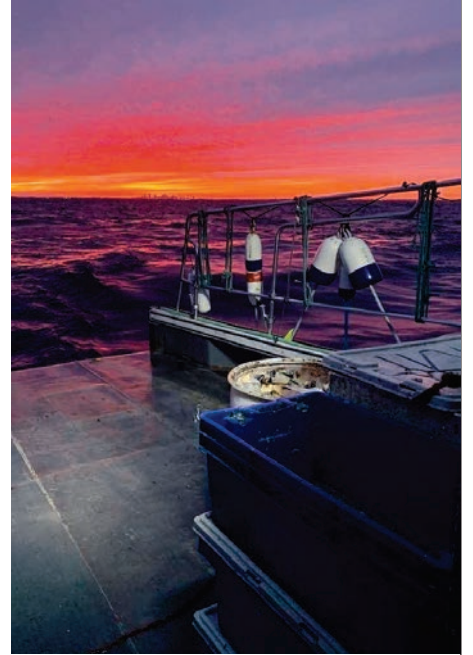
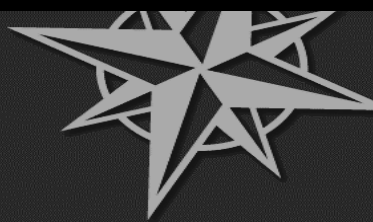


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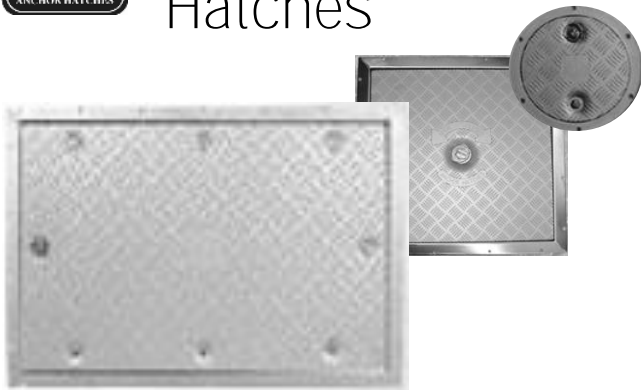
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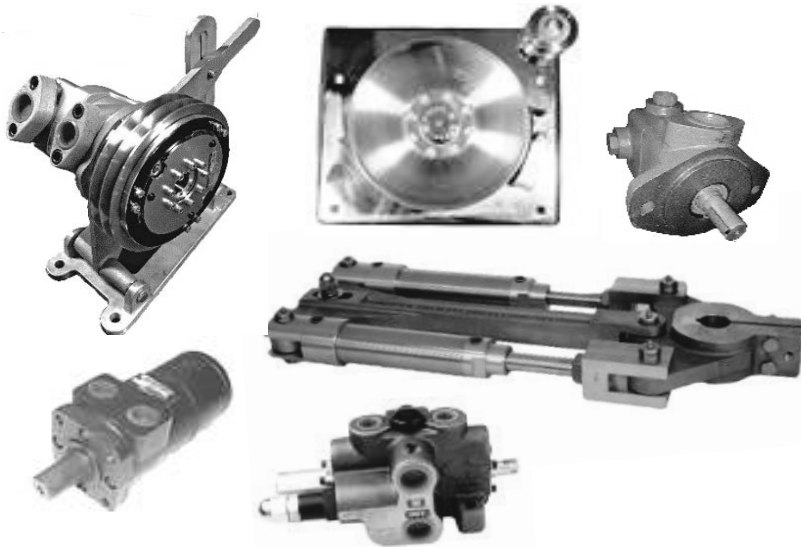
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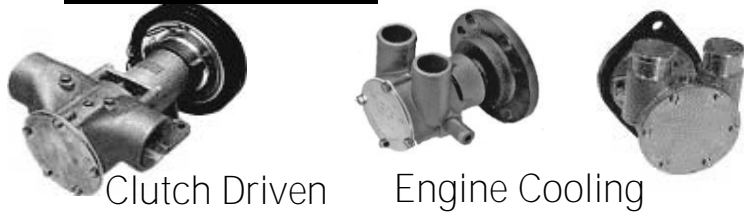
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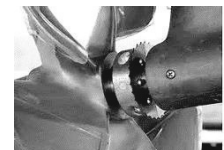


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Secretary Kathleen A Theoharides
 Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
 Attn: MEPA Office
 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
 Boston, MA 02114

RE: EEA No.16046 Northeastern University Coastal Sustainability Institute, Nahant, MA Final Environmental Impact Report

Dear Secretary Theoharides,

The Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association (MLA) submits this letter of opposition with great concern in response to the Northeastern University Coastal Sustainability Institute, Nahant, MA Final Environmental Impact Report submitted by the Pare Corporation on behalf of Northeastern University (NU) for the proposed new 55,000 square-foot Coastal Sustainability Institute facility.

