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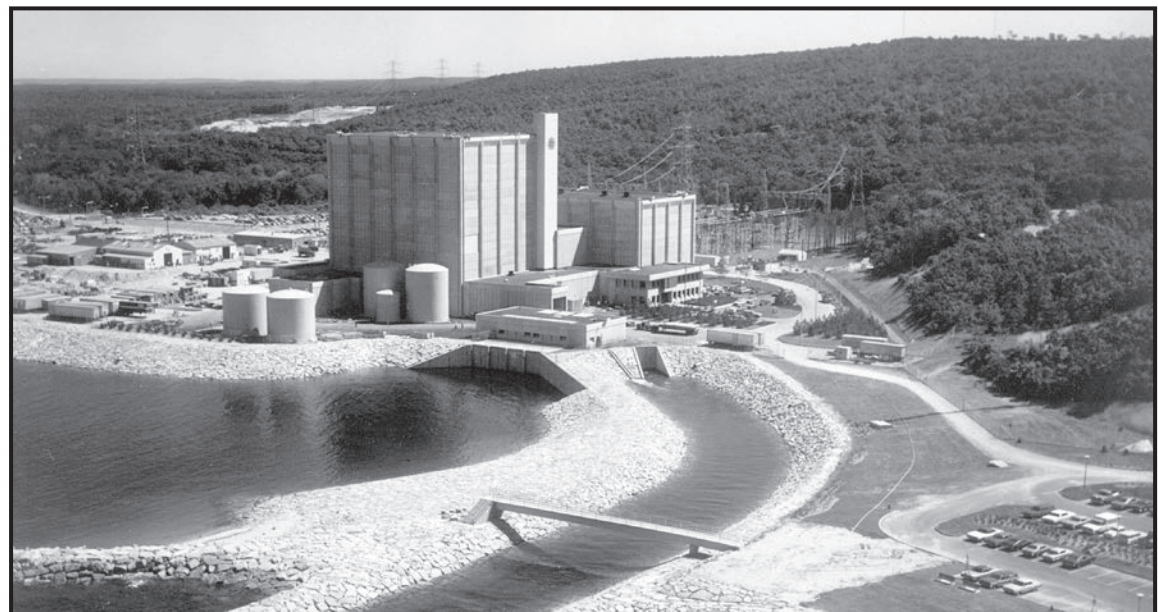
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Above: Boston Edison Company's Pilgrim Station Unit 1 at Plymouth, MA, circa 1972.

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Right: A protest sign seen at recent rallies in an effort to stop Holtec International (who bought the decommissioned facility in 2019) from disposing the site's radioactive materials into Cape Cod Bay.





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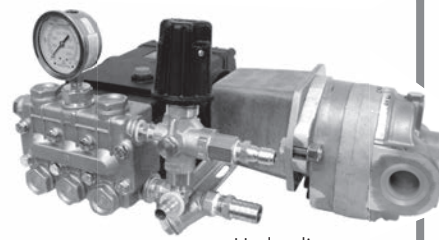
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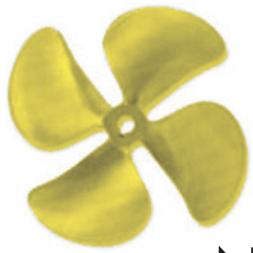
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After a blustery couple of months, I know I am looking forward to some spring like days in March along with a little Irish luck we will have them. Boy, do we need some Irish luck to get through the ongoing right whale litigation the MLA is embroiled in. There may just be a golden ticket at the end of it all in the form of the Incidental Take Permit (ITP).

As you all are well aware, the ITP process is ongoing and will take the better half of this year for the MA Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) to complete the application to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Overall, the ITP application will have taken the DMF better part of two years to complete and will take NMFS an additional two years to review.

The ITP process is not a swift process as everything you have been asked to do to reduce risk and what the DMF has indicated they will do to certify enforcement will be scrutinized with a microscope. The rules to reduce risk are only as good as the ability to enforce them along with documented compliance.

If you have not been hearing the dock talk over the last couple of months, here is some food for thought. The State and EPOs have been actively removing derelict gear along with non-compliant gear out of the closed areas within state waters. There have been hundred's of lost or derelict gear removed from the closed waters along with hundreds of non-compliant gear.

There were also some harbors that were frozen in and a few individuals had extenuating circumstances that they could not get all of their gear out before the February 1st closure date. The MLA was in communication with these fishermen, the DMF and EPOs to keep everyone informed on the progress that was being made to remove the gear in a timely manner.

While some fishermen thought these individuals got a PASS, they did not get a PASS and their gear was removed. No one is getting a PASS or a get out of Jail Free card when it comes to right whale violations.

If anyone is debating about being non-compliant with

the right whale regulations, I strongly encourage you to think again. The State is NOT going to tolerate ANY non-compliance. The entire lobster industry is hanging in the balance of the DMF's ability to show that they are checking and enforcing all the risk reduction measures. Now, more than ever there is no room for error.

After having spoken to many of you over the last several months and having listened to your frustration on all the gear marking rule changes, you're frustrated, you're not the problem, you're only fishing in 50' of water and so on, please remember that there are only two signatures on your permit; yours and the DMF Directors. If there is anything that I can stress now is NOT, the time to be non-compliant.

The DMF understands all of the frustration the industry is going through and they have ordered a slew of gear marking supplies and have over 1300 coils of weak rope that they will be distributing to the industry to help offset any costs incurred. The MLA will be one of the pick-up sites



and we will keep you posted on when we will be holding this pickup in March-April.

If anyone has any questions on any of the right whale regulations please call me 781-545-6984 xt.1 or email me beth.casoni@lobstermen.com because at the end of the day your actions or inactions will have an impact on the entire industry as the DMF applies and the State awaits the results on the ITP application in 2024.

Safe on the water,

Beth Casoni

Director

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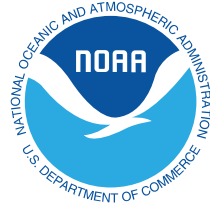
The Stellwagen Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) held its 64th meeting on February 16th, 2022. Again, this was a zoom meeting.

There was yet another discussion on having the Sanctuary establish a working group to look at rope-less fishing gear. A motion was made to establish such a group. This was another attempt regarding whale safety.???

Eric Meschino, Bill's alternate, was present and noted that the current weak rope and buoy breakaways are working and further discussions on buoy-less lobster gear is not needed. Bill Adler went into detail as to why the whole idea is not practical, is already being looked at by the state and federal agencies, is costly, raises concern about gear conflicts and will not be accepted by fixed gear fishermen. He reiterated his opposition not only to forming a working group but even having the Sanctuary spend time and money looking at a ridiculous idea when fishermen are already doing everything they can to prevent an interaction with Whales.

Several other SAC members and state and federal representatives also voiced reluctance to support the idea. In a roll call vote, the motion failed.

