

**AGENDA**

Meeting: International Commercial Fishing PFD Working Group  
 Attendees: List of Attendees in Zoom Invitation  
 Date: Wednesday, September 6: 11-12 ET  
 Time: 11:00am-12:00pm ET  
 Location: Zoom

<i>Discussion Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Time</i>
- <i>Welcome</i>	Jennifer Lincoln	5 min
- <i>General Updates</i>	Jennifer Lincoln	5 min
- <i>Overview of IFISH6</i>	Julie Sorensen	5 min
- <i>IFISH 6 Discussion</i>	Open Discussion	40 min
	<p>We are submitting a nonspecific abstract for panel on lifejacket and PFD adoption in the fishing industry; and we want this to be a collective effort. During this meeting, we are looking for input on who and what we are going to feature in the panel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What would be the objectives?</li> <li>• What stories do we want to tell?</li> <li>• What research do we want to share?</li> <li>• Who should be on the panel?</li> <li>• How should we structure the discussion?</li> </ul>	
- <i>Next Steps</i>	Julie and Jennifer	5 min

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International Fishing Industry Safety & Health conference (IFISH)

<https://ifishconference.ca/>

*Description*

IFISH is the only international conference dedicated to fishing, aquaculture, and seafood processing health and safety. Since 2000, IFISH has offered researchers, safety, and health professionals, instructors, workers and industry experts, ergonomists, governmental and regulatory representatives, and other professionals the opportunity to attend keynote lectures, workshops, presentations, and poster sessions that feature new occupational health and safety research findings and innovations.

IFISH6 to take place January 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Rome, Italy.

The IFISH Planning Committee is pleased to call for abstracts and sessions for IFISH6. The call for Submissions can be found here: [https://ifishconference.ca/ifish6-call for submissions/](https://ifishconference.ca/ifish6-call-for-submissions/).

The deadline for submissions is August 31<sup>st</sup>.

We plan to submit a nonspecific abstract for panel on lifejacket and PFD adoption in the fishing industry.

During this talk, we will open the discussion to all of you to develop specifics of who and what we are going to feature in the panel. Please come prepared with questions and feedback!

**About the International Commercial Fishing PFD Working Group**

In 2018, researchers from around the world assembled in St. John's, Newfoundland to attend IFISH5 [The International Fishing Industry Safety and Health Conference], the only international conference dedicated to fishing, aquaculture, and seafood processing occupational health and safety. The conference was organized by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Memorial University and the Northeast Center (NEC) and offered participants from many backgrounds and disciplines an opportunity to attend keynote lectures, workshops, presentations, and poster sessions on commercial fishing safety research.

During the 2018 conference, the Northeast Center partnered with national and international commercial fishing safety researchers to organize a panel discussion entitled "Changing Commercial Fishing Personal Flotation Use Behavior: what can we learn from efforts to address the most important safety technology adoption challenge of our time?". The panel was well attended and safety researchers who participated strongly advocated for keeping the conversation and collaboration going. The NEC agreed to organize an international work group of commercial fishing researchers interested in the topic of lifejacket use and since then the number of attendees has grown considerably. The group includes over 100 international researchers, safety trainers, and interested parties.

The group meets quarterly with a virtual platform, to build connections with other researchers, share resources, and further collaborations among individuals, organizations and countries seeking to increase PFD use in commercial fishing. Recordings of recent presentations may be found on the IFISH website:

<https://ifishconference.ca/pfd-work-group/>

Anyone interested in learning more about this international group of commercial fishing safety researchers should contact [Kimberly.Gertz@bassett.org](mailto:Kimberly.Gertz@bassett.org).



*Upcoming Meetings 2023*

- Wednesday, December 6: 11-12 ET

*Upcoming Meetings 2024*

- Wednesday, March 6: 11-12 ET
- Wednesday, June 5: 11-12 ET

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