The MLA remains in opposition of ANY introduction of warm water into the Gulf of Maine ecosystem fearing it will create another cod fishery scenario and the demise of the Gulf of Maine commercial lobster fishery. As stated in a publication found on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrations' website <http://research.noaa.gov/LeavingPage.aspx?http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sciencemag.org%2Flookup%2Fdoi%2F10.1126%2Fscience.aac9819>

Slow adaptation in the face of rapid warming leads to collapse of the Gulf of Maine cod fishery
 Over the past decade, sea surface temperatures in the Gulf of Maine increased faster than 99% of the global ocean. <http://science.sciencemag.org/content/350/6262/809> We do not need more warm water added to the Gulf of Maine ecosystem or anywhere else for that matter.

Established in 1963, the MLA is a member-driven organization that accepts and supports the interdependence of species conservation and the members' collective economic interests. The membership is comprised of fishermen from Maryland to Canada and encompasses a wide variety of gear types from fixed gear to mobile gear alike.

The MLA continues to work conscientiously through the management process with the Division of Marine Fisheries, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission as well as the New England Fisheries Management Council to ensure the continued sustainability and profitability of the resources in which our fishermen are engaged in. The MLA is also actively involved in the Northeast Regional Ocean Council, the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management and MA Ocean Planning Commission to ensure the recommendations of the commercial fishermen are vetted and implemented.

While the revised reduction of seawater intake proposed in the Environmental Notification Form from the Pare, Corp. dated May 31, 2019 to Secretary Kathleen A Theoharides, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs indicates a reduction in the intake of seawater from 2400 gallons per minute intake of seawater to 600gallons per minute to be utilized in tanks and not to cool their facility remains unacceptable. More cool water in and more warmer water out give us great concern seeing that the water temperature in the Gulf of Maine is continually rising with no end in sight.

Nothing has changed for the proposed projects intake system as it is the exact same system that was initially proposed in June of 2019. Per the newly proposed seawater intake system a 14" pipe will extend 400' from the shoreline into Bathing Cove right into is of great concern seeing that at high tide the beach can be less than 50-feet in width, but at low tide it becomes quite generous, stretching out in excess of 300-feet.

The commercial lobster fishery in Nahant is historically and economically important to the Commonwealth and the hard working people who depend upon a healthy ecosystem. Per the 2018 Division of Marine Fisheries data collection, Nahant is home to 13 commercial lobstermen and is the 13th most productive port in the Commonwealth, landing 392,468 lbs of American Lobster with an estimated ex-vessel value of 1.9 Million dollars. The economic value of the lobsters landed in Nahant extrapolated are of significant value to the Commonwealths economy is upwards of 9.5 Million Dollars while employing several hundred people in the shoreside support businesses such as marinas, lobster dealers, bait dealers, crew, marine supply stores and more.

Lastly, the proposed work on this project is slated to begin in the summer of 2020 when there are tremendous amounts of egg bearing lobsters that come to shallow waters along the coast to release the eggs. We encourage you to evaluate the timing of this so to avoid any interruptions to the natural release of the eggs into the ecosystem as this is the future stocks the commercial lobstermen rely on to be viable.

How can an academic institution such as NU propose such a large scale project on the coastline in the name of science that will negatively impact the ecosystem they are protecting and studying? The overall construction and operation of the facility will have immediate and long-lasting negative impacts on the ecosystem NU will be abutting and taking from on a regular basis leaving the commercial lobstermen, fishermen and naturalists confounded, all in the name of science.

We are hopeful that the State would oppose ANY introduction of warm water into the Gulf of Maine ecosystem given that it is warming faster than any other place on the planet. We fear theses impacts to the lobster resource will be significant and irreparable, even with a proposed lobster hatchery, and without any recourse for our commercial lobstermen to recoup lost income from the lost lobster stock due to the construction and warmer water that will be added into the Gulf of Maine.

Thank you for your thoughtful and deliberate consideration on this most sensitive matter. Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have.

Thank you,
Beth Casoni
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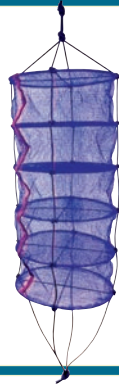
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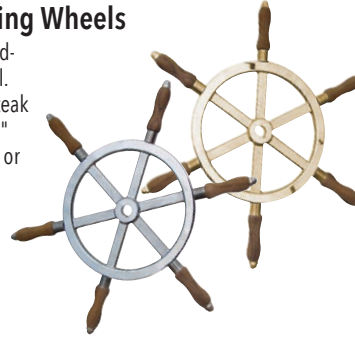


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The Honorable Wilbur Ross
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Ross,

We write to express our frustration and concern over the extensive delay in the issuance of guidance for the assistance to fisheries participants included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act was signed into law over a month ago, but the Commerce Department has yet to provide any instructions to the fishing or seafood industries on the application process for the \$300 million in available emergency funds under the law, or how that money will be allocated. This inaction leaves these industries in dire financial straits. We ask that you immediately take the necessary steps to ensure that the Commerce Department issues guidance as soon as possible so that this fisheries aid can reach those who desperately need it.