The Sanctuary then moved on to a review and update on the draft Management Plan. Comments heard or received from the public hearings were then presented. There were over a hundred comments heard or letters received on the Plan document. These ranged from prohibit fishing, more protection for forage and spawning fish, more protec-



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tion for marine mammals, speed restrictions, opposing mooring buoys over shipwrecks, protection for seabirds, water quality issues, more education and outreach, habitat concerns and the Sanctuary's budget.

This was followed by a review of the Sanctuary's Work Plan. Among the listed issues were the, Shipwreck Avoidance Program, (Maritime Heritage issue), protection for the Right Whales from fishing gear and relationships with the shipping interests. This whole issue was listed as a medium priority! There were other issues on the on the Work Plan.

Dr. Dave Wiley, (NOAA Research Scientist) gave several presentations during the meeting. Back on the rope-less gear discussions, he noted many problems regarding popup buoys, costs, gear conflicts, and an idea of having fishermen sending a ROV that would go down and pull up the traps, having a transponder on the traps??! **NOT** He also was working on having an experimental area in the Sanctuary where one could monitor whale density and gear density and where entanglements could occur!??

Another presentation by Dave, focused on sand mining for beach nourishment. He noted there were many problems with this idea, which included how it could disturb marine life such as,

whales, sand lance, (a forage species) scallop habitat, birds and even herring. He gave a detailed report on the importance of the sand lance species.

Sanctuary staff reported on events, exhibits, articles and celebrations planned to mark the National Sanctuaries System's 50th year. Stellwagen by the way, will be celebrating its 30th year.

It was noted during several of the discussions that NMFS is considering moving the "derby style" scallop fishery on the bank from April to May. A problem here is that in May, lobster fishing starts up. Dave Wiley noted that there is usually not much gear in the scallop area at that time??!

In the Agency/Governmental reports on the agenda, Coastal Zone Management (CZM) reported that it was involved in the Wind Farm issues everywhere. The Division of Marine Fisheries, (DMF) noted that in April there is expected to be a final rule released on the Whale Rules and it was also working on the Herring issues.

The Enforcement Report was given by the USCG and NOAA enforcement representatives. The Coast Guard mentioned it was working on enforcement of vessel speed limits and that it had several new 154' vessels. NOAA enforcement (OLE) indicated that it had no violations in the Sanctuary and will be working

on lobster fishery issues, Whale Take Reduction issues and any harassment events (whales!).

The Federal Fishery's Council report focused on various groundfish and scallop plans and the NOAA representative will be working on survey's, speed reductions and whale protection.

On other agenda items, the Sanctuary reported on the usual budget, SAC elections and business issues.

Among other comments from the SAC members at the end of the meeting, Bill Adler brought up the proposed discharge of the Radioactive Waste in Cape Cod Bay. It has been proposed by the company dismantling the Plymouth Nuclear Power Plant to dump the radioactive water into the Bay. Bill asked if the Sanctuary and the state's CZM were involved in opposing this action. He cited obvious concerns that, as he indicated, we are all worried about, Whale issues, water quality, water temperature, acidification, habitat and fishing issues, what about dumping contaminated water?! Huh?!

Both the Stellwagen Superintendent, Pete DeCola and CZM's Todd Callaghan indicated that they were now fully involved in the issue. Center for Coastal Studies (CCS) Rich Delaney, chimed in indicating that his organization in P-town is also involved in opposing this proposal. In other words, they're on it. Bill said "good", keep on it!!

The 4- hour meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

Bill Adler
Fixed Gear Commercial SAC Member



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- **Buoy Line** means the line that extends through the water column from the buoy at the surface to a single trap on the ocean floor or to a groundline that connects multiple traps in a trawl and extends no more than 12' from the first trap in the trawl.

- **Surface System** means that portion of the buoy line comprised of the first 12' extending down through the water column from the buoy at the surface.

- **Body of the Buoy Line** means that portion of the buoy line extending up the water column from the trap or groundline to the surface system.

- **Solid Mark** means marks within the buoy line that are continuous and not containing gaps or spaces, such as tape, paint, or an insert of an appropriately colored line.

- **Non-Solid Mark** means marks within the buoy line that are not continuous, such as tracers.

- **Weak Line Contrivance** means a device installed into the buoy line that is designed to part when exposed to 1,700 pounds of tension or less.

BUOY LINE MARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL TRAP GEAR IN STATE-WATERS

- In the surface system, there is to be one red mark measuring at least 3'.

- In the body of the buoy line, there are to be at least four solid or non-solid red marks measuring at least 2', with at least two marks occurring in the top 50% of the body of the buoy line and two marks occurring in the bottom 50% of the body of the buoy line.

- There is to be at least one solid or non-solid red mark for every 60' within the body of the buoy line.

- If fishermen are using buoy lines rigged with a weak contrivance

Buoy Line Marking Requirements for All Commercial Lobster and Crab Trap, Fish Pot and Whelk Pot Gear Set in MA State Waters



that is red (e.g., an insert of red or candy cane weak rope) or has a red tracer in it (e.g., certain South Shore sleeves) then the weak contrivance may double as a red mark in the body of the buoy line.

- If the buoy line is red, then all buoy line marks are to be white.

- No marks are to appear in the buoy line unless they are red marks, or white marks if the buoy line is red.

Buoy Line Marking Requirements for All Commercial Lobster and Crab Trap Gear Set in Federal Waters of LCMA 1, 2 and OCCLCMA



BUOY LINE MARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL LOBSTER AND JONAH CRAB POT/ TRAP GEAR IN FEDERAL WATERS WITHIN LCMA 1, LCMA 2, AND OUTER CAPE COD LCMA.

- In the surface system, there is to be one red mark measuring at least 3' and no more than 1' below the red mark there is to be a solid green mark measuring at least 1'.

- In the body of the buoy line, there are to be three solid or non-solid marks measuring at least 2' with at least one mark occurring in the top third, one mark occurring in the middle third, and one mark occurring in the bottom third.

- Each marks in the body of the buoy line are to be comprised of at least 1' of red and 1' green. While the green and red marks need not be adjacent, they cannot be spaced more than 6" apart.

- There are to be no red marks in the buoy lines that do not have a corresponding green mark.

