



Speaker and Panelist Biographies



Edward Backus, Vice President – Fisheries at Ecotrust, oversees the Community Fisheries program which includes marine and salmon initiatives from Alaska to California. He is founder and chair of the North Pacific Fisheries Trust, a community fisheries quota revolving loan fund, an Ecotrust subsidiary. Ed is co-organizer of the Community Fisheries Network, an emerging national peer group of locally based fisheries organizations working on stewardship innovation. He is past-chair of the board at the Prince William Sound Science Center (AK), a board member of the Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust, and a conservation committee member of the Sea Change Investment Fund. He was born and raised in a marine science family in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and fished commercially out of Nantucket in the early 1980's.



Rachel Baker, Supervisory Fishery Management Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Alaska Region develops and implements fishery management regulations for federally managed fisheries off Alaska, including groundfish, crab, and Pacific halibut fisheries, in accordance with federal and state laws. Rachel currently supervises the Catch Share and Allocation Branch for the Sustainable Fisheries Division in the Alaska Region, which focuses on fishery management plan and regulatory amendments for Alaska's catch share programs. Rachel has been with the Alaska Region since 2008 and has worked primarily with the halibut and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands crab and groundfish fisheries. Previously, Rachel was a Fisheries Analyst with New Zealand Ministry of Fisheries and an Economist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.



Kelly Denit, is a fishery management specialist in the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS. The current focus of her responsibilities is to coordinate implementation of NOAA's catch share policy among NMFS regional and science center staff, NMFS headquarters staff, NMFS leadership, NOAA leadership, other Federal agencies, Fishery Management Councils, and our external stakeholders. As part of this position, Kelly is responsible for evaluating and assessing current, short-range, and long-range policy and budget issues with respect to catch shares. Prior to her current position she served as a senior policy advisor on fisheries issues to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere/NOAA Administrator and a policy advisor in the Office of International Affairs where she worked on various international fisheries topics such as the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. She has a B.S. in Ecology from Yale University and an M.S. in Biological Oceanography from the University of Miami.



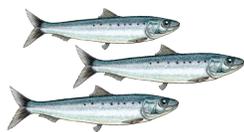
Elizabeth "Libby" Etrie, Program Director for the Northeast Sector Service Network (NESSN), coordinates and facilitates various operational and organizational needs to foster an efficient and economically viable sector management system for member Northeast Groundfish Sectors. Previously, she worked as a coordinator with the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, where she provided technical developmental assistance to participants in the New England multispecies groundfish fishery who were actively organizing sector options for their membership as the New England Fishery Management Council developed the new management policy.



Jamie Goen is a federal fisheries manager for the groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California. She has worked for the NMFS for over 10 years and has been involved with implementation of several individual fishing quota (IFQ) programs on both coasts, including the West coast groundfish sablefish permit stacking program, the West coast groundfish trawl rationalization program, and the New England scallop IFQ program. Jamie enjoys collaborating with the fishing industry to maintain sustainable fisheries and values the use of fisherman's knowledge in the management of those fisheries. She holds degrees from the University of Washington and the University of Miami.



Mark Grant, Sector Policy Analyst at the NMFS Northeast Regional Office in Gloucester, Massachusetts, began working on Northeast multispecies (groundfish) sectors in 2006 when there were two small sectors allocated a single stock. From 2008 to 2010, Mark led the implementation effort for the expansion of groundfish sectors that became effective May 1, 2010. This two year process involved direct collaboration with groundfish industry members, industry groups, and other support organizations to cooperatively map out how to practically implement the shift from a system of input controls (trip limits and days-at-sea) to a more flexible system based on allocating quotas to voluntary groups of fishermen in exchange for responsibility on the part of the fishermen. Since 2010 Mark has continued to collaborate with industry on problem solving and improvements to the operation of the sector system.



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Mark Helvey is the Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries with the Southwest Regional Office (SWRO) of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service. He received a M.S. degree in Marine Sciences from the University of Arizona, and a M.B.A. from California State University, Long Beach. In his current position, he is involved in domestic and international fishery issues as they relate to highly migratory and coastal pelagic species. Mr. Helvey represents the SWRO at the Pacific Fishery Management Council. His present interests revolve around seeking sustainable fishing opportunities for U.S. West Coast fishermen.



Linda Kozak, a lifelong Alaskan, grew up in Bristol Bay and fished commercially for salmon from a very young age. She has resided in Kodiak for 35 years and began working as a fisheries consultant in 1987 for Kodiak hook-and-line fishermen fishing for halibut, sablefish and Pacific cod. This expanded into working with Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) crab fishermen by the early 1990's. Currently Kozak provides consulting services for several groups and individuals involved in the fixed gear fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska and the BSAI. Her harvester clients are involved in the halibut/sablefish IFQ fishery, the BSAI Pacific cod freezer longline cooperatives, and the primary BSAI crab rationalization fisheries for golden king crab, Bristol Bay red king crab and opilio/snow crab. She has actively worked on the development of several catch share programs and regularly attends the meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and Alaska Board of Fisheries, as well as other science and regulatory meetings.



Joshua Lindsay, is a Fishery Policy Analyst at NMFS's Southwest Regional Office in the Sustainable Fisheries Division. He has been the lead policy analyst for the coastal pelagic fisheries (i.e. sardine, anchovy, mackerel) off California, Oregon, and Washington since 2005. He also is involved in the examination and development of approaches towards ecosystem-based fisheries management and is a member of NOAA's West Coast Integrated Ecosystem Assessment team and the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Ecosystem Plan Development Team. He holds degrees from the University of California, Santa Barbara and California State University Northridge where he studied marine and fish ecology.



Michele Longo Eder is an attorney from Newport, Oregon. She is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University (B.A. 1976) and the Lewis and Clark Law School (J.D. 1979). With her husband, commercial fisherman Bob Eder, she owns the F/V Timmy Boy. Bob has fished Dungeness crab and sablefish with pots for more than 30 years. Michele worked with commercial fishermen on the West Coast in support of the sablefish fixed gear limited entry program. She has served on the North Pacific Research Board, the U.S. Arctic Research Commission and is currently a member of the Groundfish Allocation Committee of the Pacific Fishery Management Council. In 2012, Michele was appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to serve on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). She is also the author of *Salt in Our Blood: The Memoir of a Fisherman's Wife*.



Jessica Stephen, Fisheries Biologist at NMFS's Southeast Regional Office, works in the Limited Access Privilege Program branch. Prior to working for NMFS, Jessica gained over 10 years of experience in offshore fishery-independent research with the state of South Carolina and the Marine Resources Monitoring, Assessment, and Prediction (MARMAP) program. She has extensive knowledge of fishery populations, life-history analysis, stock assessments analysis, and fishery management. She recently completed her Ph.D. in Marine Science at the University of South Carolina, where she explored the effects of minimum size regulations on exploited fish populations.



Bill Tucker is a commercial reef fish fisherman in the Gulf of Mexico. He serves on several Advisory Panels to the Gulf Council, and is the Secretary of the Gulf of Mexico Shareholders Alliance, a fishing industry association. He helped to design both the Red Snapper and the Grouper/Tilefish IFQs in the Gulf.