The fishing and seafood industries are essential to the American economy, with \$5.6 billion worth of fisheries products landed and \$11.6 billion worth of fisheries products processed in 2018.¹ The coronavirus outbreak has caused restaurants across the United States to shutter, eliminating a key customer base. The pandemic has also disrupted large export markets in countries such as China, which the coronavirus has hit hard. As a result, the U.S. fishing and seafood industries are under serious financial duress.²

Since Congress passed the CARES Act on March 25, 2020, the Commerce Department has made only one public statement on the assistance to fisheries participants. On April 2, NOAA published on its website six sentences about CARES Act fisheries aid, along with a link to an email address for stakeholders interested in sharing information about the effects of COVID-19 on their businesses.³ Nearly five weeks later, the lack of any further public announcements relating to CARES Act relief is simply unacceptable.

This silence and delay poses a particular problem because fishery participants do not know how to determine whether they will be eligible for the CARES Act assistance. The law provides that fishing industry participants can qualify for funding if they lose at least 35 percent of their revenue compared to a previous five-year average.⁴ But without guidance on how to calculate these losses, fisheries in need of

¹ NOAA Fisheries, *Fisheries of the United States, 2018* (Feb. 21, 2020), <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/fisheries-united-states-2018>.

² Laura Reiley, *Commercial fishing industry in free fall as restaurants close, consumers hunker down and vessels tie up*, Wash. Post (Apr. 8, 2020), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/04/08/commercial-fishing-coronavirus/>.

³ NOAA Fisheries, *NOAA Fisheries Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update* (Apr. 22, 2020), https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/noaa-fisheries-coronavirus-covid-19-update_

⁴ Public Law 116-136, Title II, Sec. 12005(b)(1).

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aid have been left hanging. Past allocations of fisheries disaster assistance have required at least a 35-percent annual revenue loss, calculated after a fishing season is over.⁵ Under the CARES Act, however, the 35-percent revenue loss may be calculated on a rolling basis within a fishing season.⁶ Therefore, among other badly needed guidance is the applicable timespan for calculation of the 35-percent revenue loss.

This silence from NOAA is also troubling because of the lack of a transparent process for establishing CARES Act guidance on the assistance to fishery participants. Industry input usually informs the allocation and distribution of fishery disaster assistance, including providing the details surrounding a disaster-aid request.⁷ But here, the Commerce Department has not meaningfully sought industry views. It must better engage industry to ensure an equitable allocation of assistance.

Our engagement with the Commerce Department and the Office of Management and Budget suggests that bureaucratic inefficiencies are behind the failure to timely issue guidance. Within the Commerce Department, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and its National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) play a role in formulating this guidance, as well as the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the outside. Conversations with relevant staff yielded contradictory expectations of responsibilities, including confusion over whether the Commerce Department or NOAA would send work products to OMB for final approval.

In short, the guidance delay appears to have resulted from an unclear chain of command marked by finger-pointing. Unfortunately, this is not entirely unsurprising. The Senate is well aware of longstanding difficulties in allocating fisheries disaster assistance, which was the subject of a September 25, 2019 hearing before the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. However, we would expect that during this pandemic, the Commerce Department and its bureaus would make concerted efforts to address these shortcomings.

In order for us to better understand why CARES Act fisheries disaster guidance has been so delayed, please respond to the following questions by May 6, 2020:

- 1) What is the status of guidance for CARES Act assistance to fishery participants? Which Commerce Department entity is principally responsible for the preparation and promulgation of this guidance?
- 2) When will the guidance be finalized and published? What issues remain to be resolved before this can happen?
- 3) Will the guidance be open for public comment before it is finalized or will it be issued in final form?
- 4) Has the guidance been transmitted to OMB?
 - a) If so, by whom and when?
 - b) If not, why not?
- 5) After guidance is issued, when does the Commerce Department expect to begin distributing CARES Act assistance to fishery participants?

⁵ National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Policy on Disaster Assistance under the Magnuson-Stevens Act 312(a) and 315 and Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act 308(b) and 308(d), National Marine Fisheries Service Policy 01-122, June 16, 2011. <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/laws-and-policies/fisheries-management-policy-directives>.

⁶ Public Law 116-136, Title II, Sec. 12005(c).

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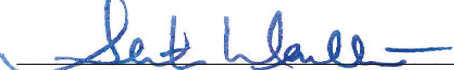
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Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have questions about this request, please reach out to Claire Richer on Senator Markey's staff at Claire_richer@markey.senate.gov.

Sincerely,


 Edward J. Markey
 United States Senator

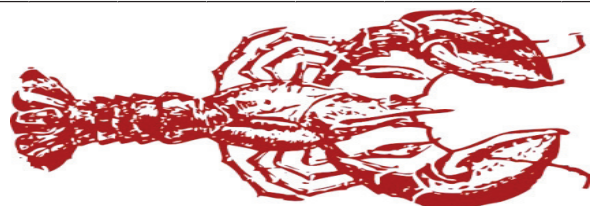

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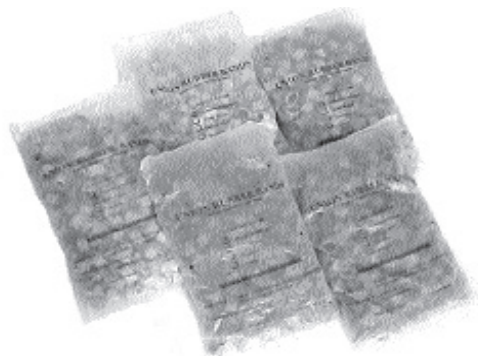




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MEMORANDUM

May 13, 2020

To: Atlantic Herring Management Board, Atlantic Herring Technical Committee, Atlantic Herring Advisory Panel, Interested Parties

From: Toni Kerns, ISFMP Director *TKK*

RE: Area 1A 2020 Effort Controls

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Herring Management Board members from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts set the effort control measures for the 2020 Area 1A (inshore Gulf of Maine) fishery for Season 1 (June-September).