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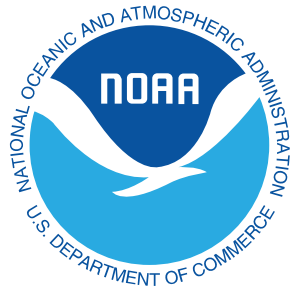
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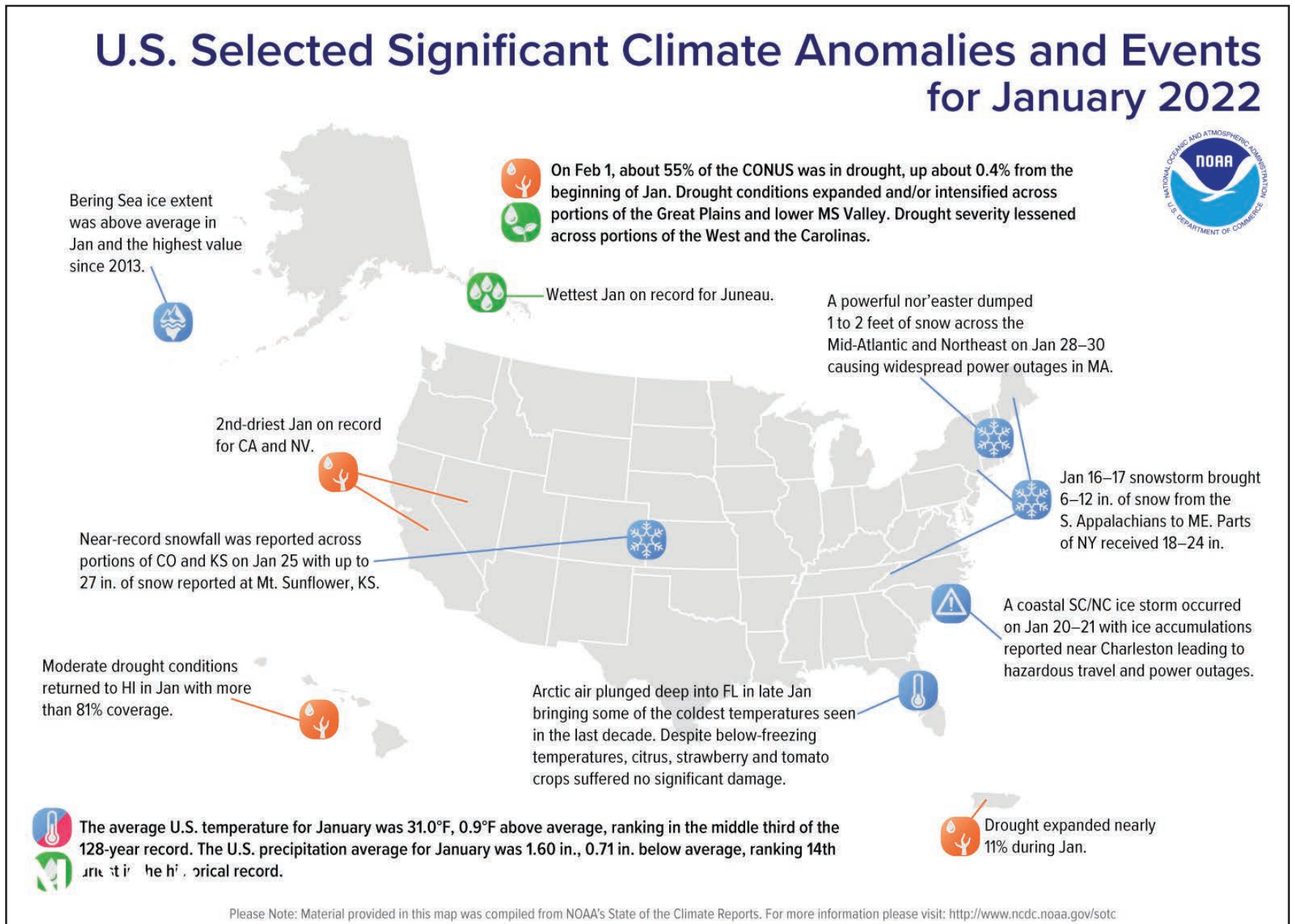
U.S. saw its coolest, driest January in eight years

The contiguous U.S. kicked off 2022 with its coolest January since 2014. However, the month still ranked nearly a degree warmer than average across the nation. January 2022 was also the driest January in eight years and among the top-15 driest Januaries on record.

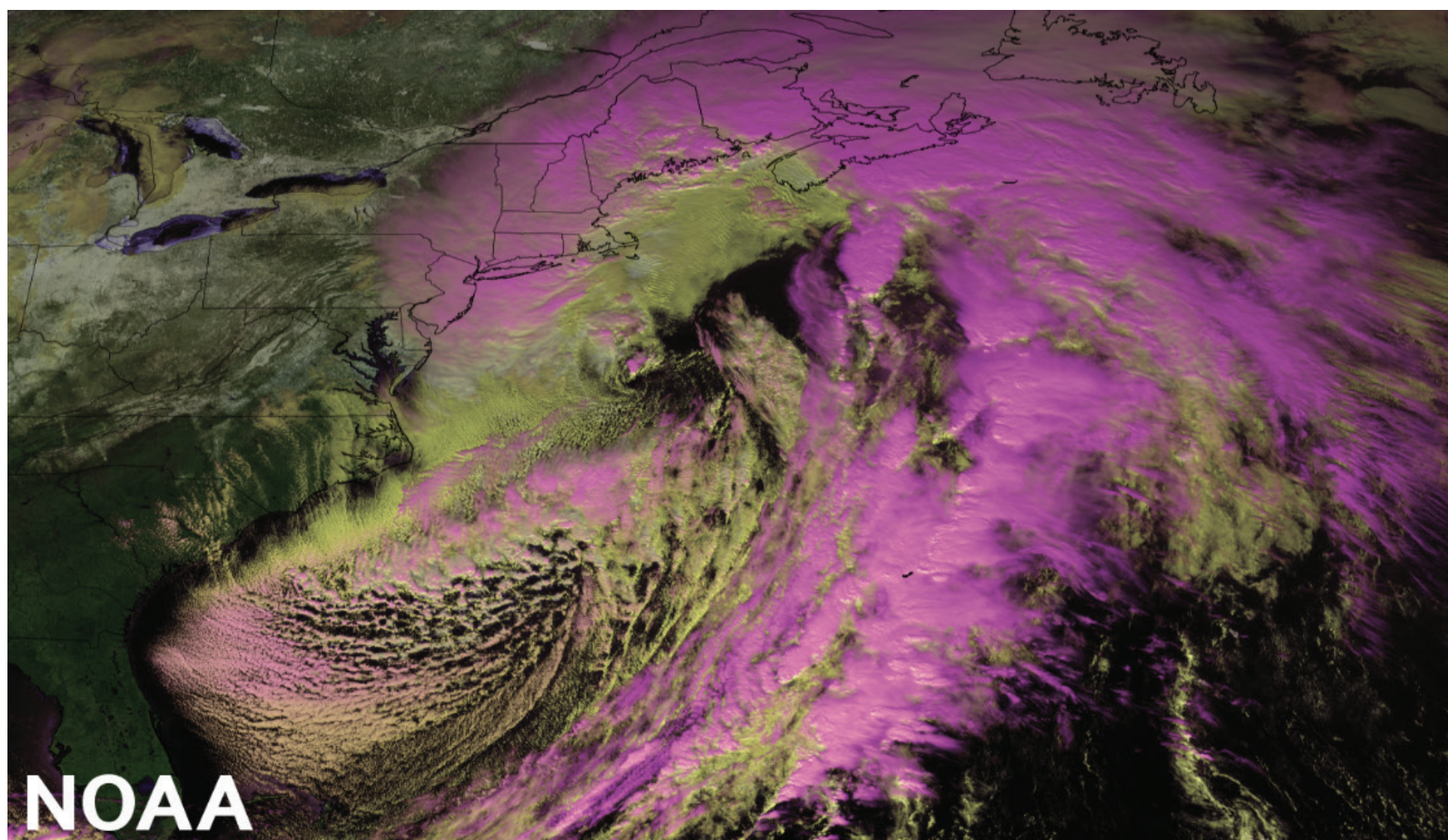
Here are more highlights from NOAA's latest monthly U.S. climate report:

CLIMATE BY THE NUMBERS - JANUARY 2022

The average January temperature across the contiguous U.S. was 31.0 degrees F — 0.9 of a degree above the 20th-century average — ranking in the middle third of January months in the 128-year record.



