

Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel Working Group Meeting

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

10:00 - 11:00 AM

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Attendees: Kathryn Ford, Jason Didden, Jim Gartland, Dustin Gregg, Andy Jones, Anna Mercer, Chris Parkins, Dan Salerno, Dustin Gregg, Mike Pol, Phil Politis, Bobby Ruhle, Tim Miller

The Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP) Working group met via webinar to review the restrictor rope study and plans for the upcoming field season.

Overview of what has been accomplished and what's next:

- Jim Gartland presentation of slides
- Described completed tasks
- Can use the sampling permits for NEAMAP
- Data acquisition - using NEAMAP "FEED" app - it's good to go (Fisheries Environment for Electronic Data)
- Sampling timing - after spring NEAMAP
- Staff - all set between VIMS and NEFSC, Mike Pol and Chris Parkins also volunteered
- More details on FEED and data acquisition
- Data auditing plan - data expected to NEFSC by mid-late June
- Data analysis - done by CRB
- In June/July - review data handling process and determine if any changes are needed

Next steps:

- After fishing and prior to the July NTAP meeting, NEFSC and VIMS staff will meet to discuss data analysis.
- Discussion of logistics/housekeeping; most planning being done by email/direct communication with cruise participants

Questions/comments:

- Have the stations been fished before? Most if not all. Link to [restrictor random station selection](#) with cell fished data.
- Overnight legs for the western stations? Yes.
- Will training on FEED be needed? No, it can be learned en route to the first station of the day.
- If you must scrap a tow what happens? Back up station selection process.

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