The Area 1A sub-annual catch limit (ACL) is 2,957 metric tons (mt) after adjusting for the research set-aside, the 30 mt fixed gear set-aside, and the fact that Area 1A closes at 92% of the sub-ACL. In October 2019, the Atlantic Herring Management Board implemented seasonal allocations for the 2020 fishery which allocates the Area 1A sub-ACL between June-September (72.8%) and October-December (27.2%).

2020 Atlantic Herring 1A Quota (in mt) Allocation by Season

Season	1A Quota
Season 1: June-September	2,152 mt
Season 2: October-December	804 mt

Days Out of the Fishery

- Landing days will be set at zero from June 1 until the start of the fishery on July 19 in Maine and July 20 in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.
- Vessels with an Atlantic herring Limited Access Category A permit that have declared into the Area 1A fishery may land herring four (4) consecutive days a week. One landing per 24 hour period. Vessels are prohibited from landing or possessing herring caught from Area 1A during a day out of the fishery.
 - Landing days in Maine begin on Sunday of each week at 6:00 p.m. starting July 19.
 - Landing days in New Hampshire and Massachusetts begin on Monday of each week at 12:01 a.m. starting July 20.
- Small mesh bottom trawl vessels with an Atlantic herring Limited Access Category C or Open Access D permit that have declared into the fishery may land herring five (5) consecutive days a week.

Weekly Landing Limit

- Vessels with an Atlantic herring Category A permit may harvest up to 240,000 lbs. (6 trucks) per harvester vessel, per week starting July 19 in Maine and July 20 in New Hampshire and Massachusetts

At-Sea Transfer and Carrier Restrictions

The following applies to harvester vessels with an Atlantic herring Category A permit and carrier vessels landing herring caught in Area 1A to a Maine, New Hampshire, or Massachusetts port.

- A harvester vessel may transfer herring at-sea to another harvester vessel.
- A harvester vessel may not make any at-sea transfers to a carrier vessel.
- Carrier vessels may not receive at-sea transfers from a harvester vessel.

Fishermen are prohibited from landing more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring per trip from Area 1A until July 19 or 20, 2020, depending on the state. Landings will be closely monitored and the fishery will be adjusted to zero landing days when the seasonal period quota is projected to be reached.

Please contact Max Appelman, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at mappelman@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740 for more information.

Motions

Move to have season 1 start July 19 (ME) at 6 p.m.; July 20 for MA and NH vessels at 12:01 a.m. Zero landing days prior to July 19-20.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. McKiernan. Motion passed by consent.

Main Motion

Move to implement 4 landing days and an 8 truck weekly landing limit for the Category A permit vessels.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. Abbott. Motion substituted.

Motion to Substitute

Move to implement 4 landing days and a 6 truck weekly landing limit for the Category A permit vessels.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. Abbott. Motion passed by consent.

Main Motion as Substituted

Move to implement 4 landing days and a 6 truck weekly landing limit for the Category A permit vessels.

Motion passed by consent.

Move to implement 5 landing days for Category C and D permits under the Small Mesh Bottom Trawl program.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. White. Motion passes by consent.

Move to allow harvester-to-harvester transfers at sea, but not allow transfers to carriers.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. White. Motion passed by consent.

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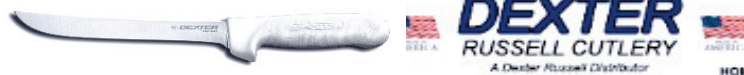


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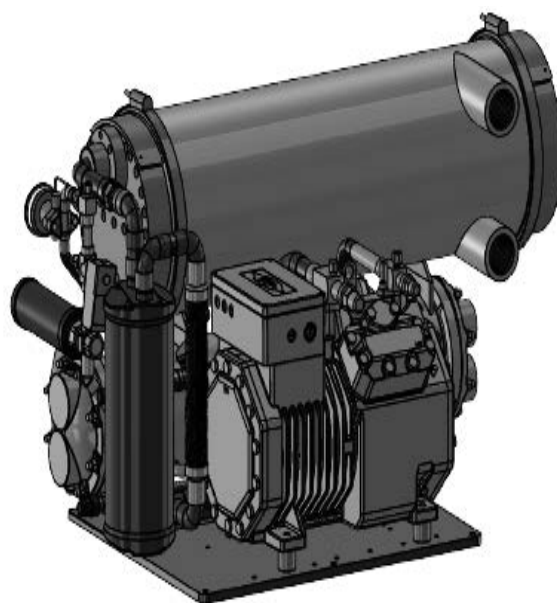




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1. Skin cancer is the most common cancer among men and recent studies have found that more than 8,000 men will die each year from melanoma. Applying sunscreen regularly and to all areas of exposed skin is critical in preventing all forms of skin cancer. Make sure you are applying sunscreen to get the often forgotten places such as the ears, the tops of your feet and, if you've got short hair, your hairline and the back of your neck. Be especially careful between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., as that's when the sun's rays are the strongest. Sunscreen should be applied every two hours.

2. Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. As the temperature rises, so does your body's need for water. According to the American Heart Association, staying hydrated is critical for your body's health. Dehydration can lead to headaches, dizziness and, eventually, heat stroke. The amount of water a person needs while in the sun depends on a variety of factors, including the temperature and a person's weight and health history.

3. Get your yearly checkup before embarking on your summer adventures. Depending on your age, your doctor will be performing different tests to make sure you're in tip top shape. In your 20s and 30s, you'll need a physical and will want to keep an eye on your cholesterol and blood pressure and perform self-exams for testicular cancer. Men in their 30s and 40s should also be screened for diabetes, prostate cancer and heart disease.

Once you're over 50, expect yearly electrocardiograms to check heart health as well as more frequent vision and hearing tests. Yearly physicals are considered preventative care, so if you have insurance this visit will be free.

4. A day at the beach doesn't have to mean a missed workout. Get creative! Playing catch on the sand will work your calves, abs and upper body, and a swim in a lake or pool is a great cardiovascular workout. Swimming is also a non-impact workout, so it's easy on your back and joints. Men are at a greater risk of heart disease than women, and exercising for 20 to 30 minutes a few times a week can help to reduce that risk.

5. Eat healthy. Summer is the time for family reunions, church picnics and neighborhood barbecues. While it can be hard to resist the goodies from the grill, just a few simple changes to your plate can help both your waistline and your heart. Men can reduce their risk of heart attacks by reducing fat and sodium intake, limiting alcohol intake and eating plenty of high fiber foods. At your next barbecue, grab a Portobello burger instead of a hamburger. Switching to the mushroom patty can cut more than 200 calories from your burger. If the Portobello's not for you, try a chicken breast instead of the burger.

Skip the ranch and sour cream based dips with your chips and opt for guacamole or a homemade salsa. The avocado in the guacamole is a super food, filled with nutrients that can help reduce cholesterol and triglycerides. The tomatoes and peppers in the salsa are loaded with vitamins A & C, as well as folic acid.

Staying healthy this summer can help ensure that you're around to enjoy many more days at the beach.

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Mass CARES Act Fisheries Relief

Massachusetts has been allocated \$28 million from the CARES Act for fisheries relief.

Updated as of 4 pm, May 12, 2020

On May 7, 2020, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce announced the allocation of \$300 million in fisheries assistance funding provided by Sec. 12005 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also called the CARES Act, to states, Tribes, and territories with coastal and marine fishery participants who have been negatively affected by COVID-19. Massachusetts has been allocated \$28 million, the third highest allocation in the country, behind Alaska and Washington.

The Department of Fish and Game's Division of Marine Fisheries (MA DMF) will be working through the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) to finalize the required disaster relief spending plan to be submitted to NOAA Fisheries. The Massachusetts plan will be developed through a public process with significant industry participation. Once this relief plan is approved, Massachusetts will work with NOAA

Fisheries, ASMFC, and the seafood industry to get the funding out as soon as possible.

This website will be continually maintained with the most up-to-date information available to help guide impacted industry participants through the application and dispersal process. MA DMF will also widely circulate notification by email, permit holder mailings and through local media outlets when we are ready to receive applications from eligible fishery participants impacted by COVID-19.

Here is some basic information about the funding to-date:

How will Massachusetts receive its \$28 million allocation of funds?

NOAA Fisheries will pass the funds to Massachusetts from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. All funds must be dispersed by September 2021.

operations involving freshwater species are also ineligible.

When can businesses apply?

After NOAA Fisheries approves the Massachusetts spending plan, this site will be updated with full application instructions and eligibility criteria. Currently, Massachusetts is not yet accepting applications.

What is a spending plan?

A spending plan explains to NOAA how the funds will be given out and the metrics that will be used to qualify each applicant for the funds. NOAA is requesting all spending plans be submitted to their agency by August 2020, however MA DMF anticipates having a spending plan in place prior to that time.

What can I do until I can apply?

Check this website for updates.

Sign up for MA DMF's email notifications. MA DMF will be setting up a Subscription Topic specific to the CARES Act. Coming soon.

For answers to specific questions, please email us at dmf.caresrelief@mass.gov

PLEASE CHECK BACK REGULARLY FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION.

For additional CARES Act information, visit:

- <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/funding-and-financial-services/fishery-disaster-assistance>
- <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/commerce-secretary-announces-allocation-300-million-cares-act-funding>
- <http://www.asmfc.org/home/cares-act-resources>
<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/mass-cares-act-fisheries-relief>

What businesses are eligible?