A map of the United States plotted with significant climate events that occurred during January 2022. Please see the story below as well as the full climate report highlights at <http://bit.ly/USClimate202201> Source: NOAA NCEI



Source: NOAA

This view captured by NOAA's GOES-16 satellite shows a powerful nor'easter pounding the eastern U.S. on January 29, 2022. In this snow/cloud composite imagery, snow on the ground appears as white, low clouds appear as pale yellow and high clouds appear as light pink.

Temperatures were below average from the Midwest and Tennessee Valley to the Northeast, while temperatures were above average across much of the West and parts of the northern Plains. California saw its ninth-warmest January on record.

January precipitation for the contiguous U.S. was 1.60 inches (0.71 of an inch below average), tied with 2009 for 14th-driest January on record. It was also the driest January since 2014.

Precipitation was below average across much of the West, High Plains, Deep South, Great Lakes and Northeast. California and Nevada had their second-driest January, while Utah saw its third driest.

OTHER NOTABLE CLIMATE EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2022

- **“Bomb cyclone”** batters Northeast: A type of nor'easter known as a bomb cyclone rapidly intensified off the East Coast from January 28-30. The storm

dumped 1-2 feet of snow and brought blizzard conditions along the coastline from Delaware to Maine. On January 29, Boston, Massachusetts, tied its greatest one-day snowfall record — 23.6 inches.

- **Drought intensified last month:** According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, approximately 55.2% of the contiguous U.S. was in drought by the end of January, up 0.4% from the beginning of the month. Drought conditions expanded or intensified across portions of the Great Plains and lower Mississippi Valley. Drought severity lessened across portions of the West and the Carolinas.

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Article Source: <https://www.noaa.gov/news/us-saw-its-coolest-driest-january-in-8-years>



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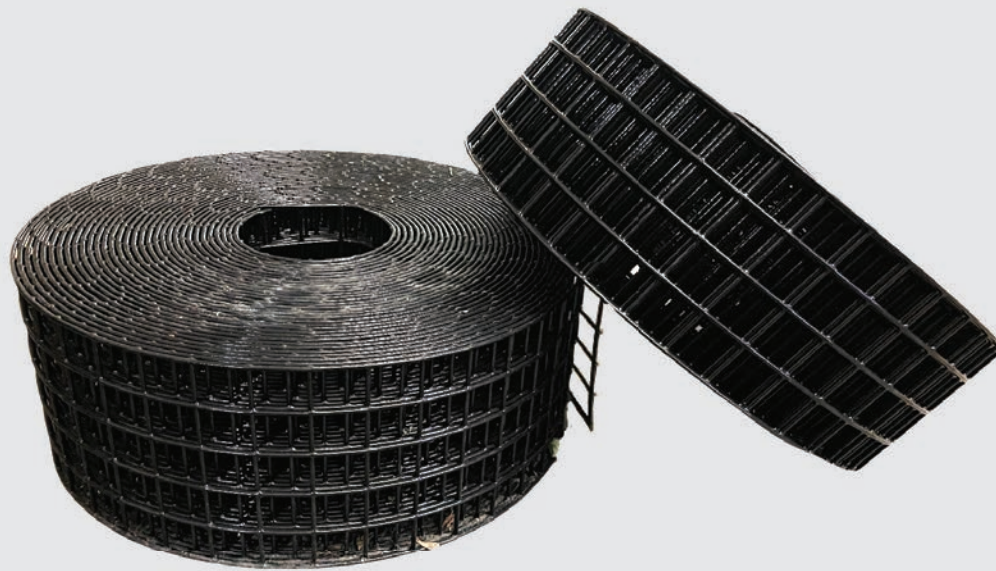
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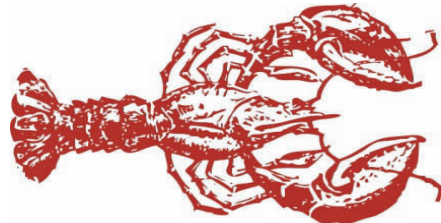
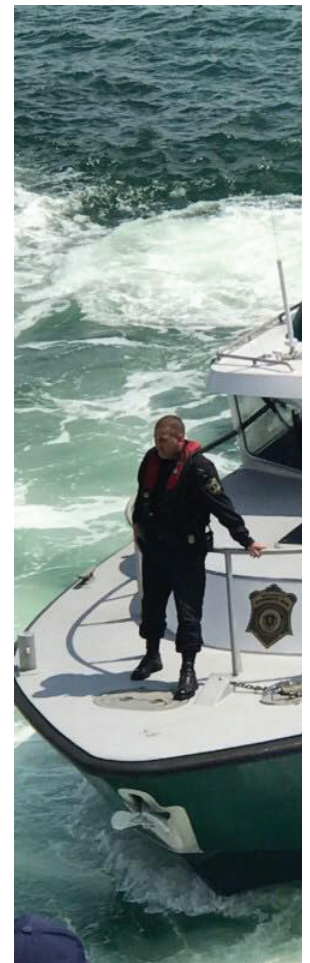
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AMERICAN LOBSTER MANAGEMENT BOARD *February 22, 2002 – Meeting Summary*

The American Lobster Management Board (Board) met to consider public comments, input from the American Lobster and Jonah Crab Advisory Panels (APs), and final action on Draft Addenda XXIX and IV to the American Lobster and Jonah Crab FMPs, respectively, on electronic tracking requirements in the federal American lobster and Jonah crab fisheries. In response to requests from the public for more information on the proposed management program, the Board agreed to postpone considering final action on the Draft Addenda until its next meeting, which is to be held virtually sometime prior to the ASMFC Spring Meeting.

The Draft Addenda were initiated in August 2021 to consider electronic tracking requirements for federal permit holders in the American lobster and Jonah crab fisheries. The purpose of the proposed action

is to address a critical need for high-resolution spatial and temporal data to characterize effort in the federal American lobster and Jonah crab fleet. Spatial data collected by tracking devices would benefit managers in contending with several challenges facing the fisheries, including Atlantic right whale risk reduction efforts, marine spatial planning discussions, stock assessment, and offshore enforcement. The Draft Addenda include two options for proposed management programs. The first is status quo or no change, and the second is to implement electronic tracking requirements for federally-permitted lobster and Jonah crab vessels with commercial trap gear area permits for Lobster Conservation and Management Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and Outer Cape Cod. Under this option, the specified permit holders would be required to install an approved electronic vessel tracking de-

vice to their vessel prior to beginning a fishing trip to collect and transmit spatial data.

