

Pound Net Permitting Panel Questions

Panel Purpose: To help the Commercial industry understand the processes, costs, and timeframes associated with securing permits/leases necessary for operating a Pound Net commercially in WA waters.

1. Please describe your agency's role in relation to pound nets, including statutory/regulatory authority, what program within the agency would prospective permittees/lessees be working with, what the objectives are of your agency's nexus with projects like this.
2. Please explain your agency's process for securing a permit/lease for a pound net operated commercially.
3. What are the costs associated with your agency's process?
4. How long does the process of securing a permit/lease take to complete for a new applicant? What about for a returning applicant for the same site? And the returning applicant for a new site?
5. How long is the permit/lease valid?
6. Are there any key stipulations one needs to be aware of to keep a permit active?
7. Do you see any hurdles with renewing the permit/lease in the future?
8. Do you know of any restrictions on site requests (e.g. distance between sites) ?