Tribes, commercial fishing businesses, charter/for-hire fishing businesses, aquaculture businesses, and seafood wholesalers and processors whose residence is in Massachusetts.

Does every eligible business qualify for funding?

No. Only businesses that suffered a 35% loss caused by COVID-19 relative to previous years will qualify for these funds.

What businesses are NOT eligible?

Seafood retail markets, restaurants, tackle shops, tackle manufacturers, and boat yards are all ineligible. Any commercial fishing businesses or



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Project Gets Underway

The deployment and field testing of the Whale Safer 1,700 lb Weaker Red Rope is in full swing and will be deployed during the 2020 fishing season to ensure a functional option will be available for the 2021 fishing season.

The Whale Safer 1,700 lb Weaker Red Rope initiative will hopefully advance the options for an operational weaker vertical line for the “weak contrivance” requirement that will further reduce the Serious Injuries and Mortalities to the North Atlantic Right Whale (NARW). Currently, there is not definition nor an understanding of what a “weak contrivance” is and the commercial lobster industry needs several options.

Currently, the South Shore Sleeve is the ONLY viable option available today for a “weak contrivance”. This Chinese finger sleeve has been tested, and is being used by a few South Shore lobstermen without incident. The commercial lobster industry

needs multiple safe and sound options to achieve the 1700lb breaking strength “weak contrivance”.

Through the Whale Safer Red Rope project we are able to provide lobstermen with some of the Whale Safer 1,700 lb Weaker Red Rope to be tested in real-time fishing scenarios and sea conditions. We are looking for an operationally, viable reduced breaking strength red rope.

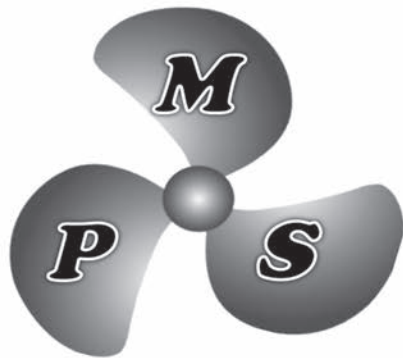
This project was awarded funding through the Massachusetts Environmental Trust, Drive for a Better Environment grant program in partnership with the; Lobster Foundation of Massachusetts (LFoM), Massachusetts Lobstermen’s Association (MLA), Division of Marine Fisheries, International Fund for Animal Welfare, and New England Aquarium looking for the viable weak contrivance options together to further the conservation of the NARW.



Massachusetts lobstermen remain dedicated stewards of the sea and their conservation efforts do not go unnoticed each year as the right whales come to Cape Cod Bay and feed freely in the MA Restricted Area with a 0% of ANY harm coming to them and when they leave they are very much alive, happy fat and fed.

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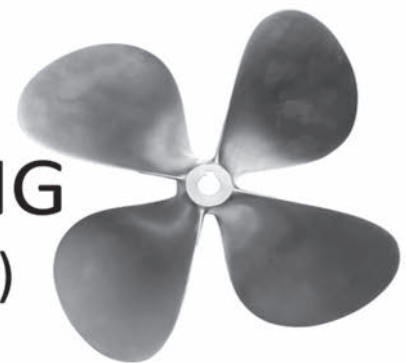


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The Massachusetts Lobstermen's Associations' Class of 2020

Congratulations to the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Associations' class of 2020. The recipients in memory of the Robert Wheeler scholarship are given to MLA members' children who are graduating high school and entering their first year of college.

This year's recipients are as follows;

Robert Duseau Jr. from Plymouth, MA will be attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy to study Marine Engineering.

Spencer Granlund from Eastham, MA will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute to study Aerospace Engineering.

Benjamin Holmes from Plymouth, MA will be attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy to Marine Transportation.

James Mahoney from Hull, MA will be attending Hobart and William Smith College to study Physical Therapy.

Christopher Pickard from Wellfleet, MA will be attending IYRS School of Technology Yacht & Restoration to study Marine Mechanics.

We are certain that you all will have a fine future in your chosen fields of study and hope that you will keep in touch to let us know how you are doing.

*Best of luck to you all,
from all of us at the
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RECIPE of the MONTH



