

**Annotated Agenda**  
*MAFAC Meeting – Portland, OR*  
*June 26-27, 2018*

- 1. Title of Discussion:**        **2018 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit**
- 2. Presenter:**                **Russ Dunn**, National Policy Advisory for Recreational Fisheries  
**Tim Sartwell**, Recreational Fishery Management Specialist

**3. Objective/Purpose (Informational & Discussion)**

Provide an overview of the March 2018 National Recreational Fisheries Summit and a discussion of continued focus on engagement with the recreational community

**4. Background/Synopsis**

NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission co-sponsored the 2018 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit on March 28-29, 2018, in Arlington, VA. The 2018 Summit focused on improving opportunity and stability in recreational fisheries. Over 140 attendees, representing diverse regions and perspectives, including anglers, charter boat operators, tackle companies, managers, and research institutions, participated in the Summit. NOAA Fisheries, ASMFC, and a steering committee of 10 recreational fishing constituents from across the country (including MAFAC members Rip Cunningham and Richard Yamada) collaboratively developed the Summit agenda. The four main discussion topics were:

- Innovative Management Alternatives and Approaches
- Socio-Economics in Recreational Fisheries Management
- Angler Engagement in Collaborative Data Collection and Reporting
- Expanding Recreational Fishing Opportunity through Conservation

We continue to consider the discussions from the Summit and are working with the meeting facilitators on a final report. Nevertheless, a number of takeaways were apparent:

1. Continued collaboration and engagement is of interest to the recreational community and needed to build trust in recreational management.
2. Recreational data improvements are essential.
3. Socioeconomic information available to the councils is perceived as not fully adequate.
4. There is a strong desire from the community to pilot test alternative management approaches.
5. Understanding and reducing recreational discard mortality remains a priority.

**5. Discussion to be taken by MAFAC members**

- For Summit participants in the room today, what were your takeaways, including for potential collaborative activities?
- How can NMFS more effectively engage the recreational community at the regional and national levels?
- What opportunities do you see to establish / expand public-private partnerships (education, research, etc.)?