



# NAAFE Forum 2013 Post-Conference Report

## Marine Resource Management under Increasing Complexities and Uncertainties

**NAAFE Forum 2013**, the seventh biennial conference of the North American Association of Fisheries Economics & Trade (NAAFE), was held at Tradewinds Island Grand Resort, St. Petersburg, Florida, USA May 21-24, 2013.

### Organization

The Forum Organizing Committee was led by Sherry Larkin and Chuck Adams of the University of Florida. Sherry Larkin and NAAFE President Juan Carlos Seijo of the Universidad Marista de Merida co-chaired the scientific committee.

### Participation

166 participants from 14 countries (US, Mexico, Canada, Japan, Vietnam, Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Denmark, Germany, Trinidad and Tobago) attended, representing academia, government, industry, and domestic and international agencies.



*Forum co-organizers Chuck Adams (left), and Sherry Larkin (above) welcoming participants.*

## Conference Program

116 individual presentations were made in 19 general sessions, 8 special sessions and 2 plenary sessions.

### Plenary Session Presentations:

- Keynote 1 Presidential Address: Bioeconomics of Ocean Acidification (NAAFE President Juan Carlos Seijo)
- Keynote 2 Plenary Address: Measuring the Impact of Fisheries: Moving Beyond “Overfishing” to Include Economic, Social, and Environmental Consequences (Ray Hilborn, University of Washington)

### Special Session Titles:

- Economics and Harvest Control Rules under the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act
- Characteristics and Performance of Catch Share Markets in U.S. Fisheries
- Social Network Analysis in Fisheries
- Perceptions of Sustainability for Seafood
- The Evolution and Acceptance of Seafood Traceability: An Economic Perspective
- Non-Market Valuation in Fisheries and Aquatic Ecosystem Research
- Landscape Ecology and Economics
- Current Status, Future Prospects: Funding, Employment and Relevance of the Fisheries Economics Profession
- Future of the Fisheries Economics Profession



*Ray Hilborn (University of Washington) delivering keynote talk*



*Panel discussion on the Future of the Fisheries Economics Profession*



*Dr. Juan Carlos Seijo giving the NAAFE Presidential Address*

General Session Titles:

- Consumer Preferences for Seafood Products
- Impacts of Tradable Rights Programs
- Noah's Ark: Accounting for Charismatic Species in Fisheries Models
- Aquaculture Production & Feasibility
- Recreational Anglers: Behavior, Expenditures, and Tradeoffs
- Ecosystem Models that Capture Nutrients, Resource Values or Economic Impacts
- Small-scale Fisheries
- Spatial Modeling
- Climate Change
- Fishing Effort Studies
- Rights-based Management: Evolution and Evaluation
- Consumer and Industry Effects of Environmental Damage
- Bioeconomic Multi-species Models
- Seafood Market Studies
- Bioeconomic and Multi-species Models and Analyses
- Crew and Labor: Safety, Mobility and Payments
- Regulatory Reallocations(e.g., Commercial vs. Recreational)

- Impacts of Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Governance Issues

**Innovations**

NAAFE Forum 2013 saw the development of a new and innovative program which culminated in the development of a new prize competition: the Best Student Presentation. Forum organizers Adams and Larkin hosted an Auction/Raffle during the Forum's Banquet on Thursday, May 23rd. NAAFE members and others donated or solicited a variety of goods to contribute to the auction. Over \$6000 in funds raised provided a \$250 cash award for the Best Student Presentation, funded the publication of the Best Student Paper in Marine Resource Economics (MRE, NAAFE's affiliated journal), provided student subscriptions to the MRE journal and were available to pay publication charges in MRE for other student papers presented at the NAAFE Forum. Our goal in recognizing the Best Student Presentation was to provide guidance on the important attributes of effective presentation of research papers.



*Gunnar Knapp served as auctioneer.*

The contest was open to participation by all individuals currently enrolled in a graduate program (i.e., have not yet completed all requirements for the degree). Two judges attended each presentation.

Presentations were judged on the following criteria:

1. Quality of visual aids
2. Presentation style
3. Time management (i.e., success at covering all aspects of outline)
4. Study is well-motivated and results were well interpreted

## Prizes!

**NAAFE Forum 2013 Best Student Paper Contest**, award (\$500) and associated travel stipend generously supported by US NOAA.

- Winner: Taming the Lionfish, by David Kling, University of California, Davis (Major Professor: James Sanchirico)
- Honorable Mention: Measuring Benefits from a Marketing Cooperative in the Copper River Fishery, by Sunny Jardine, University of California, Davis (Major Professor: James Wilen)



*David Kling receiving Best Student Paper award from Selection Committee Chair Dan Holland*



*Sunny Jardine receiving Honorable Mention in Best Student Paper competition*

**NAAFE Forum 2013 Best Student Presentation Contest**, generously supported by the Marine Resource Economics Foundation, developed by Dr. Sherry Larkin and Dr. Chuck Adams of Florida State University.

- Michelle Savolainen, Louisiana State University, for “Estimating Potential Effects of Seafood Safety and Mercury on the Demand for Domestic and Imported White and Light Meat Tuna” (Major Professor: Rich Kazmierczak)

## Social Events

NAAFE's social events are carefully tailored to maximize interactions and develop collaborative relationships for future research. Events included:

- Welcoming Reception, Tuesday May 21, 5:00-7:00 pm
- Conference Banquet, Thursday evening 6:30 pm, including auction and raffle



*A charity auction held at the Forum Banquet provided proceeds to support the Best Student Presentation Prize and other activities of the Marine Resource Economics journal*

*Gordon Munro and Peder Anderson enjoying the reception*



## Organizational Continuity



*NAAFE current and future Board and staff, l->r: Gil Sylvia (President-Elect to be), Eric Thunberg (President-Elect), Dan Holland, Ann Shriver (Executive Director), Juan Carlos Seijo (President), Hiro Uchida. Not pictured: Diane Dupont (Treasurer) who attended via Skype.*

NAAFE's Board of Directors met the day prior to the conference to set priorities, determine and carry out governance needs, set policies, and select the next Forum organizer and site.

The NAAFE Board accepted a proposal from Keith Criddle, Quentin Fong, and colleagues from the University of Alaska system to host the 2015 Forum in Ketchikan, Alaska.



*Keith Criddle, University of Alaska, was selected as the organizer of NAAFE Forum 2015 Alaska.*