**Plan Green Crab Assessment**

**Initial Compilation 1-29-2014**

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It was agreed by this subgroup that the purpose of the event will be a one time assessment of the Green Crab population at selected portions of the Arrowsic coastline.

The assessment will be held on June 21-22, 2014 with a minimum of 9 traps being monitored. The location of the 9 traps will be N Squirrel flat, S Squirrel flat, Crow Island, up Back river where river narrows, off Phil Packard’s wharf, lower Mill island, Preble Pt, Spinneys Mill and Fisher Eddy. The traps will be an overnight set occurring at hi tide on the 21st. Traps will be pulled at hi tide on the 22nd.

We will plan on 3 boats (Burgess, Packard, Hewlett) with a minimum of 2 indivs per boat. One boat will set & pull the Preble Pt, Spinneys Mill & Fisher Eddy traps. One boat will set & pull the Squirrel, Crow Island & lower Back river traps. The final boat will set & pull the Packard wharf & Mill Island traps. Minimum data collected per trap will be time of set, time of pull and # of crabs. If traps are other than lobster traps, size cohorts will be kept. Potentially sampling for sex , etc will be done.

Action Items & next steps:

From 1-29-14 meeting:

**Bill** will investigate insurance needs & be responsible for crab disposal.

**Jon** will be responsible for acquisition of 10 traps and associated bait, bait bags, bouys, rope etc.

**Ruth** will submit proposal for funding.

**Paul** will be responsible for state Application submission, creation of initial budget for Ruth, notes from the 1-29-14 session & compilation of data collected.