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FROM UNDER THE GOLDEN DOME

During the month of March there has been a lot of forward progress made on the legislative front this month under the golden dome. Currently Senator Bruce Tarr's legislation S488; An Act regulating the processing of lobsters is finally advancing through the legislative process. Recently, Governor Baker added language for the lobster processing study in the Environmental Bond Bill and Senator Bruce

Tarr is planning on offering an amendment to include his language on seafood processing. The passage of this legislation would allow the complete processing of lobster and the sale of more lobster products for consumers.

Also under the Golden Dome earlier this year Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante submitted legislation to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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COVER STORY

in General Court assembled: The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill H2663: An Act establishing the Executive Office of Food Resources and Security. Representative Ferrante's legislation would create a new entity for ALL food related agencies to come together under one Secretariat to better serve the food producing industries here in the Commonwealth.

After AG Day the MLA Officers and Director met with Representative Ferrante along with several other fisheries related organizations to talk further about this legislation and if it was seen as beneficial for the collective good of the Commonwealth. After several hours of discussion the general consensus was that it was a good idea to have one agency handle all things food related rather than multiple.

Representative Ferrante explained to us why she was so impassioned about creating the Executive Office of Food Resources and Security which will better serve the residents of the Commonwealth. This Secretary of this Office would create a Strategic Food Plan for Massachusetts, have a workforce development initiative, develop food innovation strategies, simplify regulatory gridlock between towns and the State and offer economic financing to the fishing and farming industries.

We are looking forward to being involved in the establishment of the Executive Office of Food



Resources and Security. We know this will not be an easy lift and there will be many more discussions related to this legislation. If you are interested in participating please call the MLA office at 781-545-6984 xt1 and speak to Beth Casoni.



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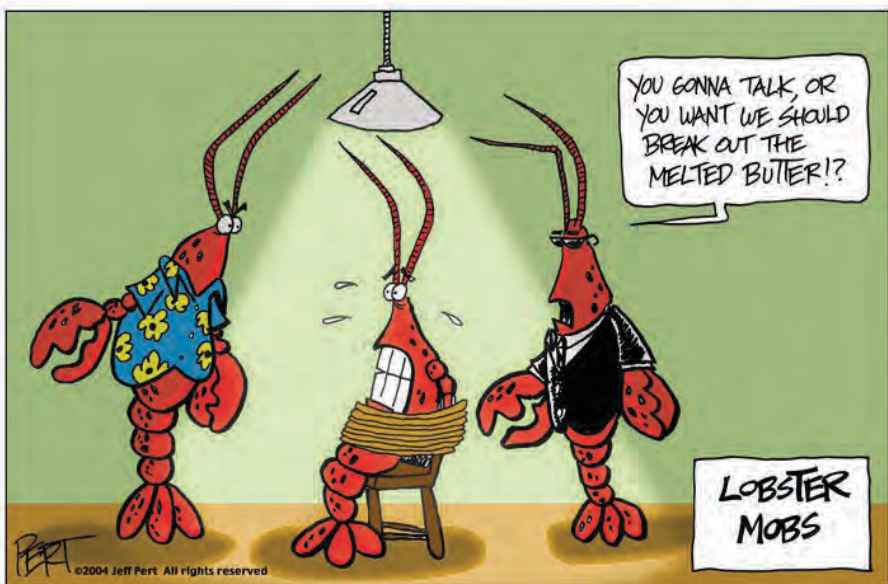
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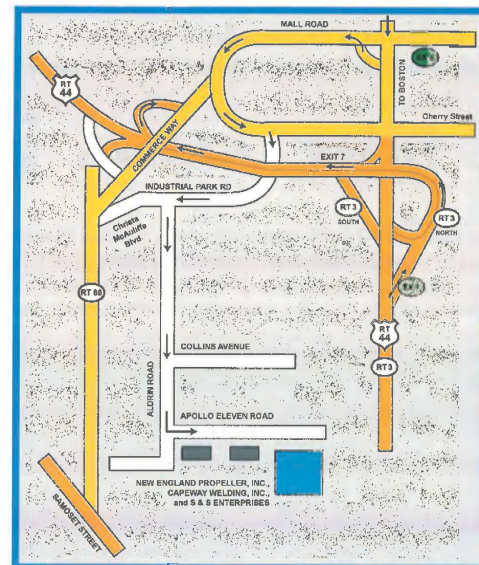
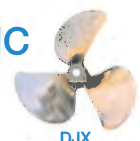


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After the four Nor'easters last month, it's fair to say; "Enough already"! With the record high wind speed topping 93 mph, a 15 foot tidal surge and record snow fall from New Jersey to Massachusetts leads me to believe that the ecosystem collectively has taken a thumping from the lobster resource to the whales and copepods alike. I know you might be thinking this is Mother Nature and these extreme weather events happen, true.

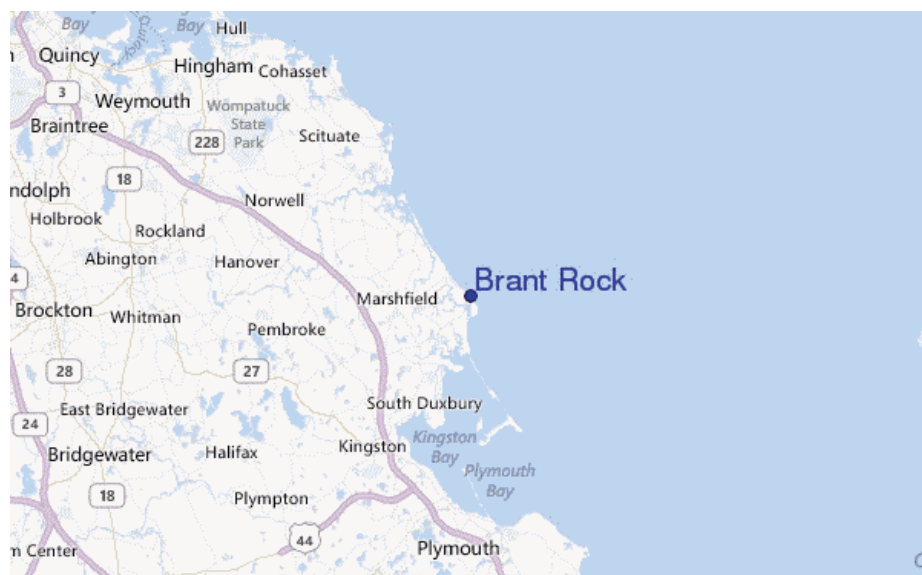
However, I do not ever recall my home town of Marshfield in the village section of Brant Rock being flooded EVERY storm EVER! The sheer amount of wind and water that came through Brant Rock was



staggering leaving boulders and debris strewn all over the streets and in yards. This area was so hard hit by the forces of Mother Nature and was so sensational it made the National News several times throughout the month.

After the weather finally broke, I made a point to take several walks along the shoreline around the area to see what if anything had washed up. I was pleasantly surprised to find the majority of debris was not your gear and there were no signs of lobsters and other species washed up either. There were however a few decks, coolers, chairs, kayaks and even a TV!?

Once you have had a chance to dig out of last months' storms and clean up the mess left behind, take a look around your community and see what kind of debris has left behind near the shore. I did receive a few phone calls from local Harbor Masters and residents



As the Hauler Turns...

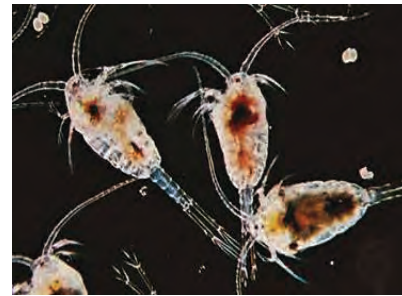
that found whole lobster pots on the beaches and they did not know what to do with them. I contacted several MLA members and asked for their help in retrieving these pots to be returned their rightful owners. THANK YOU to Scott Tory, Eric Meschino and Eric Lorentzen for your help. If you see anything fishing related that can be removed please do so. Remember, marine debris clean up is a big business in this country and this is what the public will see if the towns do not remove it when they go to the beach this summer.

While walking along the beaches, I had plenty of time



to think about the long-term impacts of these storms on the large whales as they are currently feeding in Cape Cod Bay. Granted these whales have endured countless storms and have managed to survive. I started thinking about their inability to eat while here in Cape Cod Bay for the entire month of March. You see, if they could not feed and had to vacate Cape Cod Bay due to the weather, they left hungry. Some how this may be misconstrued and become the lobster industries problem when these whales are seen again and are considered too thin!

Seeing that Copepods are one of the whales' major food sources and given the huge seas that were upwards of 30' leaves me to believe they too may have been impacted given that many planktonic copepods feed near the



surface at night. I can't imagine the washer machine effect was to kind to them in March! Remember, every species matters, big or small, in the ocean because without one there may not be the other.

The last sightings report dated March 29, 2018 on the backside of Cape Cod there were 0 whales observed. This is the highway



where they travel and for there to be 0 at this time of year is concerning. Maybe the food source has been wiped out and they are traveling further north to look for food. Time will tell.

Lastly, what will the storms impact be on the overall lobster resource? Considering that lobsters are hump dwellers seeking shelter wherever possible is encouraging. However, when the tidal surge and

waves are throwing their shelter up on the roads is concerning. I've been reassured by several of you not to worry and that the lobsters head out for deeper waters to seek shelter from the storms. Bearing this in mind, when you are out on the water and back fishing take a look at what is in your pot and think for a minute if this winters storms had an impact. If you see a difference in volume in your pot, up or down, I'd like to hear your perspective on this. As my Grandpa Skiddy used to tell me; "Time and Tide wait for no one."