Lobster & Marscarpone Lemon Sauce Over Fettucini

Ingredients

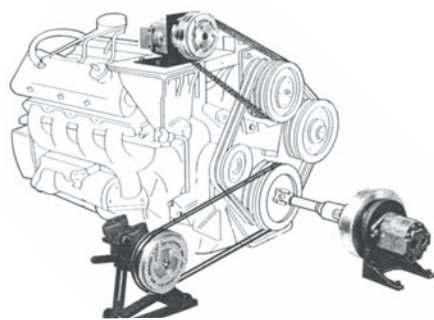
- Fresh Fettuccini
- 4 cooked lobster
- Lemon butter (2 lemons juiced w/ 1 tbsp. butter) warm up in microwave 15 to 25 seconds until butter is melted.
- 6 tbsp mascarpone
- 3 tbsp parmesan cheese
- 5 to 7 tbsp of pasta water (when boiling pasta you will need to use some of this water for the mascarpone sauce). Start out with 5 tbsp of pasta water and add more if you need to.
- 4 basil leaves diced
- Lemon wedges for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Remove the lobster meat from the tails and claws. Slice the lobster meat into bite size pieces and mix with 1 tbsp of the warmed lemon juice butter mixture.
- Cook pasta, bring water to a boil (add the salt once the water is boiling) then add pasta.
- Next, in a bowl mix the mascarpone with half of the lemon butter sauce, parmesan cheese, 5 tbsp of pasta water + salt to taste.
- Take your pasta while it is hot and add it to the mascarpone mixture. Mix so that all of the pasta is covered with the sauce. Add claw meat to the pasta mixture. Continue to season with salt and cheese to your taste.
- Divide the pasta between 4 bowls and place the lobster tail meat on top of the pasta and sprinkle with basil.
- Evenly pour the rest of the lemon butter sauce on top of the 4 portions of lobster.
- Garnish with fresh lemon wedge on the side.

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GEOTECHNICAL SURVEYS

Geotechnical surveys will take place in the northern portion of Vineyard Wind Lease Area (OCS-A 0501) beginning on or about May 20, 2020. The 264 foot survey vessel GEOQUIP SAENTIS will begin operations in May and is expected to continue survey operations for 4-6 weeks.

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. Please contact the fisheries liaison if you are fishing or plan to fish in the survey area over the duration of the survey period.

Date(s)

Beginning on or about May 20, 2020. Estimated duration 4-6 weeks.

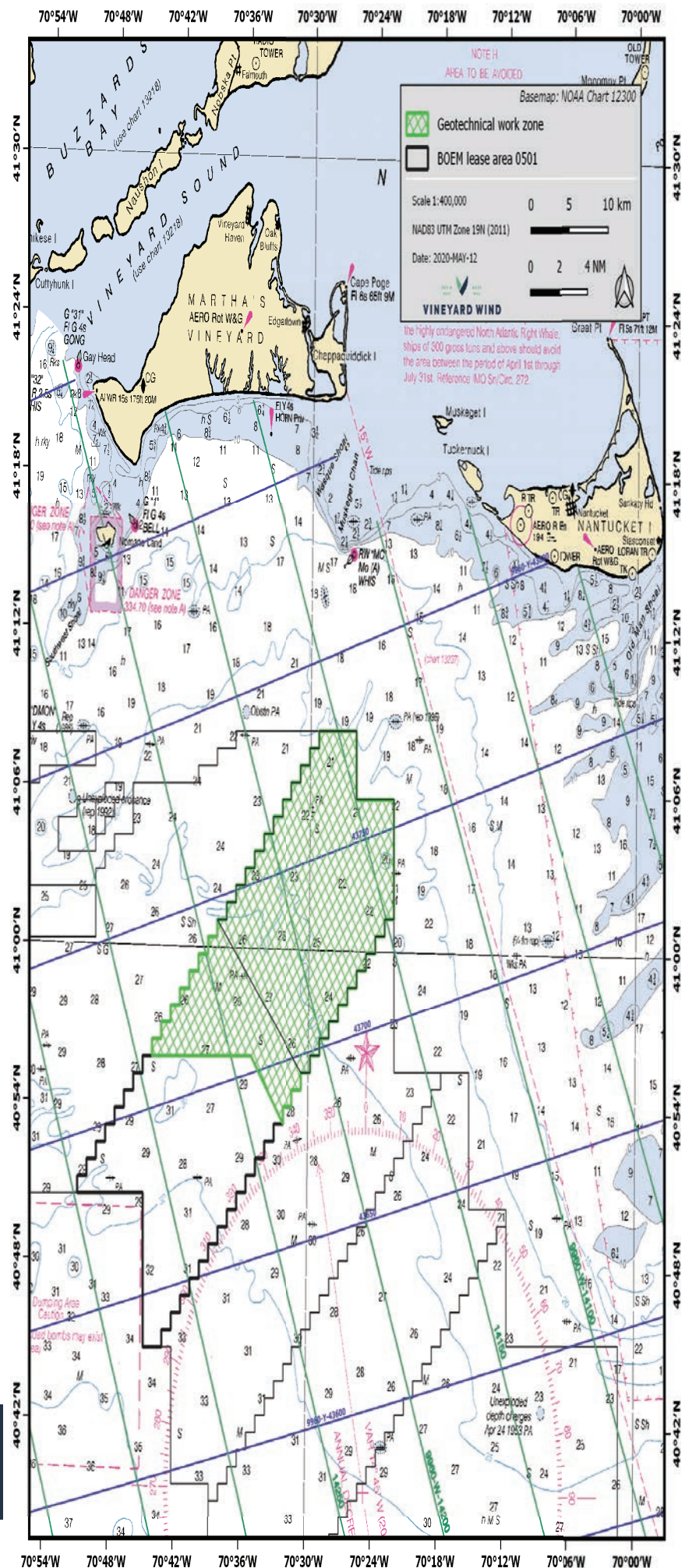
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The northern portion of Vineyard Wind Lease Area (OCS-A 0501)



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There are a number of words and phrases such as unprecedented, unparalleled, unimaginable, beyond comprehension and many more that try to describe the current world situation. In reality there is precedent, there are parallels, humans have great imaginations and many people comprehend what we are going through and try to imagine what we will have when the curve flattens and the vaccine is developed. In the meantime, we have to live cautiously and carefully. Most aspects of the modern seafood industry are conducted under sanitary conditions, we are used to “sanitizing” every surface and using gloves, masks, boots, smocks, hair-nets, cuffs, dips, sprays, misters and various combinations depending on the specie, the pack and high-risk or low-risk production areas. The customer base has come to expect that seafood is a healthy meal choice and that eating seafood is the best tasting and easiest to prepare form of health food.

