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Fishing Communities Discussion Meeting Agenda June 21, 2017, 3:00 – 6:00 pm

**Howonquet Community Center
101 Indian Court, Smith River**

Meeting Goals

- Opportunity for Commission staff to learn from coastal communities about their perspectives on observed changes in ocean ecosystems, marine resources and related harvest opportunities
- Discuss ideas for building stronger, more resilient coastal communities in the face of change
- Identify process for next steps, if any

I. Welcome, Background, and Goals

- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Background of Commission fishing communities discussion
- 3) Identify meeting goals

II. In-Depth Discussion and Dialogue

A) Current Concerns - Local Status Updates

- 1) What are the changes in your fishing community that have affected community productivity?
 - Salmon/other fishery issues
 - Oceanographic changes
 - Access
 - Other
- 2) What localized efforts have happened to promote your fishing community, if any? How can these efforts be supported (by FGC, DFW, other agencies)?

B) Future Vision for Ports & Fisheries

- 1) What is your vision for what your port should look like in the next 5-10 years?
What is in the way of accomplishing that vision?
- 2) What aspects of management influence your ability to be adaptable or flexible in your fisheries?

C) Actions Moving Forward

- 1) How can your fishing community directly move forward to promote opportunities for development?
- 2) How can the Commission support these efforts?

III. Next Steps and Wrap-up

- 1) Meeting recap and follow up questions from participants
- 2) Explore possible next steps
- 3) Meeting close and adjournment

Thank you for participating!