As always safe fishing,
Beth Casoni,
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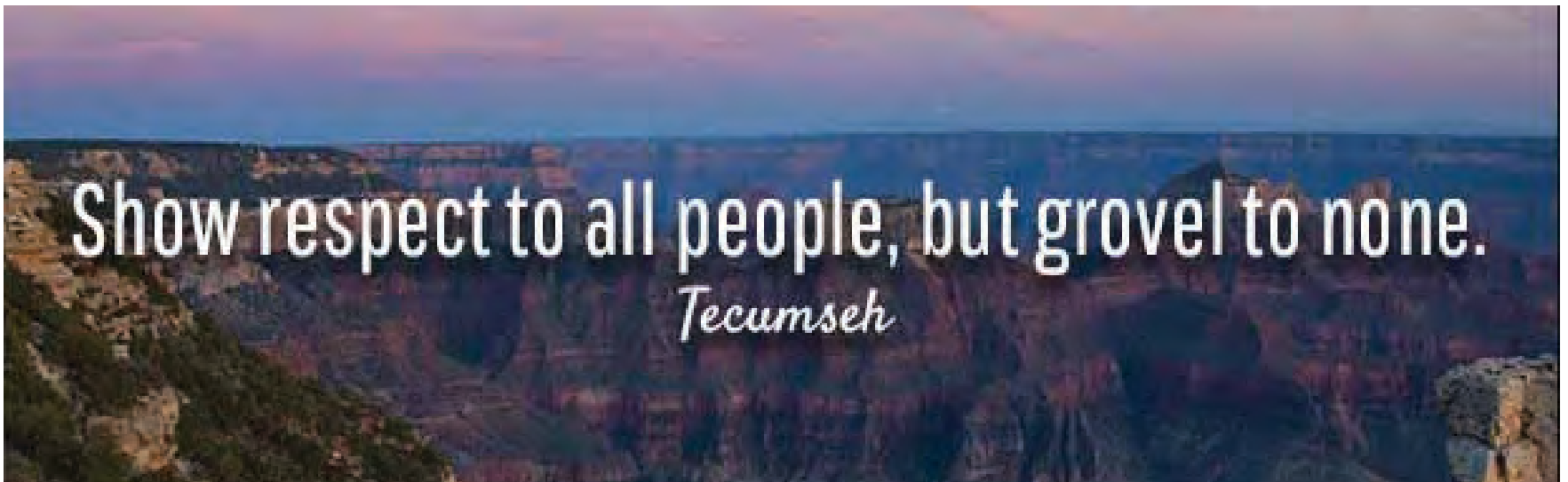
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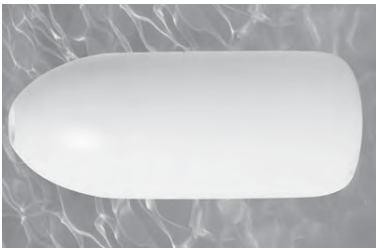
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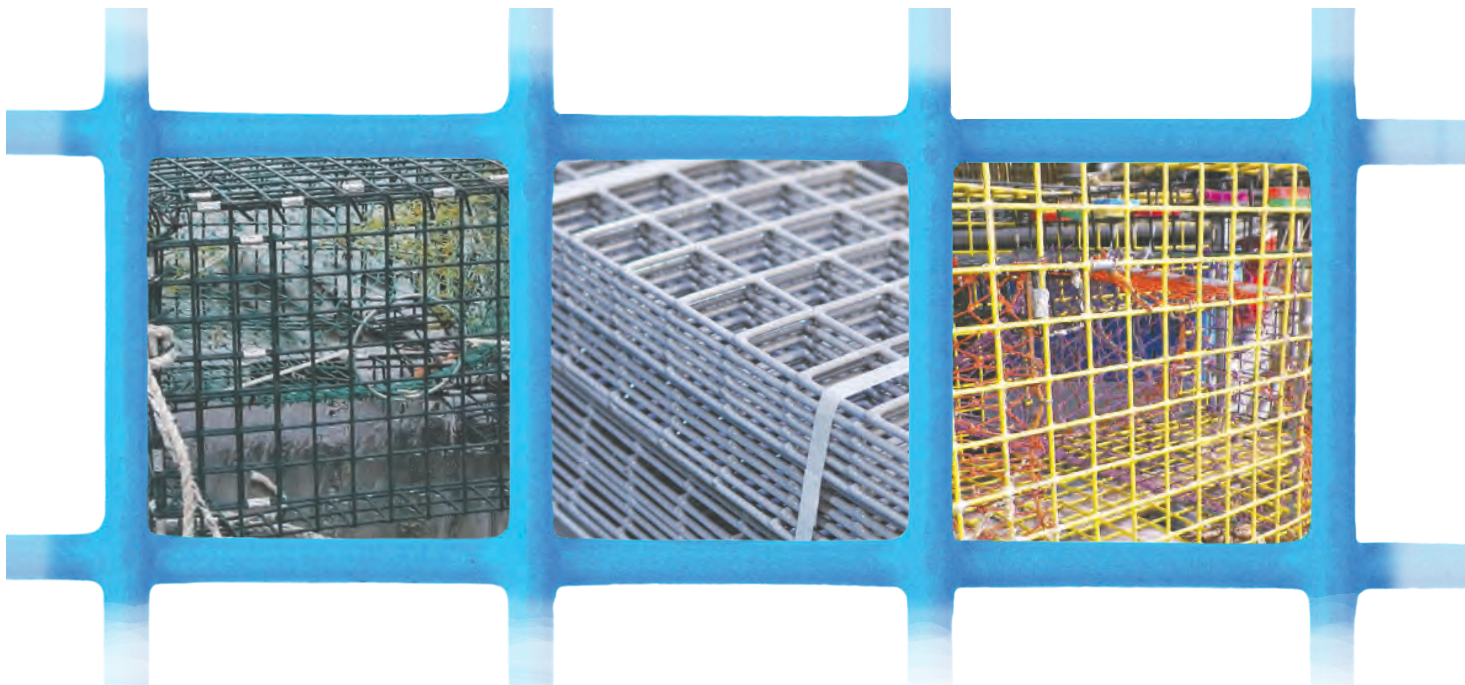
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STELLWAGEN SANCTUARY ON WHALES, CABLES, DRILLING & LEGISLATION

The Stellwagen Bank Sanctuary Advisory Council met on March 1st and the lengthy agenda included several long discussions on various topics.

The Council voted to send comments opposing any oil or gas drilling in waters in the Northeast. The Federal Fish Councils are also opposed to the leasing of drilling sites. BOEM has received these proposals and was seeking comments. In conjunction with the drilling issue and also on whales, there are two pieces of legislation in congress to "ease" rules on "takes" of marine mammals. The Bills are HR3133 and HR4239.

Apparently, the oil and gas interests would like to see the strict MMPA and ESA rules eased to make it easier for them. How about the fishermen? The Sanctuary is sending a letter opposing any easing of the rules. Some of their reasoning deals not only with the drilling proposals but also the Migratory Bird Act and the continuing whale crisis. There was a long discussion on this topic.

In somewhat the same focus and regarding the birds, a report discussed the problem of the "taking" of shearwater (birds) by gillnetters off Chatham. While all understood that this was unintentional, it was noted that these gillnetters were "baiting" their nets to catch

dogfish. This was leading to a "take" of shearwaters!! It was also noted that this is not an issue on Stellwagen.

Moving on to whales, this was another long discussion at several places on the agenda. In addition to the above discussion on "easing" rules on takes of marine mammals, it was noted that no Right Whale calves were seen this year. This is not good. The recent decline in Right Whale numbers due to entanglement and deaths in Canadian waters, it was noted, that it may result in draconian measures on Stellwagen and elsewhere on fishing activities. Another report given by NMFS representatives at the Advisory Council indicated that the Take Reduction Team (TRT) will be looking for more measures such as ropeless gear(??), more weak links (!?) and the number of traps being fished. This set fixed gear representative, Bill Adler, off on another diatribe of everything that's been done by fishermen to help the whales and that no buoy lines, won't work!

Continuing on whales, acting Superintendent, Ben Haskell, reported that he was in Iceland recently to give a presentation on Sanctuaries. He had also gone out on a disentanglement effort of a Humpback Whale. They were successful but as they were returning to port, they were passed by an Icelandic Whaling boat bringing in two Minke Whales that they had "caught"! In Iceland whaling is still a fishing industry although they do not hunt Humpbacks. It was explained to Ben that whale steaks are a commodity in Iceland with a tourist demand. They did note that the whaling industry no longer ships whale products to Japan. Go figure- we can't fish because we might hurt a whale but they can kill them to supply whale meat demand???

Another topic was the electric "extension cord" to move electric power from New Brunswick Canada (Can) to Plymouth, Mass., as reported last time, this cable would run to Plymouth hooking into the electric

grid when the Plymouth (MA) nuclear plant shuts down this year. The company had determined that a line west of the Sanctuary along the coast would not be workable due to fishing activities and terrain but a new route would take it east of the Sanctuary and cut through the Southwest section to reach Plymouth.

Council member, Bill Adler, asked if surveys had been done to survey the area when it cuts in toward Plymouth. "No, not yet"! "The cable would be buried 6' deep." "Have you surveyed between Canada and Plymouth as to what other cables that you might encounter going east, asked Adler." "Well sort of and maybe???" Bill Adler was on this! The MLA is on this too and is watching over this proposal. This Atlantic Link electric cable proposal is through Emera. Remember when things were simple-Emera, Atlantic Link, electric CO's??

How about a seawall to protect Boston Harbor? This was another agenda item. Right off the bat, these were proposals only to protect the Boston area from storms/floods that have occurred during the past months. "Suggestions", were breakwaters from Winthrop to Long Island (MA)? Nahant to Hull?? And a breakwater near Commonwealth Pier? It was discussed but chances are slim but take note!!

Among other issues on the long agenda were budgets, of course, charter updates, scallop fishing in the Sanctuary, surveys for the Sanctuary, working groups and NEFMC- NMFS fishery reports.

The next Stellwagen Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for mid May, location not yet available.

Bill Adler-Commercial Fixed Gear Representative

AG Day 2018 at the State House

On March 27th the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association (MLA) participated at the annual AG Day event at the State House. This event is one of the most attended events at the State House by the elected officials from Governor Baker to the State Representatives and Senators alike. All of whom were eager to talk with farmers and fishermen about their industry and the issues they are facing equally.



The MLA donated lobsters to be cooked into yummy lobster macaroni and cheese for everyone to try. Many farmers also shared their products for sampling from maple syrup, oysters, apple pie, honey and much more. The wine really gets people talking.

There were also a lot of great questions asked about the lobster industry and MLA President Arthur "Sooky" Sawyer, V.P. Jarrett Drake, Secretary/Treasurer Dave Casoni, Ex. Asst. Tracey Abboud and Executive Director

Beth Casoni

were all available to answer them. The MLA promotional items were flying off the table. We would like to thank the Farm Bureau for inviting the MLA to attend this wonderful event. Farming or fishing we need to stick together!



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In Memorial

It is with the deepest regret to inform you on the passing of three great fishermen Raymond Noyes, Richard Tower and Anthony Sesito. These three fishermen have left their mark on the commercial lobster industry and the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association and will be deeply missed. We send their families our deepest sympathies and condolences.

