

## AGENDA

Meeting: International Commercial Fishing PFD Working Group  
 Attendees: List of Attendees in Zoom Invitation  
 Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022  
 Time: 11:00am-12:00pm ET  
 Location: <https://bassett.zoom.us/j/93671182119?pwd=QWVMRitybnI2dUZFOZWlUXl2aTdTUT09>

<i>Discussion Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Time</i>
- Welcome	Julie Sorensen	5 min
- General Updates	Jennifer Lincoln	5 min
- Update on RNLi Lifejacket Research	Allen Stevens	5 min
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)	Ted Teske	20 min
- Discussion	Open Discussion	20 min
- Next Steps	Julie Sorensen	5 min

*Title*

“Fishing Safety Success Stories: Data Driven, Fishermen Focused”

*Description*

NIOSH is well known for conducting thorough surveillance of workplace injuries and fatalities. NIOSH’s Commercial Fishing Incident Database (CFID) is a database of all commercial fishing fatalities in the United States going back to the year 2000. However, CFID only captures the adverse events, when fatalities and injuries are the outcomes. What about the successes? The cases where injuries and fatalities are avoided through good safety practice by the workers? In 2017 and 2018, NIOSH created the Fishing Safety Success Story video series to capture and highlight these successes. These short videos focus on a single incident in the commercial fishing industry where injury was avoided through adoption or application of a NIOSH-recommended safety practice. This presentation will discuss the background and context of the series as well as the development and execution of the concept to work with members of the commercial fishing industry to tell their success stories.

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*Speaker Bio*

Theodore Teske is a health communication specialist for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Western States Division (WSD). He has worked for NIOSH since 1999 developing practical, relevant interventions for the commercial fishing, mining, oil and gas, and aviation industries. His research is focused on improving the process of bringing NIOSH research into practice, including conducting health communication and research translation projects with focuses on occupational culture, social marketing, and technology transfer. Ted received his BA and MA from Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA.

*Background for Quarterly Call*

**International Commercial Fishing PFD Working Group**

In 2018, researchers from around the world assembled in St. John's, Newfoundland to attend IFISH5 [The International Fishing Industry Safety and Health Conference], the only international conference dedicated to fishing, aquaculture, and seafood processing occupational health and safety. The conference was organized by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Memorial University and the Northeast Center (NEC) and offered participants from many backgrounds and disciplines an opportunity to attend keynote lectures, workshops, presentations, and poster sessions on commercial fishing safety research.

During the 2018 conference, the Northeast Center partnered with national and international commercial fishing safety researchers to organize a panel discussion entitled "Changing Commercial Fishing Personal Flotation Use Behavior: what can we learn from efforts to address the most important safety technology adoption challenge of our time?". The panel was well attended and safety researchers who participated strongly advocated for keeping the conversation and collaboration going. The NEC agreed to organize an international work group of commercial fishing researchers interested in the topic of lifejacket use and since then the number of attendees has grown considerably. The group includes over 100 international researchers, safety trainers, and interested parties.

The group meets quarterly with a virtual platform, to build connections with other researchers, share resources, and further collaborations among individuals, organizations and countries seeking to increase PFD use in commercial fishing. Recordings of recent presentations may be found on the IFISH website: <https://ifishconference.ca/pfd-work-group/>

Anyone interested in learning more about this international group of commercial fishing safety researchers should contact [rebecca.weil@bassett.org](mailto:rebecca.weil@bassett.org).

*Upcoming Meetings 2022*

Wednesday, September 14: 11-12 EDT

Wednesday, December 7: 11-12 EDT

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