The steps that need to be followed to provide a quality product have been extended to protect the people that harvest, unload, process and distribute the product. This is part of the supply chain, the chain that stops working when one link in that chain breaks.

Fishing boats vary in size and the number of people on board. The boats that predominate in the lobster and crab fisheries run from 35 to 65 feet and carry two to five crew members. There is no extra space, there is no privacy, there is no social distancing; you have to trust that your crew mates are healthy. Is a mask going to be sufficient to do any good in this scenario? The boats are unloaded and then the raw material is transported to the plant and taken in, this interaction is continuous and, in many cases,, all done by people from the same social groups that includes friends, families and neighbors. The product then enters production and depending on the plant, may be processed by anywhere from 50 to 500 people. The plants are like the boats in that there is little excess or wasted room, people work shoulder to shoulder, eat together in the lunch

room, smoke together in the parking lot and then share rides back and forth to work. The “low risk” workers wear protective gear and the “high risk” workers dress to the level of an ER or operating room.

All of these variables have to be taken into consideration to protect the people in the supply chain. This has spawned a new, detailed regimen designed to ensure the integrity of the workers, the product and the links that hold this together. The seafood industry is being cautious in general and the harvesting sector is “slow-walking” the openings in conjunction with the processing sector. Given what has happened with the collapse and/or shut-down of the foodservice industry there is little impetus to build immediate inventories for a customer base with an unknown re-opening date.

Lobster and snow crab are sold in both foodservice and retail; with foodservice limited to take-out, we will all have to make accommodations. The delay in harvesting will potentially reduce the annual catch in both species as will the potential reduction in the number of plant workers due to enforced social distancing on the production lines. These are commodity items and commodity prices are based on supply and demand. The past year saw record or near record prices in both species, Covid-19 will change the price structures.

Opilio snow crab clusters have sustained very high prices; new (2020) Alaskan production remains almost invisible in much of the U.S. market and the carry-over Canadian production (2019) is trader candy with no price limits. There have been minimal 2020 Canadian offerings as of yet and it appears that it will be mid-May before we see more than pallet volumes being offered and more importantly, delivered. Production from Newfoundland will set the initial floor pricing and due to the northerly fishing grounds will “probably” avoid the Right Whale entanglement issues that will potentially plague the southern and western grounds in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Opilio clusters are popular in retail and face little in the way of competition from alternative products with Dungeness sold whole and King Crab at higher prices. Will foodservice develop a KFC style Bucket-O-Crab to go? There are very hungry foodservice entrepreneurs out there, just as there are in the packaging industry; creativity will triumph.

Frozen lobster production has ‘traditionally’ opened on or about the first of May as the Prince Edward Island fishery opens. The first ten days of the fishery are done with no fixed pricing and at the end of the period, once the fishermen and processors have seen the market, they commit to a retroactive price going back to Day One. This year Day One is apt to be closer to the middle of May and faces some hard truths. There is some expensive, but high-quality inventory left over from Q-4/19; there are not huge volumes and the ‘owners’ are pragmatic regarding prices. There is

also product that was packed in Q-1/20 and this was packed from the hangover live inventory that didn’t sell during the holidays; be aware of what you are buying. Historically PEI has had labor issues and over a number of years has secured outside labor, initially from other the provinces and now Latin and Asian countries. A 14 day quarantine period for ‘imported’ labor is nominally being underwritten by the government and may relieve the situation.

Lobster tails have a firm niche in foodservice and a secure position with the retailers who have a customer base and know how to market the product. Larger tails have become the province of foodservice and the largest tails are captured by steakhouses and the cruise lines; neither of which is currently thriving. It is a good guess that we may see large tails in retail this year and it is a fact that prices are going to have to come down. With 22 million newly unemployed in the U.S. market and no immediate relief in sight we have to face market realities.

In 2019 the lobster market rode a wave of record or near-record pricing, this was a combination of foodservice and retail and at the moment foodservice does not count. Then again, how about a steamed “Bucket-O-Tails” to go or a basket of Bake-Stuffed Tails to go?

Lobster meat will continue to maintain a presence in foodservice and as an ingredient in retail products. Lobster meats can be fashioned into the traditional blends CL/CKL/TCK as well as modified blend ratios and the individual components. With last year’s prices we saw lobster return to the purview of “white table-cloth” settings and what we will need to see for the coming year is product priced for checkered table-cloth or maybe a picnic bench.

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