RAYMOND A. NOYES

Raymond A. Noyes, of Marshfield, March 19, 2018 at the age of 79. Husband of Marcia (Gingrow) Noyes; father of Ann McGuire (John) of MN, Cheryl Noyes of Weymouth, Steven Noyes (Ying) of CA, and R. Andrew Noyes (Jaimie) of Marshfield; grandfather of Brandon, Sarah, Jack, Michael, William, and Lauren. Raymond is predeceased by a sister, Beatrice A. Noyes, and leaves many nieces, nephews, and in-laws. Raymond found his life meaning in his family, his lobstering, and his faith. Raised in Weymouth, he spent summers in Green Harbor. When he was he thirteen, he began lobstering and continued for 53 years. Marcia and he married and brought up four children in North Marshfield. He enjoyed sharing humorous stories with his friends and family. Raymond was an early and active member of the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association and will be greatly missed.

RICHARD E. TOWER

Richard E. Tower, 66, of Brant Rock, MA, died peacefully after a courageous battle with endocarditis on February 10th, 2018 in Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital surrounded by the ones he loved most. Richard was born in Morrisville, VT to Jean Osborn and True Tower on January 14th, 1952. He attended East Bridgewater High School and graduated in 1970. He went on to study wildlife biology at UMASS Amherst and medicine at Bristol Community College. Richard earned a living as a commercial fisherman for nearly forty years, the majority of which he spent on the F/V Unicorn (The Uni) he fished out of Green Harbor and Brant Rock, MA. Richard is remembered by friends as a legendary outdoorsman and one of the smartest, strongest, and loving men you could ever meet! Richard is survived by his daughters, Kelsea and Grace; his son, David; the mother of his children, Jodi; his brothers, Robert, Donald, and Peter; his granddaughters, Ella and Summer; and his former wife, Brenda

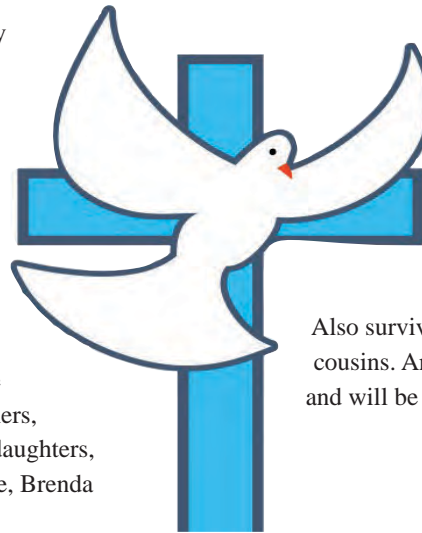
Mattson. Richard was a lifelong member of the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association and will be greatly missed.

ANTHONY C. SESTITO

Anthony Carl Sestito, age 23, of Cohasset, passed away on February 25, 2018. Beloved son of Carl A. Sestito and Laurel Hickey of Cohasset and Patricia A. and Gary St. Clair of Marshfield. Loving brother of Angela Sestito Alves and Victor of Pembroke, Ian and

Andrea Hickey of Plympton, Robert and Danielle Hickey of State College, Pa., and Matthew and Samantha St. Clair of Stoughton. Grandson of Anthony and Judy Sestito of Cohasset and Ruth Messner of Hull and the late James Messner.

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MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION UPDATE

On March 15th the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) discussed the proposed Surf Clam Dredge Closure off Plymouth and Dredge Bar Spacing (322 CMR 6.08). a. Permanently close a discrete area off Ellisville Beach to the use of surf clam dredges from May 1 – October 31. As you may recall this was an area that was closed by emergency action in 2017 to protect the newshell and egg bearing lobsters. The MFC Chairman, Ray Kane, allowed one person from the public to speak in favor and opposing the proposed closure as this had already gone out to public hearings and this was not a public hearing.

John Varissimo from the Massachusetts Fishermen's Mobile Gear Alliance was there to speak in opposition to this closure. He indicated that this was unfair and that he has never caught a lobster in his clam dredge and that this bottom is economically important to vessel. John then indicated that if he was shut out of here he would have to go off of Marshfield and up to the North shore.

MLA's Director, Beth Casoni, then spoke in favor of the proposal and stressed that the reason for this was to protect the lobster resource at its most vulnerable state. She then reaffirmed that this was not a permanent closure and that the

surf clammers could fish during a time when these lobsters have left the beach for deeper waters. She then further alluded to the fact that these clams do not move and that they will still be there in October. Beth also expressed her dissatisfaction that the lobster industry in other areas was being threatened, Marshfield and North Shore, and that this measure is the only mechanism the lobster industry has to protect the vulnerable lobsters from harm.



The Commissioners then voted and approved an April 15th to October 16th closure in this discrete area. While this was not a unanimous approved vote it was supported by the majority of the Commissioners.

At the end of the meeting the Commission announced that a petition had been filed by the Mobile Gear Alliance that would allow Mobile gear Petition access, closed areas on the north and south shores of Massachusetts and VMS Surf Clam Night Fishing in MA State waters. (See Petitions following this article) This was further discussed by the Division of Marine Fisheries Director, Dr. Pierce, who indicated that it would be reviewed by the DMF for consideration and would be brought back to the Commission at a later date. Stay tuned on this one!



MFMGA

Massachusetts Fishermen's Mobile Gear Alliance Petition

November 3,, 2017

Commissioner; Ron Amidon
Division of Marine Fisheries
251 Causeway Street, Suite 400
Boston, MA 02114

: Mobile gear Petition access, closed areas on the north and south shores of Massachusetts.

Due to the overabundance of fixed gear MFMGA is requesting Gear Free Zones to avoid any conflicts. All boats will be required to be equipped with VMS (If engaged in night fishing) to enter any given area and all gear must be aboard the boat when leaving and entering any approved Gear Free Zones. Vessels not engaged in any night fishing will be required to stay within any approved Gear Free Zones and have all boundary lines within their navigational plotters as a requirement. Daylight fishing time will remain status quo without VMS.

MFMGA will be seeking equal rights to Massachusetts waters without being discriminated against in any way by any other fishery.

MFMGA IS PETITIONING THE FOLLOWING:

- 1818 line remain status quo, i.e., Changes to this line will take even more area from a fishery in need of more area, not less.
- Surf clam contour lines remain status quo, i.e., by changing this line surf clam vessels will not be able to reach areas now being fished and will create an impact on the vessels and market. The surf clam fishery has had a 12-foot and 20-foot contour since the first permits were issued. We have had no problems abiding by these rules therefore isn't necessary to change any regulation
- Access from Revere to Ipswich bay inside the closed areas for water and meat sampling for the surf clam industry to open new areas.
- Access will be requested to the **north and south shore coastal waters** for all mobile gear. MFMGA will be submitting charts as requested by DMF on this matter. We have requested charts from MFMGA members for areas of interest based on historic knowledge.
- **Rolling closures** so that **two fisheries can exist at the same time**. We all have been granted permits to fish Massachusetts waters. The mobile gear community has felt discriminated against

for years due to the fixed gear fishery. MFMGA is willing to work with other organizations to accomplish this goal.

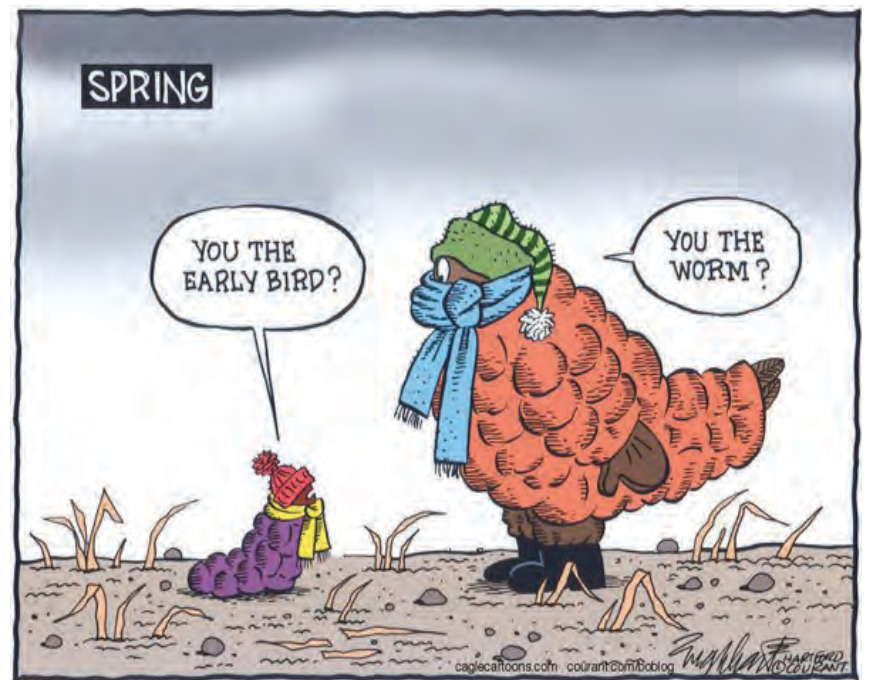
- NOAA'S Marine Debris Program funded by Fishing for Energy. This program is being used successfully in 10 other states. MFMGA will begin with Mobile Gear Fisheries bringing in all ghost gear (traps and gillnets) found along the north and south shore for recycling while having access to closed areas.
- DMF staff to answer questions regarding fixed gear problems at the council meeting. If possible one of NOAA'S staff from the Marine Debris Program will help get a program started.
- All ghost gear brought in to be stored in approved designations by DMF for Environmental Police to inspect and possibly establish ownership. Determining how long the gear has been lost for further studies to improve fisheries before being recycled is vital.
- All fixed gear be removed from areas no longer producing.
- Stop all wet storage for fixed gear. Anything not hauled in a timely manner should be removed from the ocean to allow mobile gear access to bottom and avoid entanglements.
- Data that indicates the total lobster pot tags lost over the last 10 years which will help determine the impact on the environment and the needless loss of marine life. I.e. years which will show how much fixed gear remains out in the ocean since the tag system began. Then apply this data to scientific studies for further information based on the condition and age of ghost gear being brought in to determine how long the pots have fished. and apply that by daily landings. Make improvements based on scientific studies.
- DMF biologist accompany fishermen on vessels equipped with underwater cameras. Searching for piles of lost gear that could be struck by mobile gear or possibly cause problems for endangered or protected species.

See attached charts for requested areas from mobile gear fishermen. Attached charts are to be looked upon as part of the Rolling Closure request along the north and south shore.

MFMGA feels like many other organizations, that the ocean should no longer be used for a storage facility. All fishermen should be responsible for their own gear to be stored properly.

MFMGA will be seeking equal rights to Massachusetts waters without being discriminated in any way by any other fishery or agencies. When it comes to confits on the ocean, it's far from something new. This is very common, but not to be ignored. It requires work to find middle ground for All.

