This special issue of *Marine Resource Economics* includes five selected papers from presentations at the 7th Biennial North American Association of Fisheries Economists (NAAFE) Forum held in St. Petersburg, Florida, USA from May 21 to 24, 2013. The selected papers cover a diversity of topics relevant to fisheries economists addressing the broad theme of the Forum “*Marine Resource Management under Increasing Complexities and Uncertainties.*” The articles cover recreational and commercial fisheries, consider fishing behavior and quota lease prices that may have been affected after a movement toward rights-based management, and examine spatial dynamics in a fishery as a result of changing environmental conditions. They showcase new approaches to evaluating fisheries and provide quantitative information to fishery managers.

**OVERVIEW OF THE ARTICLES**

The first article by Perez-Cobb et al. addresses an important weakness in the management of fisheries in many regions of world, which is the paucity of information characterizing artisanal recreational fisheries. For many regions, the coastal recreational fisheries are vitally important to the coastal communities in which they are prosecuted, but the lack of information on the biological and social parameters of the resource and industry hinders effective management. Descriptive data for these fisheries are important for stakeholders and resource managers to better understand the relevant dynamics, as well as to identify opportunities to enhance socioeconomic benefits from effective, long-term management. This article reviews a case study of artisanal recreational fisheries in Belize. Descriptive data were collected via a series of social and biological surveys, providing data heretofore not available to government managers in Belize. The study focused upon a mixed-methods approach to describe the natural resource base used for recreational fishing, develop a typology of the resource users, understand the fishing methods and the seasonality of effort, and review management rules and