

Turkeyfish:

WHAT WORKS, WHAT DOESN'T?

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What's Worked?

REMOVALS

Organized events (derbies, tournaments, challenges)

- \$\$\$ for most, largest and smallest
- Samples for science community
- Stimulate seafood market
- Boost outreach and education
- Social networking



What's Worked?

SEAFOOD MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Consumptive Conservation

- High quality fish
- Alternative to native fish
- Edible invaders
- High demand
- Free market approach



What's Worked?

SEAFOOD MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Challenges & Misperceptions

- Handling aversion
- Poisonous vs. venomous
- Ciguatera
- Supply (hunting, traps, incentives)
- Sustainability



What's Worked?

EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT

New or New Applications

- Spears & Tips
- Containers
- Gloves
- Traps (in progress)

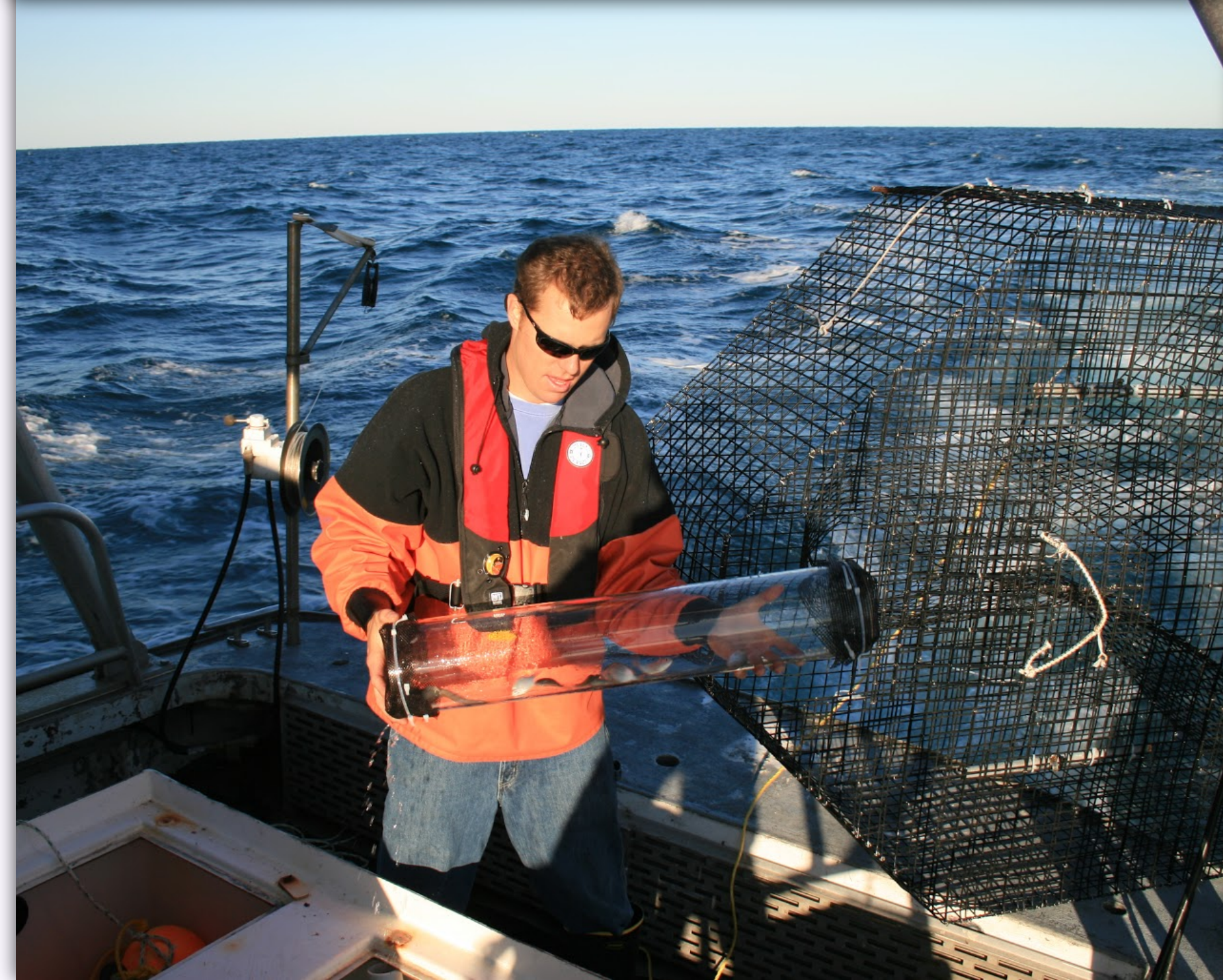
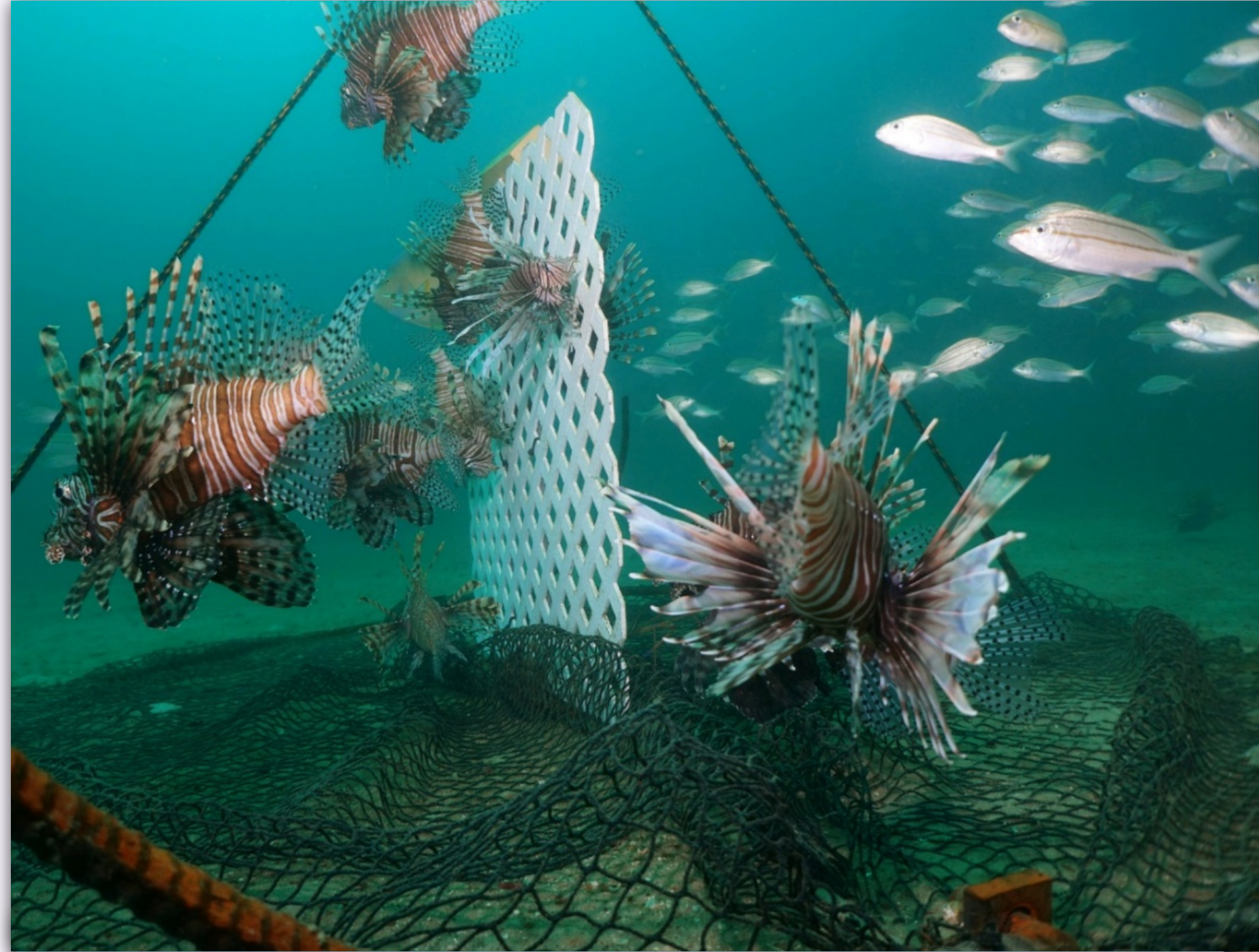


What's Worked?

EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT

Challenges

- Existing regulations
- Permitting
- Small markets



What's Worked?

OUTREACH

- ✓ Awareness
- ✓ Social networking
- ✓ Recruitment
- ✓ Training/Certification
- ✓ Fundraising
- ✓ Promote consumption
- ✓ Coordinated planning



What's Worked?

REGULATIONS

Adaptive Management

Regulation changes/relaxation

- ✓ Hunting (spears, gloves, diving gear, training, permits)
- ✓ Commercial sales
- ✓ Trapping



What Hasn't Worked?

Hand capturing lionfish

- Alex?

Bounties or monetary rewards

- Host event instead

Training predators

- Unsuccessful
- Unsafe interactions





QUESTIONS?

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