

AGENDA

Meeting: International Commercial Fishing PFD Working Group
 Attendees: List of Attendees on Meeting Invite
 Date: Wednesday, March 6th, 2024
 Time: 11:00am-12:00pm ET
 Location: Teams

DISCUSSION TOPIC	PRESENTER	TIME
- <i>WELCOME</i>	<i>Julie Sorensen</i>	5
- <i>GENERAL UPDATES</i>	<i>Jennifer Lincoln</i>	5
- <i>SAFETY IN DANISH SMALL-SCALE FISHING</i>	<i>Jeppe Guldager Tang</i>	25
- <i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>Open Discussion</i>	20
- <i>NEXT STEPS</i>	<i>Kim Gertz</i>	5

Title

Safety in Danish small-scale fishing

Description

Review of the work of the Fishermen’s Occupational Health Services for safer fishing in small-scale fishing vessels mainly one-man operated vessels in Denmark.

Bios

Jeppe Guldager Tang is a 38-year-old that holds a Master and Chief engineers licenses’ and a Bachelor degree in Maritime Transport and Ship Management from Svendborg International Maritime Academy Center (SIMAC). He has 20 years of seagoing experience, and a big passion for ship maneuvering, maritime safety, and the working environment onboard. He was the Safety training coordinator and instructor for his last company and responsible for the development and implementation of "Know Your Ferry", courses both for Officers and catering crew. He was a developer and instructor of internal STCW refresher courses in (life boats, MOB and FRB boats) as well as basic maritime safety courses, and a responsible instructor for MES training and equipment. In 2022, he had the need to go ashore and found a job as a Safety Training Instructor at RelyOnNutec in Esbjerg. Here he has taught Maritime Safety in regard to the STCW, GWO and OPITO standards.

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

Upcoming Meetings 2024

- Wednesday, June 5th, 2024: 11-12 ET
- Wednesday, September 4th, 2024: 11-12 ET
- Wednesday, December 4th, 2024: 11-12 ET