STUDENT PROPOSAL DEFENSES IN 2013

| STUDENT | DEGREE | ADVISOR | TITLE |
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| Shannon Bayse | PhD | Pingguo He | Observing fish behavior and evaluating gear designs to reduce bycatch of small mesh trawl fisheries in New England |
| Sean Lucey | PhD | Steve Cadrin | Evaluating ecosystem-based management strategies against the current single-stock approach |
| Yunfang Sun | PhD | Changsheng Chen | Long and short-term oceanic response to atmospheric forcing over the Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank and New England Shelf |
| Elissa Ward | PhD | Cynthia Pilskaln | Diatom flux and deposition in the Gulf of Maine: Indicators of seasonal to decadal environmental and production variability |
| Doug Zemeckis | PhD | Steve Cadrin | Spawning behavior, seasonal movements, and population structure of Atlantic cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>) in the Gulf of Maine |

DISSERTATION AND THESIS DEFENSES IN 2013

| STUDENT | DEGREE | ADVISOR | TITLE |
|------------------|--------|------------------|--|
| Camille David | PhD | Brian Howes | Linkages between sea level rise, changes in tidal inlet and wetland response |
| Greg DeCelles | PhD | Steve Cadrin | Seasonal movements, spawning habitats and larval dispersal of winter flounder (<i>Pseudopleuronectes americanus</i>) in the Gulf Of Maine |
| Kazuhiro Hayashi | PhD | Cynthia Pilskaln | Biogeochemical particle flux, resuspension and deposition in the western Gulf of Maine |
| Chang Liu | MS | Geoffrey Cowles | Quantifying connectivity in Buzzards Bay with application to the study of recruitment variability in the bay scallop <i>Argopecten irradians</i> |
| Craig O'Connell | PhD | Pingguo He | The effect of biological and environmental factors on elasmobranch magnetoreception and its application for conservation in beach nets and fishing gears |
| Marco Pedulli | PhD | James Bisagni | Seasonal nitrate drawdown, potential new production and export production for waters off the Western Antarctic Peninsula (WAP) region |

2013 GRADUATING STUDENTS

| STUDENT | DEGREE | ADVISOR | MONTH | TITLE |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------|---|
| David Bethoney | PhD | Kevin Stokesbury | Sept | River herring and American shad at-sea distribution and bycatch in the U.S. Atlantic mid-water trawl fisheries |
| Jason Boucher | PhD | Changsheng Chen | Sept | Modeling the interannual variability in larval retention and survival of haddock, <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> , on Georges Bank |
| Chawalit Charoenpong | MS | Mark Altabet | Sept | A continuous flow IRMS method for high precision determination of dissolved gas ratios and isotopic composition |
| Fiona Hogan | PhD | Steve Cadrin | Jan | Age and growth of multiple species from the northeast U.S. skate complex |
| Jeffrey Kneebone | PhD | Diego Bernal | Jan | Aspects of the fisheries ecology of juvenile sand tiger sharks (<i>Carcharias Taurus</i>) in the western North Atlantic |
| Cate O'Keefe | PhD | Kevin Stokesbury | Sept | An incentive-based, collaborative approach to maximize yield by avoiding yellowtail flounder bycatch in the US sea scallop fishery |
| Derek Perry | MS | Greg Skomal Diego Bernal | | Feeding ecology of the smooth dogfish, <i>Mustelus</i> canis, in Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts |
| Sally Roman | MS | Steve Cadrin | Jan | Testing of modified otter trawl groundgear to reduce the catch of juvenile American plaice |
| Roland Samimy | PhD | Brian Howes | May | Nitrogen attenuation in coastal watersheds: The effect of surface water ecosystems in reducing nitrogen during transport from watershed sources to estuarine receiving waters |
| Sara Samperi | MS | Brian Howes | Jan | Effects of nutrient enrichment on estuarine benthic communities in southeastern Massachusetts |
| Kaitlynn Shaw | MS | Brian Howes | May | Macroalgal composition and accumulation in New England estuaries |
| Katherine Thompson | MS | Kevin Stokesbury | May | The Atlantic sea scallop (<i>Placopecten magellanicus</i>) reproductive cycle in Closed Areas I and II on Georges Bank |