MFMGA
Executive Director
John Verissimo



"I've got it, too, Omar ... a strange feeling like we've just been going in circles."

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As the 2018 Delegate 2017-2018 term is winding down and we prepare for the 2019-2020 Delegate elections we don't want you to miss your opportunity to participate as an Area MLA Delegate. These ballots for the two year term, 2019-2020, will be vetted for distribution on December 1, 2018.

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You might also be thinking what do you do as an MLA Delegate? Your participation at as many of the eight MLA Delegates meetings per year is important. These meetings are during the months of January, March, April, May, June, September, October and December. Meeting notices are mailed prior to the meetings which are held at the Sons of Italy Hall in Quincy at 7:00pm and carpooling is always encouraged. Also by you keeping up on current fisheries

issues and being informed first hand, helps you keep your fellow fishermen informed instead of going with the flow. By becoming an MLA Delegate you will have a say, a voice, a vote and offer input on industry issues.

You may also be asking yourself how you can be included on the ballot. You can call the MLA Office and ask to be added to the ballot by November 1st or you can embark on a write in campaign. A write in campaign is when you seek support from other area MLA voting members to write your name in on the ballot for a seat at the table. You can also email your interest in becoming a Delegate to beth.casoni@lobstermen.com and your name will be added to the correct ballot for your area.



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MASSACHUSETTS FISHERMEN'S MOBILE GEAR ALLIANCE

Mr. Ron Amidon, Commissioner
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Division of Marine Fisheries
251 Causeway St., Suite 400
Boston, MA 02114

December 4, 2017

RE: VMS Surf Clam Night Fishing in MA State waters

Dear Commissioner Amidon,

This letter follows our meeting of November 16 with Dan McKiernan and Michael Hickey of the DMF and revises our October 2nd request emailed to you by the MASSACHUSETTS FISHERMEN'S MOBILE GEAR ALLIANCE ("MFMGA") to initiate a pilot study fleet of 10 or more inshore surf clam vessels.

Based on our discussions with Dan McKiernan and Michael Hickey on November 16 we hereby modify our prior request. Rather than initiating a larger study fleet we have agreed with Dan and Mike's suggestion to first work out the enforcement protocols using just three vessels in collaboration with DMF's Enforcement, MA Environmental Police, NMFS Enforcement, and VMS monitoring company (e.g. BOATRACS) in the following proposed manner:

1. Three vessels and their owners:
 - a. MISS KARA – Nantucket Sound Seafood – contact, Allen Rencurrel
 - b. TOM SLAUGHTER – Intershell Seafood – contact, Monte Rome
 - c. LAUREN – Atlantic Capes Fisheries – contact, Daniel Cohen
2. DMF appoint a contact person from DMF Enforcement and MA Environmental Police to work with the three vessel owners – establishing a working committee to coordinate consisting of DMF Enforcement, MA Environmental Police, and the three vessel owners
3. This working committee would then dialog with NMFS Enforcement and VMS vendor to work out protocols, VMS notifications, etc.
4. After establishing VMS protocols to the satisfaction of DMF Enforcement an initial four-week Letter of Authorization ("LOA") would be issued by the DMF to the three vessels authorizing them to use VMS and engage in 24 hour per day night fishing, initially only in discrete identified areas (e.g. eastern side of cape Cod (esp. Monomoy) and the southern and eastern shores of Nantucket Island):
 - a. Exemption from night fishing regulations would only apply to the 3 LOA vessels
 - b. The 3 vessels participating in the LOA would be limited to three 400-bushel trips per week or six 200-bushel trips per week
5. After the 4-week initial time period the DMF would be in a position to:
 - a. Extend the LOA for the 3 vessels to continue to work out details; or
 - b. Not renew the LOA due to problems rising from the 4-week period; or
 - c. Expand the program by instituting a more formal and larger study fleet either with LOA or other manner as determined useful by the DMF

We appreciate the cooperation of Dan McKiernan and Michael Hickey of the DMF as we work together with the DMF.

Thank you for your guidance to advance these common goals of improving the fisheries while reducing conflict and controversy.

Sincerely,



John Verissimo, Executive Director
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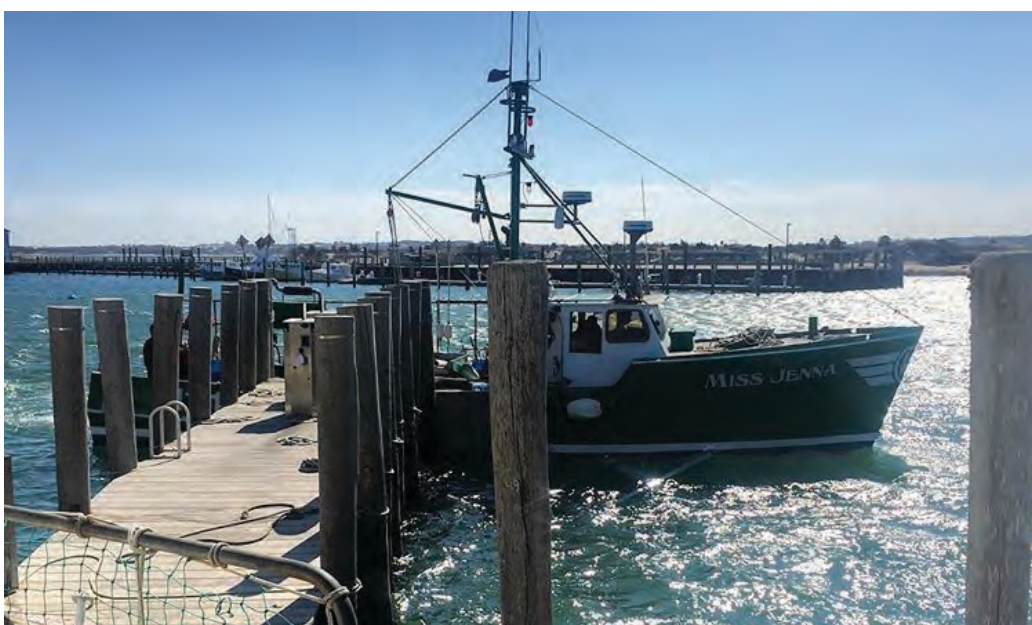
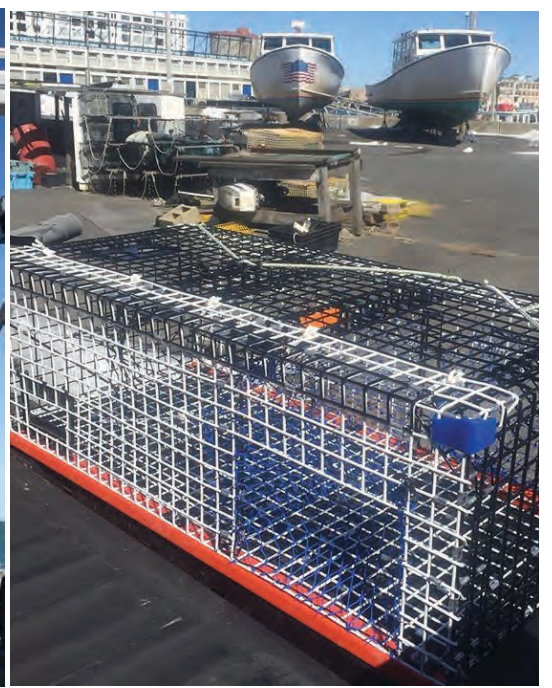
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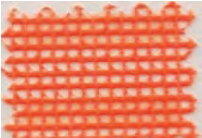
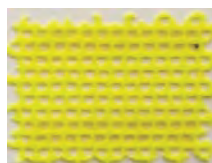
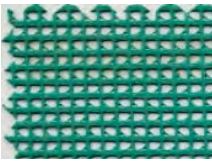
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American Lobster Life History

MA lobsterman, Dave Casoni, harvesting the day's catch. Photo credit: MA DMF.



American lobster (*Homarus americanus*) is a bottom-dwelling crustacean widely distributed over the continental shelf of North America. In the inshore waters of the US, it is most abundant from Maine through New Jersey, with

abundance declining from north to south. Offshore, it occurs from Maine through North Carolina. Two stock units have been identified based on regional differences in life history parameters. They are the Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank (GOM/GBK) stock and the Southern New England (SNE) stock. Reproduction and growth are linked to the molting cycle. Lobsters periodically shed their shell to allow their body size to increase and mating to occur. Males deposit sperm in recently molted females who store it internally until extrusion, which can be delayed for up to two years. When extruded, the eggs are fertilized and attached to the underside of the female, where they are carried for 9 to 11 months before hatching. Females carrying eggs are often called "berried" females. Eggs hatch from mid-May to mid-June, and the new lobster larvae begin their 5 stage transition. Larvae are planktonic for the first 4 stages, swimming at or near the water surface. At the fifth larval stage, juveniles sink to the ocean floor where they remain for the rest of their lifetime. Lobsters reach market size in about four to nine years, depending on water temperature and other biological factors.

Commercial & Recreational Fisheries

Total U.S. landings in the fishery have steadily increased in the past 35 years. Between 1950 and 1975, landings were fairly stable around 30 million pounds; however, from 1976 – 2008 the average coastwide landings tripled, reaching 92 million pounds in 2006. Since then, landings have continued to increase, reaching 117 million pounds in 2010 and exceeding 158 million pounds in 2016. Today, the ex-vessel value of the American lobster fishery is estimated at roughly 666.7 million dollars and

represents one of the largest and most valuable fisheries along the Atlantic coast.

The majority of lobster is harvested from the GOM/GBK stock, which accounted for 97.7% of landings in 2013. This represents a significant increase in the percentage of landings and is the result of a sharp decline in the SNE stock and exponential growth in the GOM/GBK stock. Landings in SNE peaked in the 1990's, reaching a high of 21.91 million pounds in 1997. Since that time, landings have precipitously dropped to a low of 3.31 million pounds in 2013. In contrast, landings in the GOM/GBK stock have increased from 24.5 million pounds in 1997 to 146 million pounds in 2013. The vast majority of lobster (~83%) is landed in the state of Maine.

Stock Status

The 2015 American Lobster Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report indicates the American lobster resource presents a mixed picture of stock status, with record high stock abundance and recruitment in the Gulf of Maine (GOM) and Georges Bank (GBK), and record low abundance and recruitment in Southern New England (SNE). The GOM/GBK stock is not overfished and not experiencing overfishing. GOM and GBK were previously assessed as separate stock units and are now combined into one stock unit due to evidence of seasonal migratory patterns and connectivity between the two areas. Conversely, the SNE stock is severely depleted with poor prospects of recovery, necessitating protection.

Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank

GOM/GBK stock abundance has increased since 1979 and at an accelerated pace since 2007. Current stock abundance is at an all-time high and recruitment has remained high between 2008 and 2013. Importantly, since 2012, there have been consistent declines in the young-of-year surveys in the GOM/GBK stock. This could foreshadow declines in recruitment and landings.

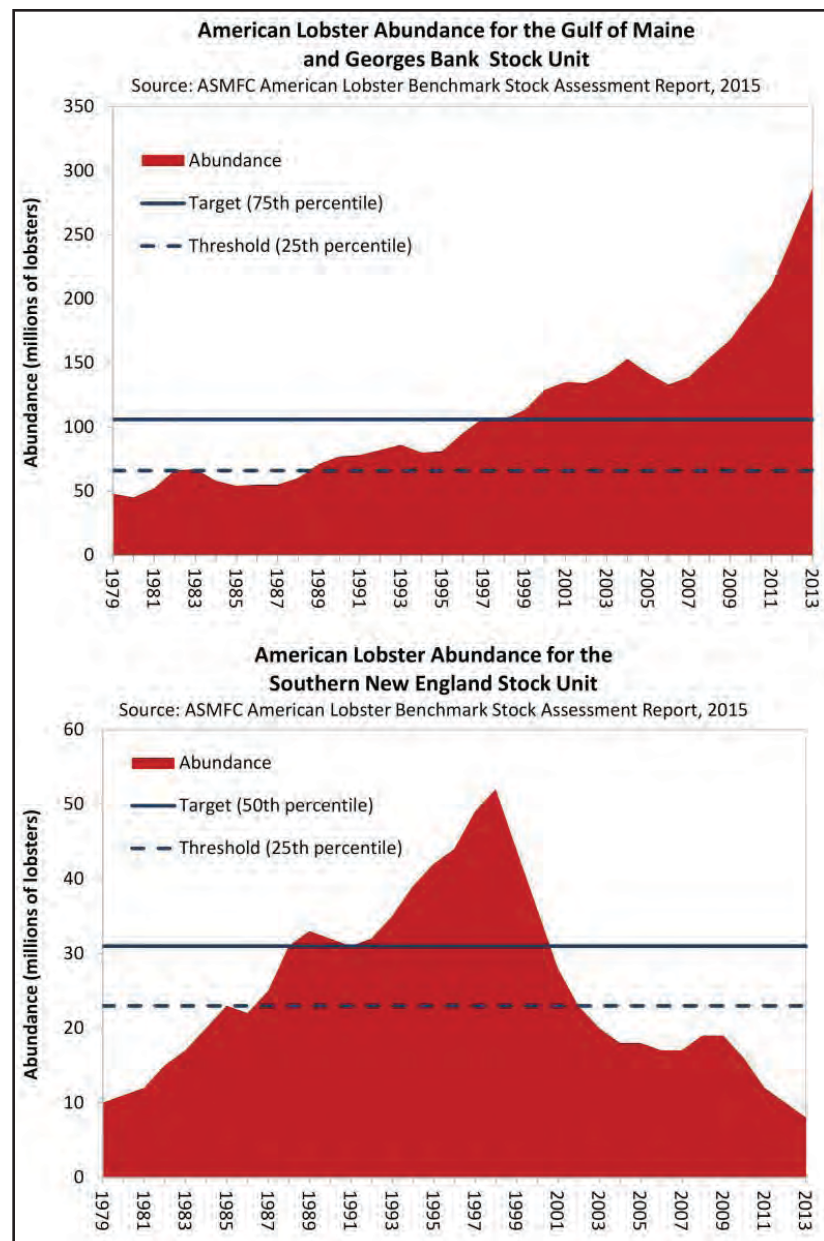
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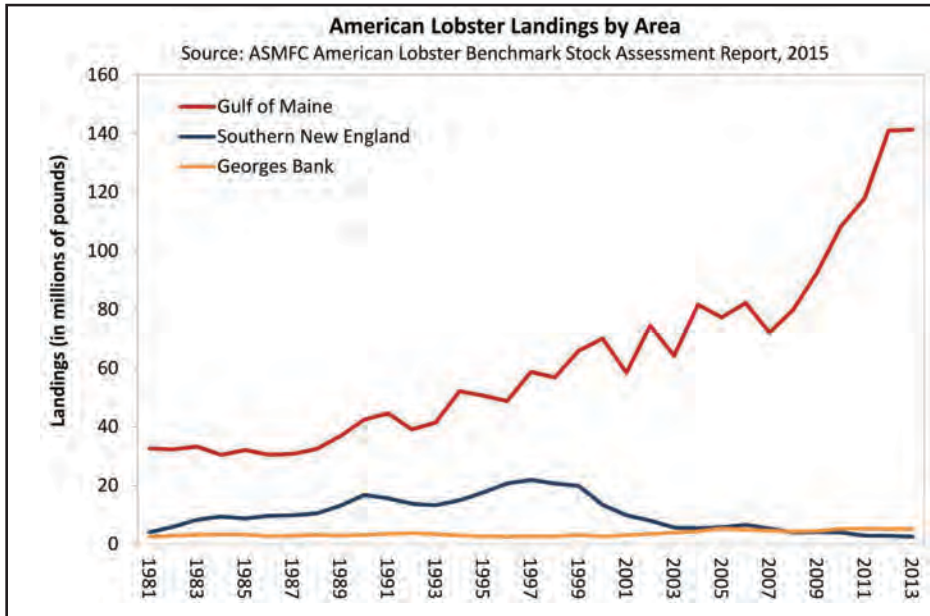
SNE stock abundance increased from the early 1980s, peaked during the late 1990s, then declined steeply through the early 2000s to a record low in 2013. Both the assessment and peer review support the finding that the SNE stock is severely depleted, with record low

abundance and recruitment failure. This poor stock condition can be attributed to several factors including changing environmental conditions, such as warming waters and increased predation, and continued fishing mortality. Declines in population abundance are most pronounced in the inshore portion of the stock where environmental conditions have remained unfavorable to lobsters since the late 1990s. Despite attrition among the fleet and fewer traps fished for lobster, population have continued to decline. Declines in catch and fishery-independent survey indices in the offshore portion are evident as well; however they are not as severe. It is believed the offshore area of SNE depends on nearshore larval settlement and offshore migration as the source of recruits (e.g., young of the year lobsters). Therefore, unless fishing effort is curtailed, the offshore component will be in jeopardy in the future when the poor year classes fail to materialize offshore.

Peer Review Panel Recommendations

For SNE, the Panel recommends close monitoring of stock status along with implementing measures to protect the remaining lobster resource in order to promote stock rebuilding. Stock indicators should be updated annually and reported to the American





Lobster Management Board for appropriate action. Given the good condition of the GOM/GBK stock, the Panel recommended stock indicators be monitored prior to the next benchmark assessment to detect signs of changing recruitment or other conditions.

Atlantic Coastal Management

American lobster is managed under Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and its Addenda (I - XXIV). The goal of the American

conservation management areas (LCMAs): Inshore and offshore GOM (Area 1), Inshore SNE (Area 2), Offshore Waters (Area 3), Inshore and offshore Northern Mid-Atlantic (Area 4), Inshore and offshore Southern Mid-Atlantic (Area 5), New York and Connecticut State Waters (Area 6) and Outer Cape Cod (Area 7). Lobster Conservation Management Teams (LCMTs), composed of industry representatives, were formed for each management area. The LCMTs are charged with advising the American Lobster Board and recommending changes to the management plan within their areas. The commercial fishery is primarily controlled through

lobster management plan is to have a healthy lobster resource and a management regime which provides for continued harvest, maintains opportunities for participation, and provides for cooperative development of conservation measures by all stakeholders. Amendment 3 establishes seven lobster

minimum/maximum size limits, trap limits, and v-notching of egg-bearing females.

Given the critically depleted condition of the SNE stock, the Board approved Addenda XVII - XXII, which implement a suite of measures to reduce exploitation and allow the SNE stock to rebuild. These measures include a v-notching program, trap reductions, closed seasons for certain areas, and a trap consolidation/transferability program. The Board also considered a suite of management measures to achieve a 5% increase in egg production; however, they decided not to pursue this management change at this time given concern that the proposed measures would not significantly improve the stock. The Board continues to discuss future management of the SNE stock in light of environmental changes.

In February 2018, the Board approved Addendum XXVI to Amendment 3. The Addendum addresses concerns regarding deficits in existing reporting requirements by expanding the mandatory harvester reporting data elements, improving the spatial resolution of harvester data, establishing a 5-year timeline for implementation of 100% harvester reporting, and prioritizing the development of electronic harvester reporting. In addition, the Addendum improve biological sampling requirements by establishing a baseline of ten sampling trips per year in the American lobster/Jonah crab fishery, and encourages states with more than 10% of coastwide landings in either the lobster or Jonah crab fisheries to conduct additional sampling trips.

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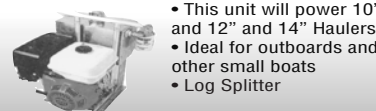
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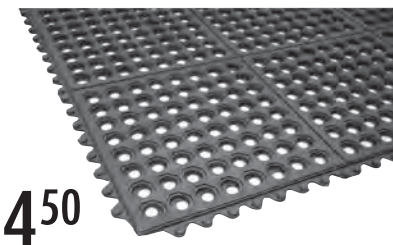
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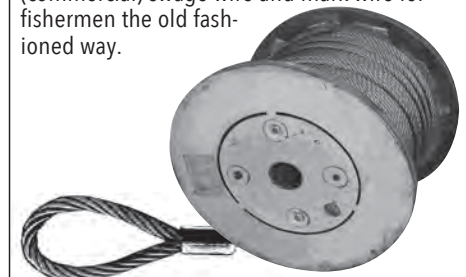
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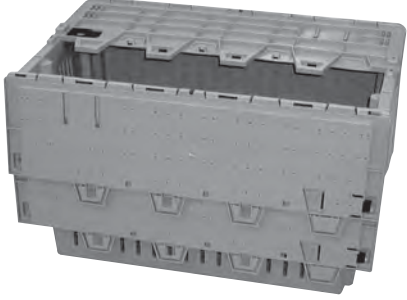
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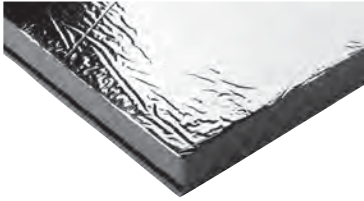
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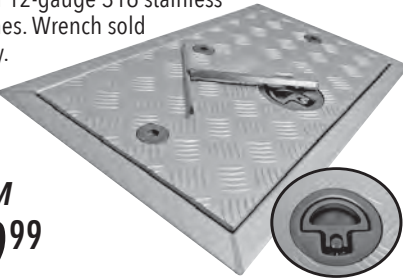
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Stretching and flexibility training can help slow this aging process and deterioration and overcome some of the limiting effects by improving your range of motion, relieve stress, and correct muscle imbalances. Stretching is also ideal for warming up before, and cooling down after, your fitness activities.

