

Leadership for Fisheries Management

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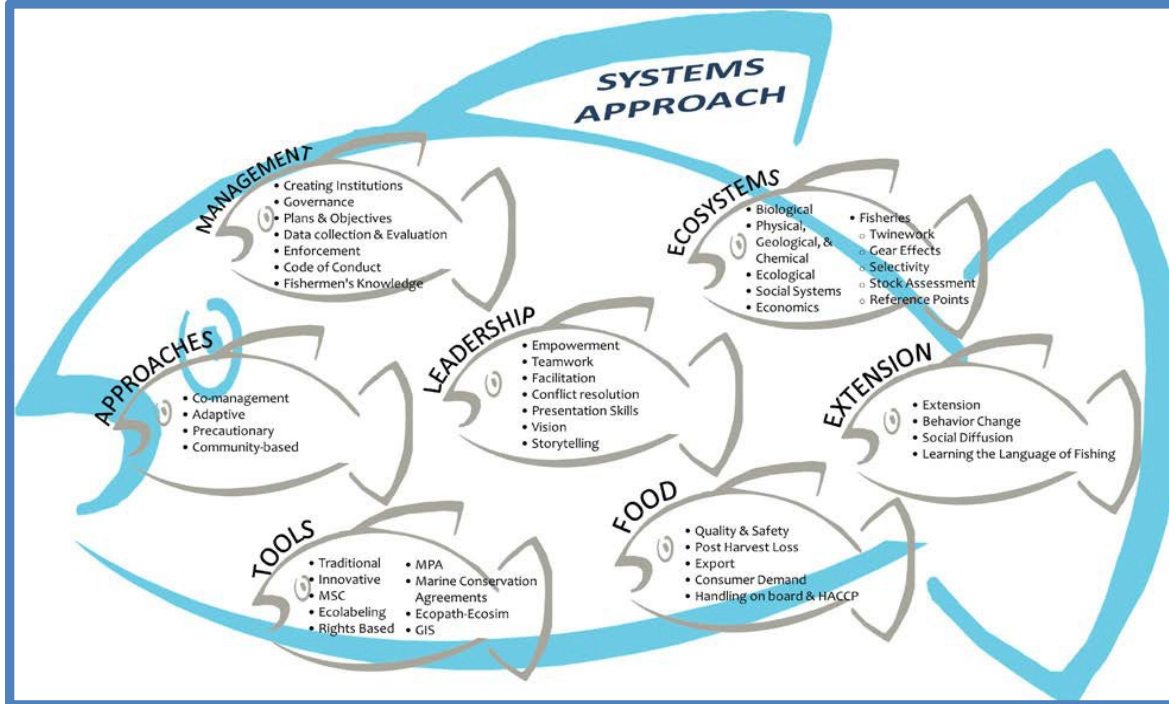
This is a three-week intensive program for people working toward the management of more ecologically sustainable, economically strong and resilient fisheries.

The application of an ecosystem-based approach and a whole systems view to fisheries management is the overarching themes of this leadership development experience. The participants will explore new and innovative concepts in fisheries management that draw lessons from case studies around the world and from the United States. Subject matter covered includes:

- Building successful co-management institutions and implementation strategies
- Developing management plans with clear management objectives and target reference points and directions to address fishing overcapacity and to rebuild overfished stocks
- Using fish stock assessments in data poor contexts and local knowledge in planning and decision making
- Applying innovative approaches and tools including harvest controls, managed access, and MPAs
- Promoting effective regulatory compliance strategies including smart enforcement
- Improving value chains and eco-labeling strategies
- Designing models of extension with an emphasis on behavior change and diffusion of change including adoption of technological innovations in gear design to reduce by-catch and habitat damage
- Practicing empowerment and leadership

The course uses a range of methods including lectures, field exercises, small group work, simulations and case studies to create a robust interactive and dynamic environment to learn new insights and skills for managing fisheries more sustainably. The course stresses leadership development, focusing on transformational change at the individual through societal levels. Team building is a theme woven throughout each day and a major benefit of the three week experience. As the course takes place in New England, US experience and cases in fisheries co-management at the local (state) and national (interstate and federally managed waters via regional councils) level are explored. Participants

develop individual action plans for how course learning can be applied in their jobs on return home.



This course is for individuals who are actively engaged in fisheries management or for individuals whose work is increasingly affected by the issues of overfishing, biodiversity losses, ecosystem changes, food security and poverty. It provides valuable feedback from peers and faculty to improve leadership skills. This is a rare opportunity for reflection and networking with leading fisheries science and management practitioners. Participants become part of a network of fisheries professionals that are using these approaches in their respective countries. Basic proficiency in English is required.

Venue and Fees

The course takes place at the University of Rhode Island (URI) Fisheries Center. URI is a 2-hour drive from Boston, 3 hours from New York City and is accessible by train and bus service. The registration fee for this course is USD \$6,500 which covers the cost of tuition, housing in dormitory facilities, course lunches and breaks and special dinner arrangements, field trips, reading materials, special events, and limited health and accident insurance (if needed). Fees do not cover personal expenses, breakfasts and dinners or the cost of travel to and from Rhode Island. A non-refundable deposit of USD \$500 is due by May 15, 2013 to hold your place.

For organizations funding two or more participants discounted registration fees are available at \$5500.00 per participant.

For application and more information, please contact:

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