

AGENDA

Meeting: International Commercial Fishing PFD Working Group
 Attendees: List of Attendees on Meeting Invite
 Date: Wednesday, September 4th, 2024
 Time: 11:00am-12:00pm ET
 Location: <https://bassett.zoom.us/j/98355822953?pwd=m0qQyvr78s9EVmohK3Mhsf9NVDAm3Z.1>

DISCUSSION TOPIC	PRESENTER	TIME
- WELCOME/GENERAL UPDATES	Kim Gertz	10
- HOMING IN ON AN EFFECTIVE PFD REBATE PLAN	Dan Orchard, John Roberts, Russell Kingman	25
- DISCUSSION	Open Discussion	20
- NEXT STEPS	Kim Gertz	5

Title

“Fishing Partnership: Homing in on an effective PFD rebate plan, an update since iFISH6”

Description

The homing in has occurred though a shift from a 50% rebate at any time to adding a 100% rebate incorporating both immediacy and expiration during our On-Board Drill Conductor training.

Bios

Dan Orchard

Executive Vice President

In my position, I work with leaders in the fishing community to explore more ways to improve the health, safety, and economic security of commercial fishermen, their families, and their communities. The best part of my job is seeing the appreciation fishermen have for the programs and services delivered by our dedicated Navigators and Safety Instructors.

- Commercial Fisherman
- Lumper
- Safety and Survival Instructor
- Retired Commander, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve
- Attorney

John Roberts

Director of Safety Training

In my position, I lead the planning and execution of training courses from Maine to North Carolina, including Safety and Survival, Drill Conductor Certification, Fishing Vessel Stability, Marine Safety Instructor Training, and First Aid/CPR/AED. I am inspired by the safety team and their passion for assisting fishermen in our communities.

- Emergency Medical Technician
- First Aid Instructor
- Marine Safety Instructor Trainer
- Safety and Survival Instructor
- Retired Chief Warrant Officer 4, U.S. Coast Guard

Russell Kingman

Instructor Development Coordinator

In my position, I work as the Lead Safety and Survival Instructor, and I work with our incredible team of seasoned and dedicated instructors to develop and foster the next generation of marine safety instructors. This is an amazing team, bringing passion and professionalism to this very important training. What we do saves fishermen's lives

- Commercial Lobsterman
- Commercial Inshore Weir Fisherman and Clammer
- First Aid Instructor
- Safety and Survival Instructor
- Wilderness First Responder

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, 2025

- Wednesday, December 4th, 2024: 11-12 ET
- Wednesday, March 5th, 2025: 11-12 ET
- Wednesday, June 4th, 2025: 11-12 ET