To begin your stretching program and flexibility training, add both static and dynamic flexibility exercises to your daily fitness program. **Static flexibility exercises involve stretching and holding the stretch for 20-30 seconds.** Static stretches are most effective after your workout while your muscles are warm. Examples of static flexibility stretching exercises include standing calf stretches and seated hamstring stretches.

Dynamic stretches involve muscle movement to increase blood flow, warm your muscles and increase your range of motion prior to your workout. Some examples include side straddle hops (jumping jacks) and arm swings, trunk rotations and side bends performed at a low to moderate speed and with a safe controlled motion. Dynamic stretches are best performed before your workout as part of your warm up for training.

How Stretching Works

Both static and dynamic stretching exercises lengthen the fascia, the connective tissues that surround your muscles. By lengthening these tissues you will be able to extend your arms or legs further which is known as range of motion. Stretching to improve your flexibility will also allow you to move your joints more freely, including your knees, shoulders, and elbows.



Is Stretching Safe?

Flexibility training involves “only” stretching exercises, but it is possible to overdo it by stretching too far, which makes it important to perform your flexibility exercises properly. During your static stretches, stretch the muscle involved until you feel tightness and hold each stretch for a minimum of 20 to 30 seconds. Stretch smoothly using a controlled fluid motion, without bouncing. Stretch just far enough that you feel a slight pull in the muscles.

There is one static stretch that you should avoid, the classic standing toe touch. This stretch places unnatural stress on your lower back and requires you to place your head below your waist making this a high-risk stretch for most over 50.

Dynamic stretches used during your warm up should also be performed using smooth and controlled

movements. Dynamic stretches can also be sports specific to better prepare you for your workout or sport. Remember that as you begin, your muscles are prone to sprains, strains and tears. Increase intensity as your joints and muscles warm up.

Yoga and Pilates training also promote increased flexibility. Both approaches include a series of stretches that improve flexibility through poses, stretches and exercises practiced by millions all over the world. Both yoga and Pilates will improve flexibility while relieving stress.

How Often Should You Stretch?

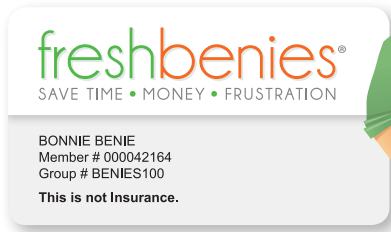
Stretching every day would be ideal, but if you haven't been active recently, try stretching 2 to 3 days a week. Remember that it's best to stretch warm muscles, try some light to moderate aerobic activity like walking, jogging or a short stationary bike ride.

Remember to hold your static stretch for 20 to 30 seconds, recent research suggests that for those over 50, holding a stretch for 30 to 60 seconds may have greater benefit. Start with the shorter time and lengthening that time as you progress in your flexibility training.

Simple Stretching Rules

- Stretch daily if possible, before and after training.
- Develop a stretching warm up routine to use before your workout and a cool down stretching routine to use after your workout.
- If you stretch on days that you don't exercise, stretch slowly and carefully. Consider a short warm up on the bike or treadmill to avoid injury.
- Gradually move into your static stretching positions, ease into the stretch without jerking or pulling yourself into position.
- Maintain awareness of the tension you feel, when stretching you should experience mild tension or very slight discomfort, but never stretch to the point of pain. You should feel the stretch only in the muscle or muscle groups that the stretch is focused on.
- When static stretching, don't bounce. Find your beneficial stretch position slowly and then hold, once you have held the position for 20-30 seconds, relax and repeat, or gradually extend the stretch slightly further until the point of tension is reached and hold the stretch again. Bouncing contracts and shortens muscles that you are trying to lengthen and stretch. Bouncing leads to strains, sprains and muscle tears.
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On April 21, organizations from around the world celebrate World Fish Migration Day with events around the common theme of "Connecting Rivers, Fish, and People."

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Spending a portion of their lives in freshwater and a portion of their lives in the ocean, sea-run fish support healthy, living freshwater and nearshore marine ecosystems. Herring species such as alewives, blueback herring, and American shad mature at sea and along New England's coast before making a mad dash up rivers and streams to spawn. With numbers that once ranged well into millions, herring provide food for scores of larger predatory fish that sought them out as

prey, such as cod, haddock, and striped bass.

Today, these fish need our help. Much of their historical access to spawning habitat has been impeded by dams or other obstructions. Removing dams and constructing effective fish passages are important for returning these fish to their former abundance.

Beginning on March 31, NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office and the Northeast Fisheries Science Center will host several World Fish Migration Day events throughout the region to recognize the importance of these fish in our ecosystem. Through our programs, we hope to increase

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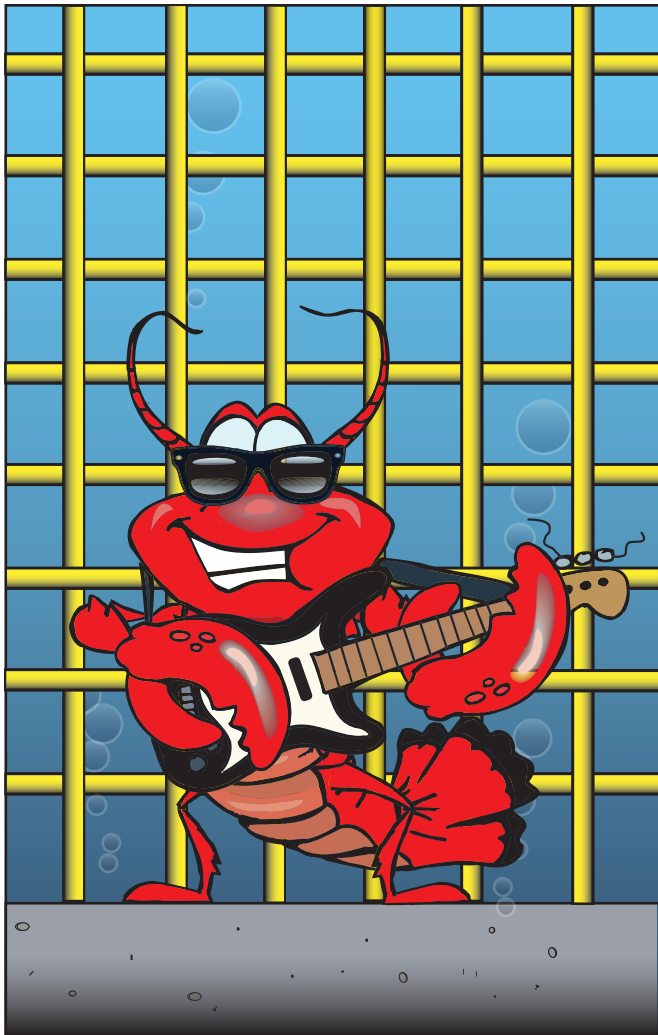
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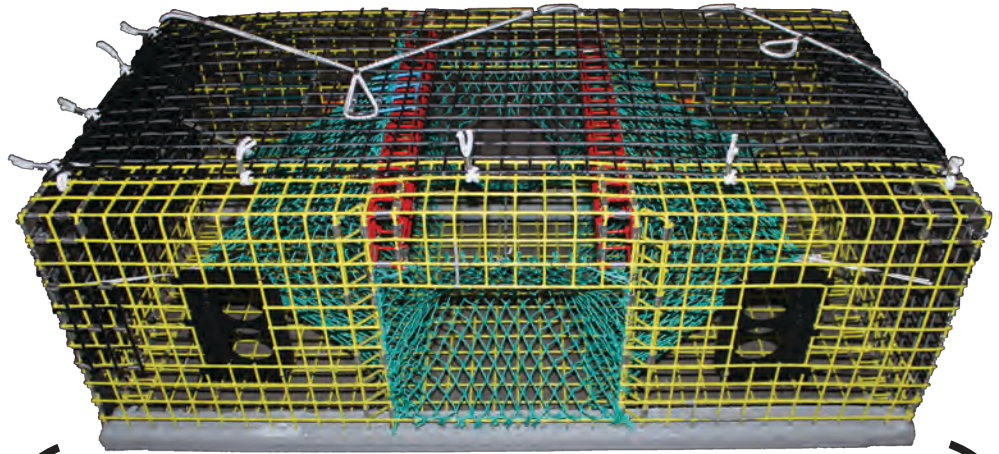
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New England, Mid-Atlantic States Lead Nation in Volume and Value of Several Key Fisheries

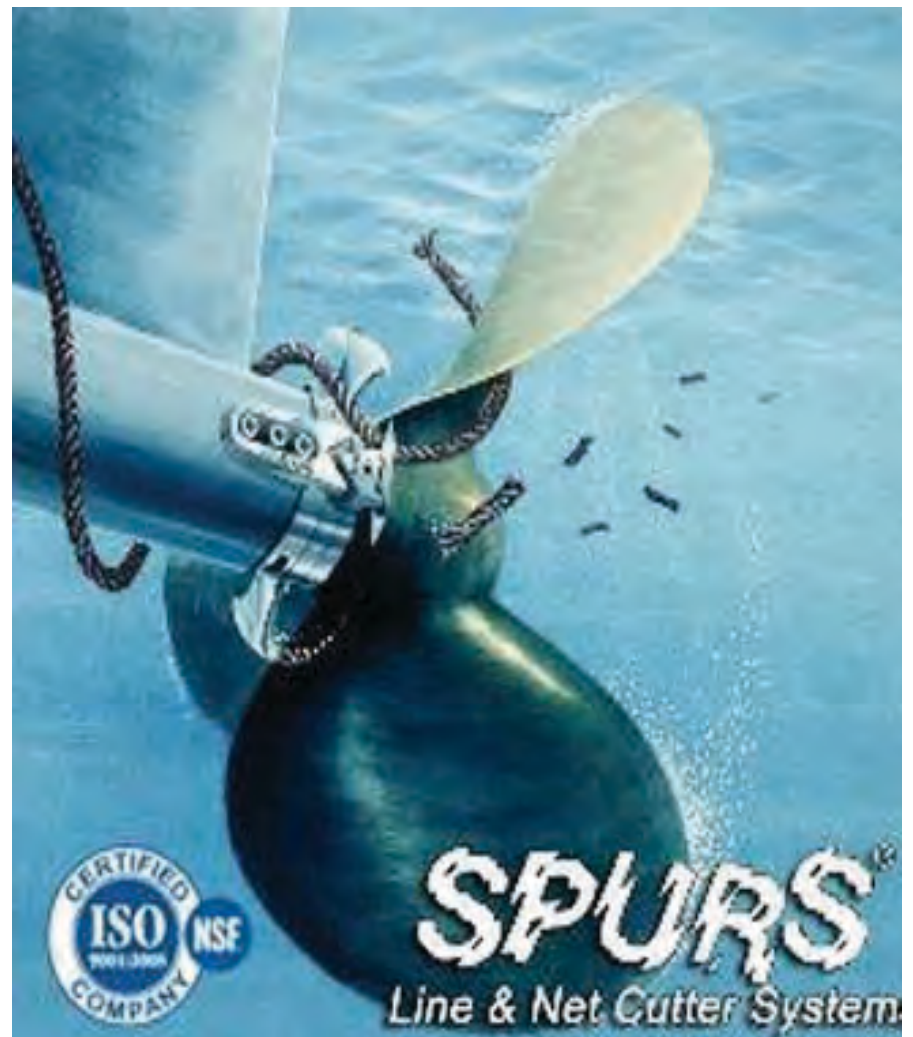
NOAA Fisheries has released the Fisheries of the U. S. 2016 report, and once again New Bedford, Mass. was the leading U.S. port by value and American lobsters were the nation's most valuable landed species.

