

How can fishery livelihoods and culture become recognized, valued and supported?

# Brain storm on issues

- Small-scale fishers not inherently poor but have been made poor by “modernization”
- Traditionally small-scale fisherfolks related well to the living resources and the ecosystems that supported their livelihoods
- Range of norms and rules developed that make up the culture of small-scale fishing communities
- Main problem – modern economic paradigm -“value” equates with “money”
- Need multiple approach to valuation that recognizes importance of local knowledge and culture.

# Suggested solutions

- Capture opportunities in the changing world
  - E.g Energy crisis may promote rapid change
- Community based studies and good stories about small-scale fisheries
- Promote the importance of local knowledge and revitalize that knowledge through empowerment of communities
- Organize at regional level to promote better political pressure
- Use legal avenues providing livelihoods are recognized
- Support movements that are recognizing that “modernization” is unsustainable and that we need to return to past values and culture