

Introductory Fisheries Science For Stakeholders (IFISSH)



Registration is open for the 2026 Rutgers Cooperative Extension's [Introductory Fisheries Science for Stakeholders \(IFISSH\) Course](#).

The course's objective is to educate stakeholders of New Jersey's commercial and recreational marine fisheries so that they will better understand and make progress on issues impacting these industries, including the science, management, and responsible stewardship of fishery resources.

Please see the reverse for schedule, topics, and confirmed speakers.

Ten classes will meet on **Tuesday evenings (6:30 - 9:00 PM) from February 3 - April 7 via Zoom webinar**. The course is open to all who are interested in learning more about New Jersey's marine fisheries.

Please visit this [online form](#) to register by Friday, January 30, 2026.

Program Fee: \$40.00/person

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(IFISSH) 2026 Course Schedule

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Visit [this link](#) to register and submit program fee (\$40/person) payment by January 30.
Certificates of Completion awarded to those who participate **live** in at least 7 classes.

Class Sessions and Confirmed Speakers

- (1) February 3: Course Introduction and Fisheries Biology**
Dr. Douglas Zemeckis (Rutgers University)
Dr. Sarah Borsetti (Rutgers University)

- (2) February 10: Fisheries Biology**
Dr. Thomas “Motz” Grothues (Rutgers University)
Dr. Douglas Zemeckis (Rutgers University)

- (3) February 17: Estuarine Habitats and Fisheries Oceanography**
Andrew McGowan (Barnegat Bay Partnership)
Dr. Alexander López (Rutgers University)
Samantha Alaimo (Rutgers University)

- (4) February 24: Climate Change Impacts on Fish and Fisheries**
Dr. Joe Caracappa (NOAA Fisheries)
Dr. Douglas Zemeckis (Rutgers University)

- (5) March 3: Fisheries-Independent Data**
Dr. Gregory DeCelles (Ørsted North America)
Gregory Hinks (NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife)
Dr. Douglas Zemeckis (Rutgers University)

- (6) March 10: Fisheries-Dependent Data**
Dr. Richard Cody (NOAA Fisheries)
Dr. Douglas Zemeckis (Rutgers University)
Karl Vilacoba and Jay Odell (Monmouth University)

- (7) March 17: Social and Economic Issues in Fisheries**
Dr. Andrew Scheld (Virginia Institute of Marine Science)
Dr. Robert Murphy (NOAA Fisheries)
Dr. Rebecca Selden (Wellesley College)

- (8) March 24: Introduction to Stock Assessments**
Dr. John Wiedenmann (Rutgers University)
Jenn Gius (Rutgers University)
Dr. Douglas Zemeckis (Rutgers University)

- (9) March 31: Federal and State Fisheries Management**
Brandon Muffley (Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council)
Mike Celestino (NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife)
Mike Auriemma (NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife)

- (10) April 7: Current Events-Highly Migratory Species & Striped Bass**
Dr. Jeff Kneebone (New England Aquarium)
Ben Gahagan and Dr. Micah Dean (MA Division of Marine Fisheries)