Alaska led all states in the value and volume of commercial landings, with 5.6 billion pounds valued at \$1.6 billion. Maine and Massachusetts ranked second and third in the value of landings at \$633.6 million and \$552.1 million, respectively.

American lobsters were the nation's top-valued species landed, with crabs second and scallops third. Alaska pollock ranked first in volume of landings, followed by menhaden and Pacific cod.

For the 17th consecutive year, New Bedford was the top U.S. port in value of commercial fishery landings in 2016 at \$327 million, an increase in \$5 million from 2015. The port ranked 11th in the nation in volume with 107 million pounds landed, with sea scallops accounting for 77 percent of that total. Massachusetts, with nearly 22.9 million pounds of meats and New Jersey, with 10.5 million pounds of meats, were the leading states for sea scallop landings, representing 82 percent of the national total. The ex-vessel price per pound in 2016 was \$12.00, compared with \$12.27 in 2015.

For the 20th consecutive year, Dutch Harbor, Alaska was the top U.S. port by volume of commercial landings at 770 million pounds and second in value at \$198 million. Walleye or Alaska pollock accounted for 89 percent of that volume. Five of the top ten U.S. ports by volume and six of the top ten ports by value were in Alaska. Reedville, VA ranked fifth in the U.S. by volume and Cape May-





Wildwood, NJ ranked ninth by value of landings.

Maine and Massachusetts produced more than 94 percent of the total national landings for American lobster in 2016, each showing an increase of 8 percent by volume over 2015. For the 35th consecutive year, Maine led the nation in American lobster landings, with 132 million pounds valued at nearly \$537.9 million. Massachusetts ranked second with 17.7 million pounds valued at \$82 million. The average ex-vessel price per pound was \$4.20 in 2016, compared to \$4.23 in 2015.

For squid fisheries, Rhode Island ranked second in the nation with almost 22.5 million pounds, or 16 percent of the total landings. California was the leader with nearly 81.8 million pounds or 58 percent of the national total. As a region, the Pacific coast landed the most squid, but second-place New England landings were up 66 percent to 39.2 million pounds and the Mid-Atlantic region, in third place, saw landings increase 94 percent to more than 15.5 million pounds. The average ex-vessel price per pound for squid was 69 cents in 2016 compared to 49 cents in 2015.

Massachusetts was the leading state for surf clam landings with 19.8 million pounds, followed by New Jersey with more than 16.5 million and New York with nearly 3.7 million pounds. New Jersey, with 18.1 million pounds, and Massachusetts with 12.2 million pounds were also leaders in the ocean quahog fishery, accounting for 99 percent of the total production in 2016. The Mid-Atlantic region led in the hard clam fishery, with 6.2 million pounds of the 8.7 million national total. Maine was the leading state with 1.6 million pounds of soft clam meats out of a national total of 2.5 million pounds of meats, followed by Massachusetts and Maryland.

The report also noted that saltwater recreational fishing remains popular and an important contributor to the national economy, with 9.6 million anglers making nearly 63 million fishing trips to catch more than 371

million fish, 61 percent of which are estimated to be released alive. Eighty-eight percent of those fish were caught in estuaries or state waters, with saltwater recreational fishermen contributing \$36 billion to the economy. Striped bass was the top species by weight, followed by dolphinfish and bluefish.

Other findings: The average American ate 14.9 pounds of fish and shellfish in 2016, a decrease from 15.5 pounds the year before. Seventy-five percent of the domestic landings were used for fresh or frozen human food, and 19 percent for meal and oil. and Atlantic salmon was the leading species for marine finfish aquaculture at 47.5 million pounds produced, with oysters the highest volume for marine shellfish production at 35.2 million pounds.

Fisheries of the United States has been produced annually for more than 100 years. It provides a snapshot of data on U.S. recreational catch and commercial landings and value as well as information on U.S. aquaculture production, seafood processing industry, imports and exports of fishery-related products, and the domestic supply and per capita consumption of fishery products. <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/new-england-mid-atlantic-states-lead-nation-volume-and-value-several-key-fisheries>

Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association

Executive Committee Elections 2018

During the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association (MLA) Delegates meeting held on March 28th, the Delegates voted on and elected the MLA Executive Committee members. Committee members serve a two year term which is staggered with their counterparts. The Executive Committee meets four times per year and all meetings are held at the MLA office in Scituate.

Area 1	Mike Bartlett	2 year Term
Area 2	Steve Holler	2 year Term
Area 3	Bob Nihtila Sr.	2 year Term
Area 4	David McGee	2 year Term
Area 5	Bill Souza	2 year Term

MISSION STATEMENT: The Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association is a member-driven organization that accepts and supports the interdependence of species conservation and the members' collective economic interests.

The Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association was established in 1963 by the fishermen, for the fishermen, and is presently one of the leading commercial fishing industry associations in New England. On behalf of the members, the MLA works to maintain both the industry and the resource. The MLA strives to be proactive on issues affecting the lobster industry and is active in the management process at both the state and federal levels. The MLA communicates with its members through a monthly newspaper, weekly email, Social Media and attendance at meetings. For the past 55 years, the MLA has become a trustworthy voice for the industry on important issues, and is looked to by both the fishing industry and the management community.

Congratulations to the newly elected Executive Committee members. Thank you for your willingness and participation at the table to ensure the long term successes of the commercial lobster industry and the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association as a whole.



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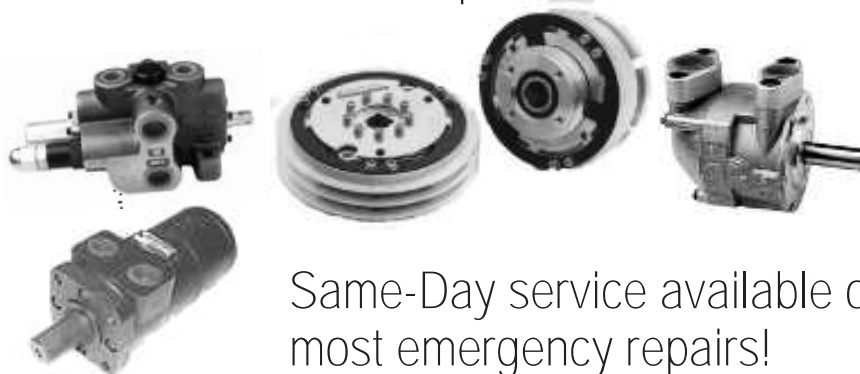


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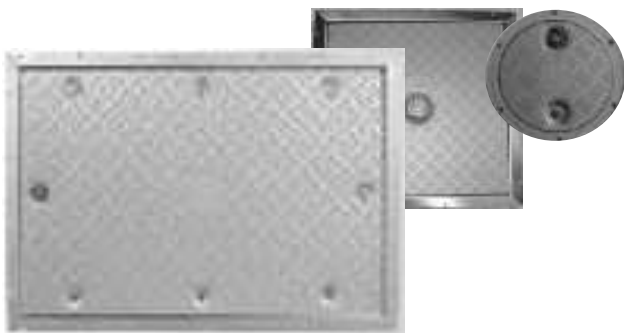


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Oil for frying, I used about 1/2 inch in a thick based frying pan.

Filling

- 5 freshly picked squash blossoms
- meat of a whole lobster
- 1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Pick the stamen out of the center of the blossom as carefully as you can, they are bitter. Fill each blossom with a mixture of chopped lobster, olive oil, and salt.

Dip in tempura batter.

Fry in hot oil till lightly browned and crispy on the outsides.

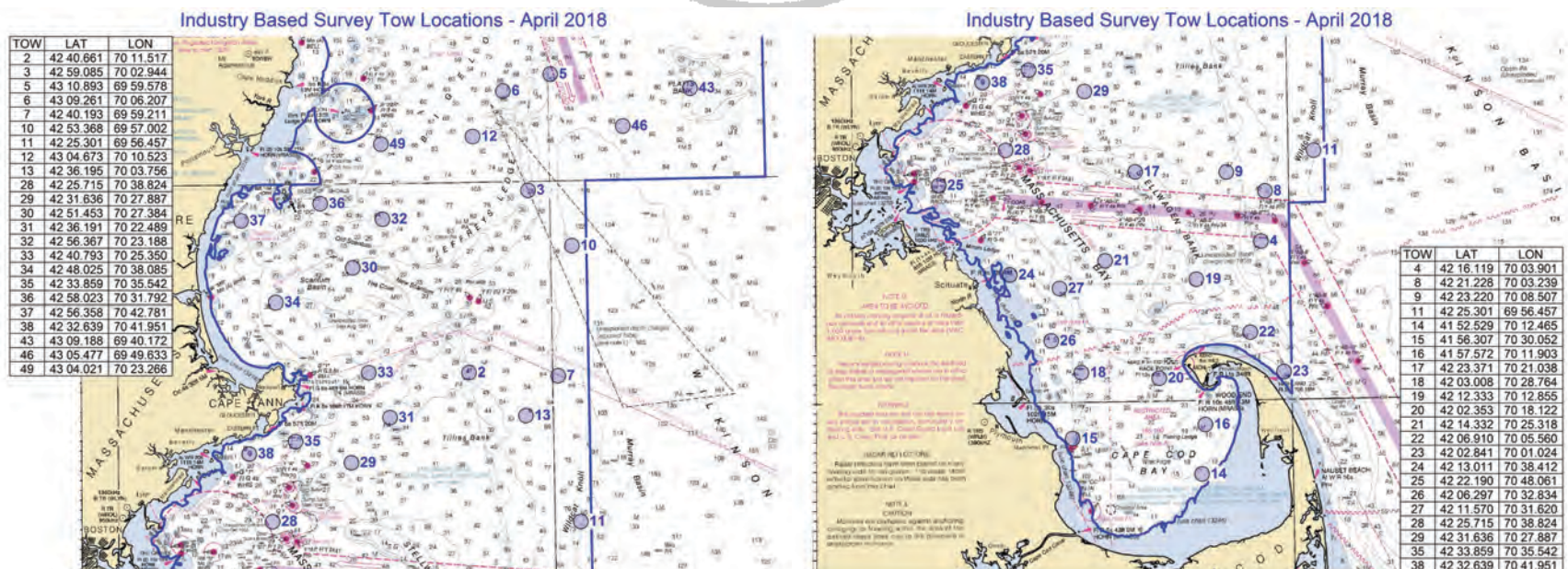
Serve over fried kale.



