standardized assessments inform regulation evaluations and effective fishery management.

Who should submit their abstract to this symposium? All agency managers and/or research scientists that evaluate the effectiveness of regulations and collect standardized data from which they manage should consider submitting to this symposium. Presentations of particular use would address:

- Descriptions of state agency approaches to regulations and regulation evaluations, including indications of the data needed to evaluate;
- Descriptions of the use of standardized assessments to evaluate regulations; and,
- Considerations of how much data (e.g., how many years, how many generations) is needed to evaluate a regulation.

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