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A public workshop on:

Social and Economic Performance Measures and Research Objectives for Catch Share Programs

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Urban Forestry Center
45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801

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NOAA Fisheries has made a commitment to increasing the number of fisheries managed under catch share systems. A variety of new catch share management programs are being considered for and implemented in a number of fisheries in the Northeast Region and elsewhere in the United States. Most prominently, Amendment 16 of the Northeast Multispecies Fisheries Management Plan has approved operations for 19 group quota (Sector) allocations beginning in fishing year 2010.

Given the significance of this management paradigm shift, and its potential implications for social, cultural and economic systems associated with regional fisheries, the Social Science Branch of the Northeast Fisheries Science Center is engaging in a process to define a Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and associated research agenda. The purpose of the evaluation plan is to provide information to fisheries managers and fisheries participants relevant to the design of future catch share programs and modifications to existing programs. Elements of the draft plan will be presented and feedback solicited.

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