Attention Massachusetts Lobstermen

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (MA DMF) has begun an Industry-Based Trawl Survey for Gulf of Maine cod (Cod IBS) aboard F/V Miss Emily. The survey area includes state and federal waters from Cape Cod Bay to the New Hampshire border. The survey starts on April 1st, 2018 and ends on July 31st, 2018 locations will be announced monthly on [MA DMF website](#), [social media](#), and the [MA DMF listserv](#). To receive real time text message updates of the survey go to the MA DMF Website and sign up or call Bill Hoffman at 978-282-0308 ext 106. Additionally, the survey vessel will monitor VHF channel 16 during survey operations. In order to avoid gear conflicts, MA DMF respectfully requests that fixed gear be **temporarily removed from the tow locations** during survey times.

April 2018 tow locations adjacent to the Massachusetts coast detailed in maps below



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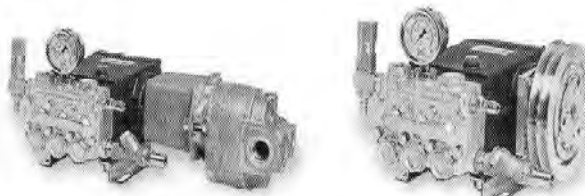
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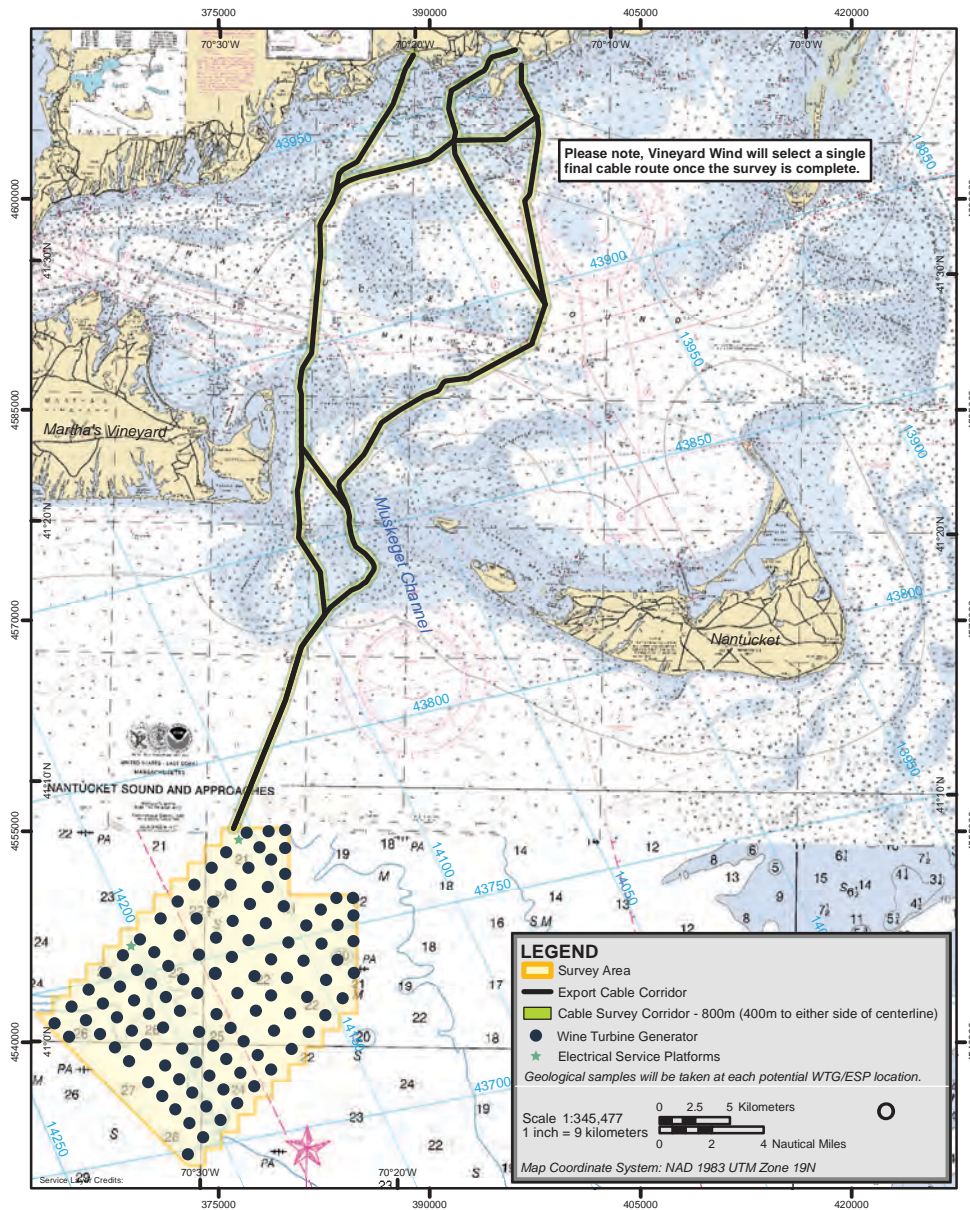
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COLLECTING DATA AND WORKING WITH THE LOCAL FISHERIES

Vineyard Wind is committed to communicating and working with the local fishermen in the region during all stages of development of the proposed offshore wind farm. Information gathered will be used to further design the wind farm and refine the location for the cable route from the wind farm to shore.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

In advance of and during survey operations, we seek contact with fishermen who are or may be working in the survey area.

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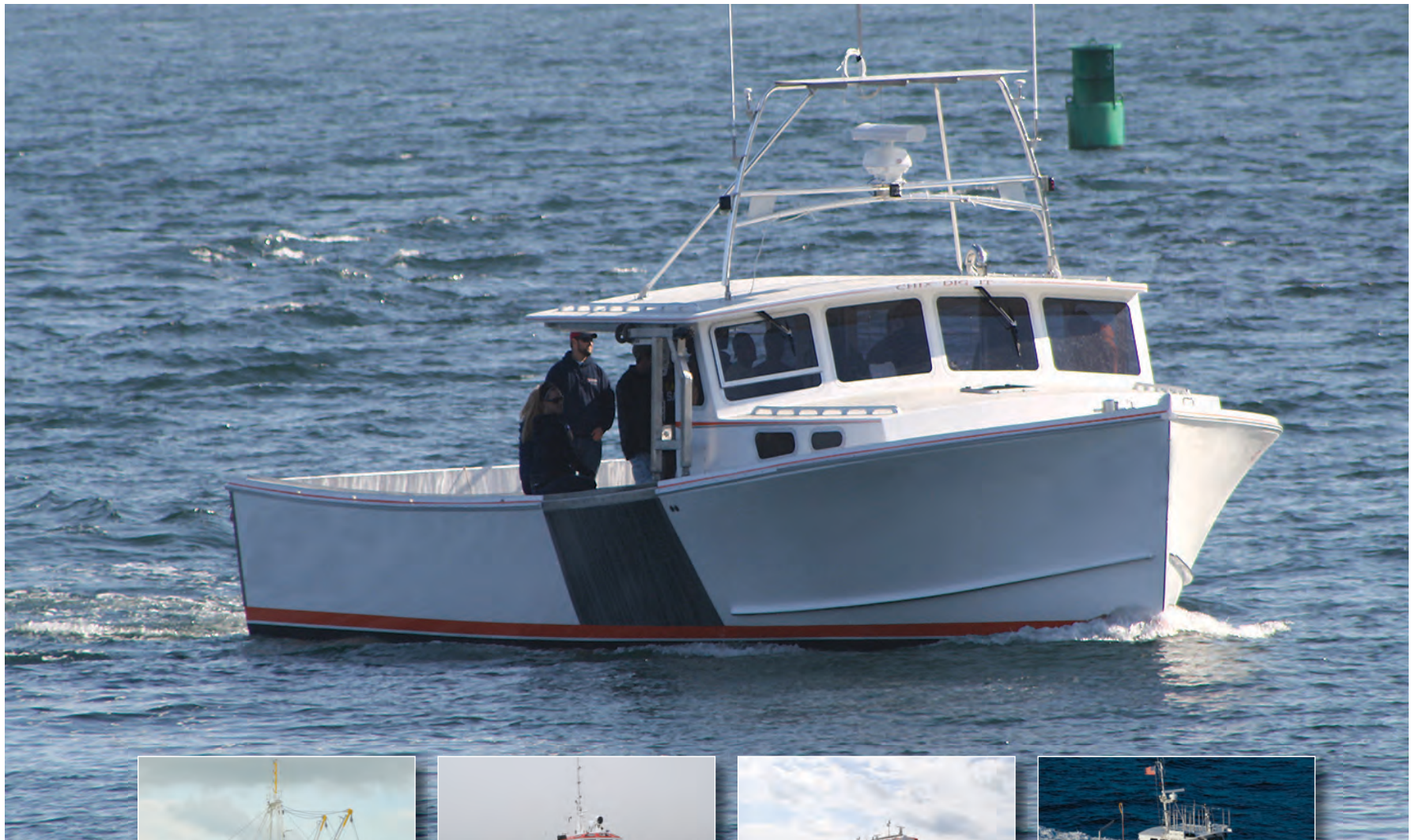
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