The majority of public comments, as well as advice from American lobster and Jonah crab advisors, supported the status quo option. In large part this was the result of many remaining questions about the tracking devices, costs to industry, and standard procedures that would need to be followed by harvesters and states to successfully implement requirements for electronic vessel tracking. Therefore, the Board agreed to postpone consideration of final action. Instead, the Board engaged in further discussion on questions that had been raised by the public and APs about how the program would work in practice. The Board requested that staff work with the Plan Development Team, state managers, NOAA Fisheries, and ACCSP to provide additional details

to the Board on standard operating procedures. The Board is expected to meet to consider this information and Draft Addendum XXIX for final approval in late March or early April. A press release will announce the timing of that meeting.

For more information, please contact Caitlin Starks, Senior Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at cstarks@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

MOTIONS

Move to postpone action on Lobster Draft Addendum XXIX and Jonah Crab Draft Addendum IV until the next meeting of the American Lobster Management Board, which will be held before the ASMFC Spring Meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Paterson, and seconded by Mr. Borden. Motion passes (11 in favor).



MLA letter of comment on Draft Addendum XXIX

January 24, 2022

Caitlin Starks
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
1050 N. Highland St. Suite 200A-N
Arlington, VA 22201

RE: Draft Addendum XXIX

Dear Ms. Starks,

The Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association submits this letter of comment on behalf of its' 1800 members on the; Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission on DRAFT ADDENDUM XXIX TO AMENDMENT 3 TO THE AMERICAN LOBSTER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN & DRAFT ADDENDUM IV TO THE JONAH CRAB FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (Addendum XXIX) Electronic on Vessel Tracking for Federal Permit Holders.

While the objective of Addendum XXIX is to give a high resolution and temporal image on effort data to better depict what the effort is of the commercial lobster industry to better serve new users. The MLA does not support the implementation of vessel tracking systems for the commercial lobster industry as a management measure to better serve stock assessments, protected species interactions, marine spatial planning, and offshore enforcement. The MLA is deeply active in all of these areas and is wary that vessel tracking will benefit the commercial lobstermen and be anything but another expense.

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 and mobile gear alike. The MLA continues to work conscientiously through the management process with the Division of Marine Fisheries, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries, Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team, and the New England Fisheries Management Council to ensure the continued sustainability and profitability of the resources in which our commercial fishermen are engaged in.

The commercial lobstermen have been reporting their locations for many years now, and this data ought to be used as it is available today and free. The commercial lobster industry complied to the implementation of the 10-minute squares to give even a better depiction of the commercial lobster fisheries spatial foot-print and now, that is not good enough. The commercial lobster industry is continually being "asked" to do more, and at their expense, for the betterment of stock assessments, protected species interactions, marine spatial planning, and offshore enforcement without any compensation or appreciation. The MLA does not support any more and unnecessary financial burden to be placed on the commercial lobstermen.

During the recent public hearings on Addendum XXIX there were several comments on the use of these vessel tracking systems and who will have access to the data. As we are watching the industrialization of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), whether is it aquaculture or offshore wind, the MLA is concerned that this data will paint the commercial lobster industry into a corner, a box, and or right off the water. Zoning the ocean into user groups is being foreshadowed here, and the MLA cannot support the implementation of vessel tracking.

For the reasons noted above, the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association SUPPORTS Option A: Status quo Under this option no changes to current management and monitoring requirements for lobster and Jonah crab would be implemented.

Thank you for your thoughtful deliberation and consideration on our comments.

Sincerely,
Beth Casoni
MLA, Executive Director

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Furthermore, on January 28, 2022 Congressman Keating sent a letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory stating that “The process of “overboarding” this material is simply the least expensive manner of disposing the irradiated waste remaining at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. Other alternatives exist to manage this waste that will not delay the ongoing decommissioning process. As you are aware, options include solidifying the waste and shipping it to a low hazard waste facility in Idaho. Discharging millions



Congressman William R. (Bill) Keating represents Massachusetts' 9th Congressional District, which encompasses the state's South Shore, South Coast, Cape Cod and the Islands of Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket.

of gallons of irradiated material into Cape Cod Bay is the wrong decision for my constituents and will have long-lasting negative impacts on a community that has been burdened for decades by the presence of a nuclear power

plant. This issue is fundamental to considering the environmental justice impacts that have already occurred in our communities because of Pilgrim.”

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lowing this most serious issue and have participated during the recent speak-outs and rallies and for that we say “THANK YOU”. We need to keep the pressure on our elected officials to put this to an end now and forever.

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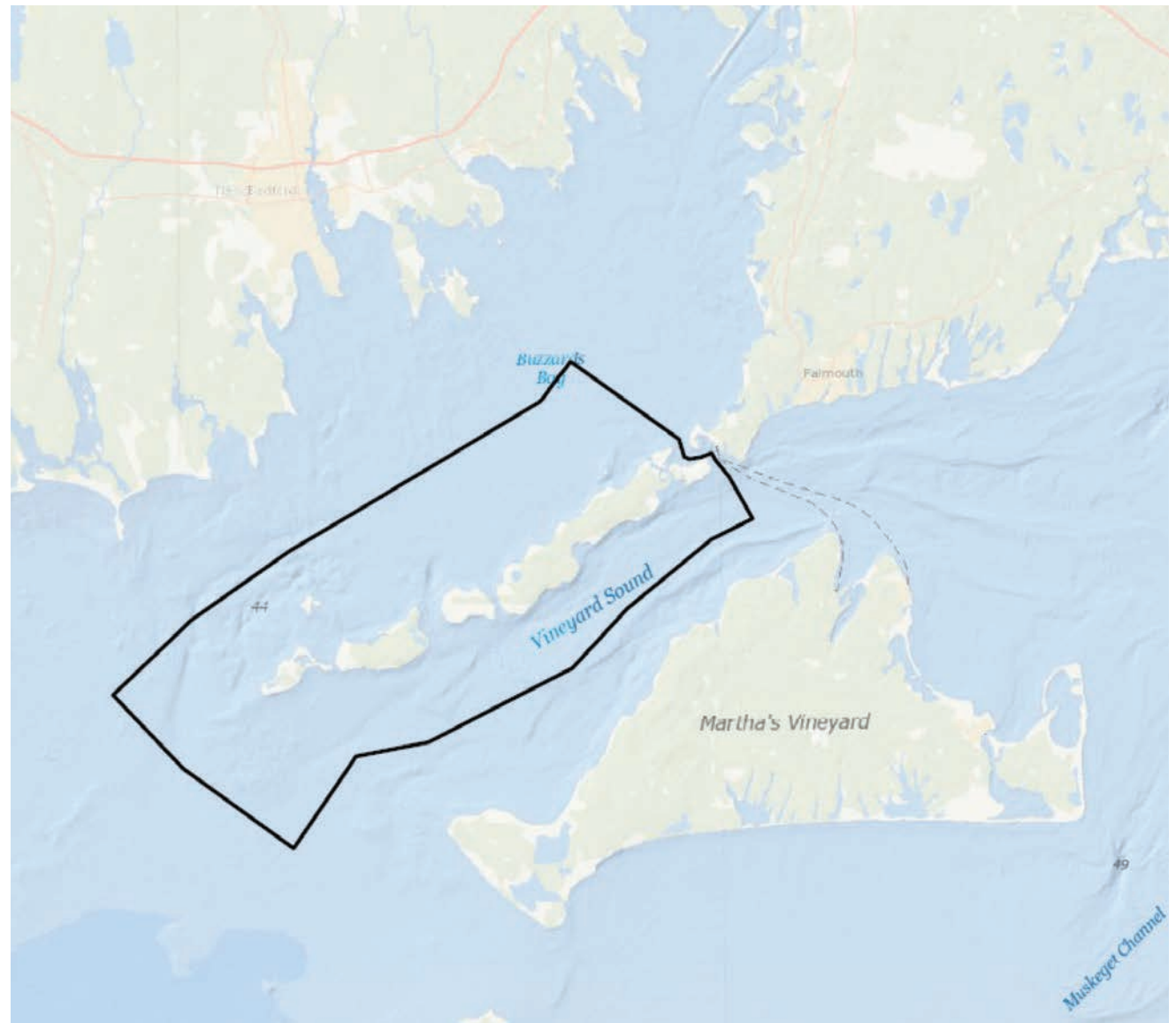
DANIEL J. MCKIERNAN
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January 26, 2022

