

FIP Annual Meeting Agenda
Boston Waterfront Weston / Alcott Room
Snapper/ Grouper
Sponsor; Intan Seafood
Saturday March 10, 2018
10:30AM – 12:30 PM

Review 2018 work plan

Supply Chain changes – Lenny Danuseptro

Review 2018 budget

Budget passed unanimously

Discuss uploading of FIP to Fisheriesprogress.org – Kristen Sherwood/Fish Choice

Benefits/Liabilities

Benefits are one stop shopping for market place as well as common platform.

Liabilities are that FP has imposed too many rules to standardize format stifling creativity at least on the industry drive FIPs

Technical assistance

FA very accommodating in providing technical assistance for completing upload info

Update on NOAA Trusted Partners ProgrSIMP.am – Erin Taylor / FishWise

Much interest in joining Trusted Partner Program. One FIP participant cautioned against the difficulty SIMP of auditing. Discussion followed about cost of doing business in US and increasing costs of market demands: FIPs, social audits, social impact, etc.

Other:

One participant worked with NOAA to test SIMP audit trail. Many demands and many gaps in information. Potentially adding a whole new layer of admin.

Discussion topics:

Where are FIPs going?

FIPs are finally breaking out of data collection and diversifying into other areas that drive responsible fishing. A positive change

Are they useful as a market tool?

Consensus was that FIPs are good in terms of pushing fisheries to be more responsible. Not clear on how important FIPs are to merchants. No statistical data available.

What is the end game for FIPs?

Discussion about stock assessment MSC cert and the applicability for boutique fisheries. Consensus was that CBFM should be the end game for FIPs and not MSC cert.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40