Program Summaries

Saturday, January 31, 1998

- **Seminars for Fishermen** will cover topics ranging from fish lesions and the prospects for the coming year to commercial fishing in other states and implications for fishermen in the mid-Atlantic.

- **Seminars for Aquaculturists** will look at the latest in culturing oysters, soft crabs, tilapia, scallops and new species.

- **Children's Program** will include hands-on activities and prizes for all age groups from young children to high school students. Children can go from one station to the next at their own pace. Children under 12 are free; over 12, the fee is $7 general admission.

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- **Seminars on marketing** will be of interest to everyone, commercial fishermen, aquaculturists and seafood processors.

- **The World of Seafood** will include a number of information booths dealing with seafood quality, nutrition and preparation.
Commercial Fishermen’s Program

10:00 a.m.  New Business Opportunities for Watermen
            Chip Ryther Massachusetts
            Covers several options that might give you a chance to expand your horizons along
            with a discussion of the New England Fishing Industry Grants Program

11:00 a.m.  Fishing Industry Development Programs
            Jim Murray, North Carolina Sea Grant Program
            Examines what the State of North Carolina is doing to help support and develop its
            important commercial fishing industry.

12:00 p.m.  Statistics and Fisheries Management
            Lisa Kline, Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program
            Fisheries data can help or hurt, depending on the collector of that data and the
            user; look at new ways to bring you and others into the process.

1:00 p.m.   Fish Disease: What Happened and What's Next?
            Rob Magnien, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
            Andrew Kane, University of Maryland Department of Pathology
            Covering fish mortality problems that occurred in 1997 with an update on what is
            known and what will be done this year; will include presentation on what lesions
            are and how they affect living things.

2:00 p.m.   Update on QPX Disease
            Lisa Calvo, Virginia Institute of Marine Science
            QPX shellfish disease, which affects clams, is now moving into new areas.
            Presentation will provide a current update and what to expect.

2:30 p.m.   Marine Mammal Protection
            Dave Beutel, University of Rhode Island
            Covering new regulations on marine mammal protection and how it will affect all
            aspects of the commercial industry. Come and join the discussion.

Aquaculture Program

10:00 a.m.  Bringing Back Oysters
            Mark Luckenbach, Virginia Institute of Marine Science
            Bob Pfeiffer, Maryland Oyster Recovery Partnership
            Learn about how the latest methods are working out to restore the oyster industry in
            the Mid Atlantic region and what's in it for you.

11:00 a.m.  Soft Crab Production
            Mike Oesterling, Virginia Institute of Marine Science
            Will cover the latest information on the soft crab industry and the newest system
            designs that can help cut crab mortality and increase profits.

12:00 p.m.  Raising Tilapia
            Steve Hughes, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
            Tilapia production in the U.S. has boomed - presentation will cover how they are
            produced and future prospects.

1:00 p.m.   Scallop Culture
            Mike Oesterling, Virginia Institute of Marine
            An overview of how scallop aquaculture and how it has taken off.

2:00 p.m.   New Species for the Future
            Bill Daniels, Delaware State University
            Discussion will cover new species already in production, those in the research phase
            and promising new ones
Children's Program 12-4 p.m.

Organized by Jackie Takacs and Adam Frederick, Maryland Sea Grant Extension

- **Casting Tournament.** For 7-10 and 11-14 age brackets. Awards will be given to each participant - winners of each age bracket will walk away with a rod and reel. Brought to you by Charles County 4-H Cast-A-Ways Jr. B.A.S.S Club.

- **Fish Printing.** Organized by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Chesapeake Bay Office.

- **Lure Making.** Children will make and take home their own lure. Brought to you by the Charles County 4-H Cast-A-Ways Jr. B.A.S.S Club.

- **Catch and Release.** Sponsored by Rod and Reel Safety, Boater Safety.

- **Biofouling experiments.** Adam Frederick, Maryland Sea Grant Extension.

- **Touchtank.** Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

- **Aquaculture Exhibit.** Designed and built by students at South Carroll High School.

- **Kids Korner.** Arts and crafts for children under six. Organized by Virginia Sea Grant.

- **Film Festival.** Sponsored by Maryland Sea Grant and Virginia Sea Grant.

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**The Focus Is Marketing**

10:00 a.m.  Just What The Heck Do Those People Want?
Bill Sieling, Maryland Department of Agriculture
Linda O'Dierno, New Jersey Department of Agriculture
Examines the factors influencing seafood demand in the marketplace and dealing with marketing during times of crisis.

11:00 a.m.  The Live Food Fish Market
Speakers TBA
Covering the proper handling, demand, and potential for delivering live fish to the expanding markets that are demanding product which is still swimming.

1:00 p.m.  The Market for Iced Seafood
John R. Martin, Martin Fish Company, Ocean City
Lou Goodwin, Goodwin & Sons, Jessup
Looks at how traditional markets are working - dealers discuss the handling and quality effects of seafood on sales and profit.

2:00 p.m.  Other Live Fish Sales Opportunities
David DuChant, Maryland International Marketing
Other speakers TBA
A discussion on innovative ideas, including yours, on marketing seafood.
**Special Spouses Program**

10:00 a.m. The World of Seafood
Organized by Doris Hicks, University of Delaware
Learn about the latest in seafood quality, nutrition and preparation. A series of informative stations that are designed to include you and your knowledge about seafood and the seafood industry too.

Seminar programs are produced in cooperation with the Mid-Atlantic Sea Grant Advisory Programs to educate commercial watermen, aquaculturists and other marine interest on topics having an impact on their lives and businesses. Extension programs are available to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or handicap. Sea Grant is a program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and funds research, education and extension programs in all of our nation's coastal and Great Lakes states. These seminar programs are planned annually with advice and assistance from the Maryland Waterman's Association Board of Directors.