Prohibition on Setting of Lobster Trawls in Gosnold Waters is Eliminated

The Massachusetts state legislature has amended G.L. c. 130, §37 and struck the long-standing prohibition on the fishing of lobster trap trawls in the waters of the Town of Gosnold. This change in state law is effective immediately. Permitted lobstermen may now set and fish multiple trap trawls within these town waters or continue to fish single traps (where every trap has its own buoy line) if that is their preference. See map on the right for a visual depiction of Gosnold town waters.

The Division of Marine Fisheries sought this amendment to reduce buoy lines and any associated risk of entanglement with protected species such as whales and leatherback turtles. As a consequence of this statutory change, there is no longer any area in state waters where single trap fishing is mandated.



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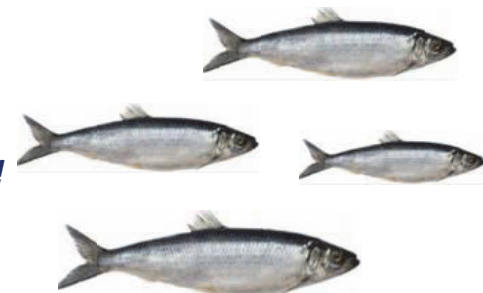
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These webinars will provide an overview of the state of aquaculture in New England federal waters, an update on the identification of Aquaculture Opportunity Areas, an overview of the federal review and authorization process for aquaculture activities, and discussion about how federal agencies coordinate with states, tribes, and the public to consider environmental and human impacts during regulatory review. Panel sessions will highlight state, tribal, and public perspectives on opportunities to improve the federal regulatory review process and better engage different interests in aquaculture permitting decisions.

WEBINAR 1

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Federal Agency Review and Authorization of Aquaculture in New England Federal Waters

Learn about the state of aquaculture in New England, identification of Aquaculture Opportunity Areas, case studies of aquaculture permitting from other regions, and the federal agency review and authorization process for aquaculture in New England federal waters. Speakers will include NROC OPC Co-Chair Lou Chiarella, NOAA Fisheries; Chris Schillaci, NOAA Fisheries; Christine Jacek,

US Army Corps of Engineers; and Eric Nelson, US Environmental Protection Agency. Webinar participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments following the presentations.

WEBINAR 2

Friday, April 8, 2022 | 9:00 - 11:00 AM

State, Tribal, and Public Perspectives on Improving the Regulatory Process for Aquaculture in New England Federal Waters

Panel sessions will highlight state, tribal, and public perspectives on improving the regulatory process for aquaculture permitting in New England. Speakers will include: NROC OPC Co-Chair Ted Diers, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; Chris Schillaci, NOAA Fisheries; Chuckie Green, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe; Tom Nies, New England Fisheries Management Council; Lisa Engler, Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management; Chris Williams, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; Amanda Ellis, Maine Department of Marine Resources; Sebastian Belle, Maine Aquaculture Association; Ted Maney, Salem State University; Paul Zajicek, National Aquaculture Association; Beth Casoni, Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association; Robert Jones, The Nature Conservancy; and Priscilla Brooks, Conservation Law Foundation. Webinar participants will have an opportunity to ask questions following each panel session.

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UPDATE: Project Communications and Management Changes



Dear Fishermen,

On January 10, 2022 the two owners of Vineyard Wind, Avangrid Renewables and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP), announced the completion of a restructuring:

- The Vineyard Wind 1 project in lease area OCS-A 0501 continues to be developed as a 50/50 joint venture between the two partner companies and will deliver 800 MW to Massachusetts.

- Avangrid Renewables is the sole developer of lease area OCS-A 0534, which includes Park City Wind, an 804 MW project which will deliver clean energy to Connecticut, and Commonwealth Wind, a 1,232 MW project which will deliver clean energy to Massachusetts; together, the projects are undergoing regulatory review as “New England Wind”.

- CIP is the sole developer of lease area OCS-A 0522 for which there are currently no actively proposed projects.

It is important to both project partners to continue to provide fishermen with timely communications of ongoing activities related to all three offshore wind projects and future projects.

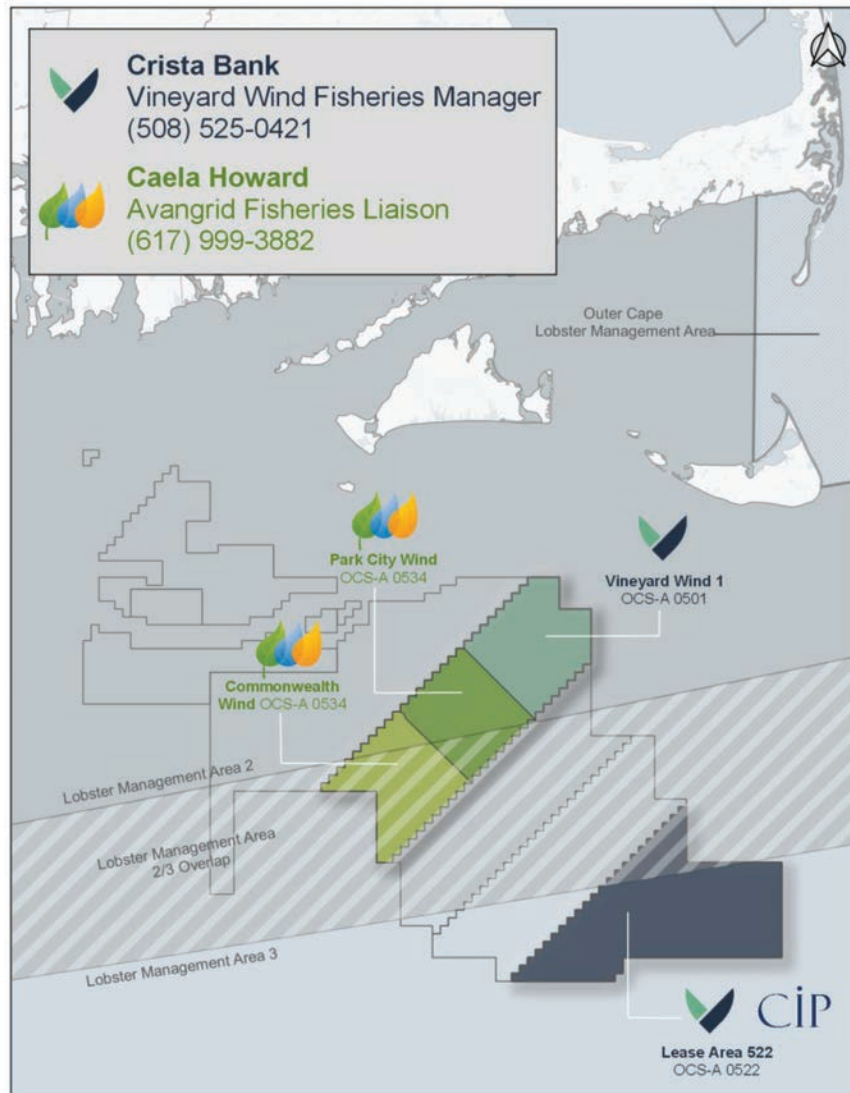
If you are interested in receiving updates from **Vineyard Wind** on the Vineyard Wind 1 project- OCS-A-501 and

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If you are interested in receiving updates from **Avangrid Renewables** in relation to New England Wind-OCS-A-534 (Park City Wind and Commonwealth Wind) please sign up for email alerts at parkcitywind.com/learn-more.

Crista Bank remains the Fisheries Manager for Vineyard Wind (cbank@vineyardwind.com) and Caela Howard is the Fisheries Liaison for Avangrid Renewables (caela.howard@avangrid.com). We will continue to coordinate closely with each other on all projects.

Sincerely,
Crista and Caela



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Due to the ongoing pandemic and the COVID-19 variants, the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association Annual Weekend & Industry Trade Show 2022 has been postponed until March 23-26, 2023.

The MLA Delegates have made this very hard decision to postpone the Annual Weekend & Industry Trade Show 2022 after a long discussion and great consideration. The MLA Delegates unanimously agreed that there was no possible way to protect the staff, attendees and exhibitors alike from all the Covid-19 variants.

Please keep an eye on the MLAs website www.lobstermen.com and social media outlets for more information on the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association Annual Weekend & Industry Trade Show has been postponed

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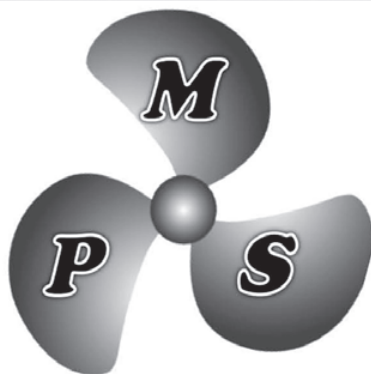
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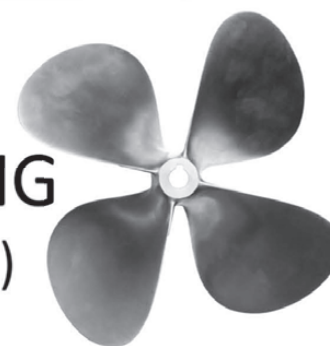
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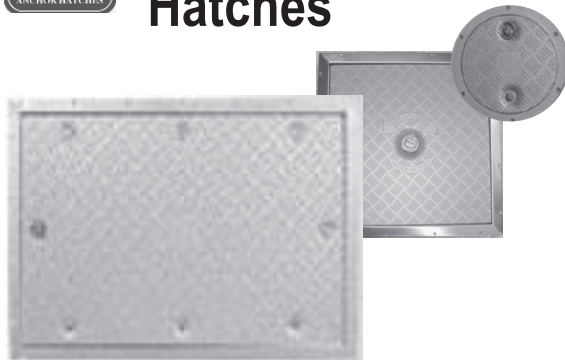
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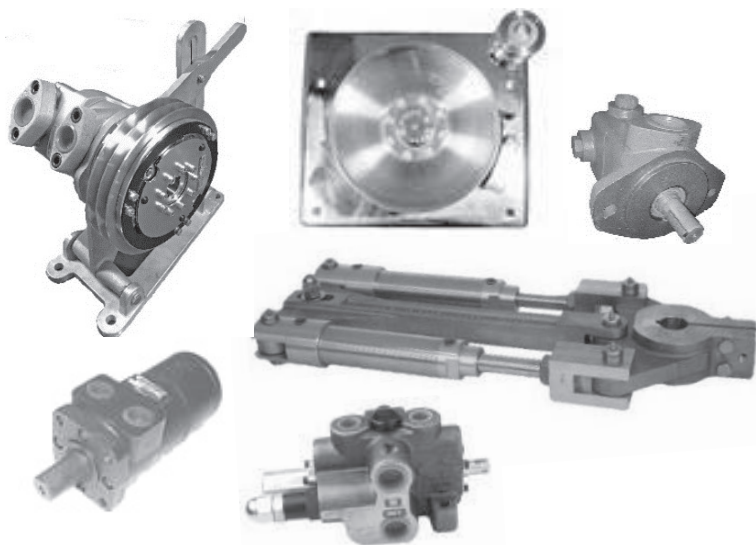
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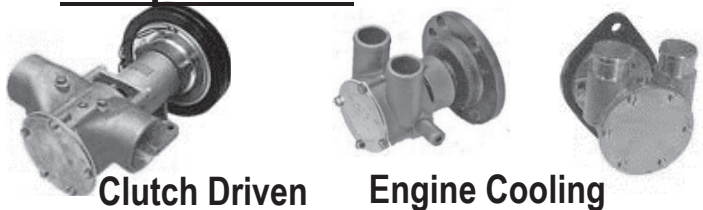
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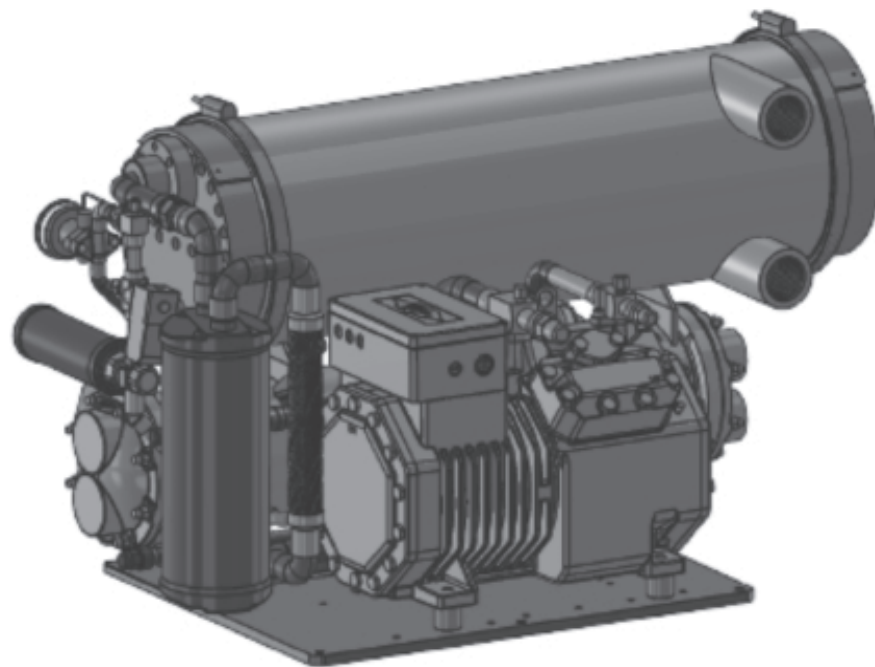




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Changes in Life Raft Requirements for Commercial Fishing Vessels

The Northeast Fisheries Observer Program will be discontinuing the usage of supplemental valise life rafts by observers and at-sea monitors on **June 30, 2023**. According to 46 U.S.C. § 4502(b)(2)(B) it is the vessel's responsibility to have a properly installed life craft, when applicable, with capacity to hold all persons on board, including the observer.

Vessels selected for observer or at-sea monitor coverage must meet all U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) safety regulations and must also display a current USCG Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examination decal. These requirements are outlined in the USCG Federal Requirements for Commercial Fishing Industry Vessels. All safety equipment, servicing, and registrations must be present and current (i.e. not expired). A checklist of the required safety gear can be created using the USCG Commercial Fishing Vessel Checklist Generator.



USCG COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINATION				
Vessel Name:		I.D. Number:		
Call Sign:	Other Identifier:			
Hull Color:	Trim Color:	Superstructure Color:		
Vessel Length:	Gross Tonnage:	Maximum POB:		
Hull Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum <input type="checkbox"/> Fiberglass <input type="checkbox"/> Steel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		Vessel Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Tender <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Processing Vessel		
Year Built:		Year Converted:		
Propulsion: <input type="checkbox"/> Outboard <input type="checkbox"/> Inboard <input type="checkbox"/> Inboard/Outboard		Horsepower:	Number of Shafts:	
Decal Info: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Issue <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal If a renewal, date last decal issued: _____		Fishing Equipment: <input type="checkbox"/> Long Line <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Rig <input type="checkbox"/> Troll <input type="checkbox"/> Gill Net <input type="checkbox"/> Tender <input type="checkbox"/> Trawl <input type="checkbox"/> Purse Seine <input type="checkbox"/> Trap <input type="checkbox"/> Bottom <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		
Fuel: <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Portable <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed (vented)		Number of Fuel Tanks:		
Lube Oil Capacity (gal):	Hydraulic Oil Capacity (gal):	Fuel Capacity (gal):		
Route: <input type="checkbox"/> Inland <input type="checkbox"/> Waters Inside Coastal Waters <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Waters				
Boundary Line: <input type="checkbox"/> Inside <input type="checkbox"/> Outside <input type="checkbox"/> <3nm <input type="checkbox"/> <12nm <input type="checkbox"/> <20nm <input type="checkbox"/> <50nm <input type="checkbox"/> >50nm <input type="checkbox"/> >100nm				
Applicable Waters: <input type="checkbox"/> Warm <input type="checkbox"/> Cold				
Owner:		Contact Person:		
Owner Address:		Contact Address:		
Owner Phone:		Contact Phone:		
Exam Requested Due To:	<input type="checkbox"/> 4100 Boarding <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> Observer Coverage <input type="checkbox"/> Exemption <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):			
How did requester hear about program?				
A voluntary dockside examination has been completed on this vessel but a Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Decal cannot be issued due to the deficiencies listed below and on the Continuation Sheet. (Deficiencies are listed by citation number with an explanation of the item(s) not in compliance, or identification of any particularly hazardous condition(s):				
When these deficiencies are corrected, please call _____ to schedule a re-examination.				
Examiner's Name:		Examiner's Unit:		
Date of this Exam:		Location:		
CONGRATULATIONS! Your vessel has been examined and is in compliance with all applicable safety regulations. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Decal Number _____ has been issued. The decal is valid until the date indicated on the Decal provided the vessel safety equipment remains serviceable and the operating conditions described above are not exceeded. The Decal is to be removed from the vessel if the vessel is sold. This form should be kept on board your vessel so it can be shown to the Coast Guard if your vessel is boarded.				
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Expansion of Seasonal Gillnet Closure to Protect Right Whales

The Division of Marine Fisheries has expanded the spatial extent of the January 1 – May 15 seasonal sink gillnet closure to protect right whales. Whereas this closure previously only ap-

plied in Cape Cod Bay, it now applies throughout all Massachusetts state waters. This extended closure is effective for this calendar year.

This closure is designed to mitigate the risk of a right

whale becoming entangled in this fixed gear when they seasonally aggregate in and migrate through our waters. Of particular concern was the potential co-occurrence of gillnet gear and right

whales in Massachusetts Bay and off Cape Ann during April and early May. In recent years, right whale sightings data show right whales are increasingly using these waters during this time.

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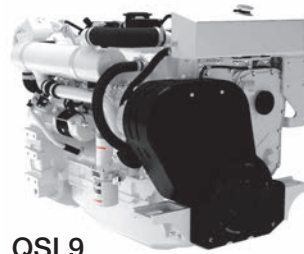
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Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association Right Whale Litigation Updates

The Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association (MLA) Legal Defense Fund needs your support now more than ever. This dedicated fund is for the purpose of defending the Massachusetts commercial lobster fishermen from legal and fisheries management actions that could seriously impact our commercial lobstermen's ability to conduct their businesses and earn a living.

The MLA is actively engaged in two separate law suits that could have negative impacts on the commercial lobster industry and is working with multiple lawyers in Washington D.C. and here in the Commonwealth to fight for you and your industry. The years of litigation costs have depleted the MLAs' Legal Defense Fund to a critical low point and your help is needed today.

UPDATED FEBRUARY 23, 2022

Case No. 1:18-cv-00112-JEB – Center for Biological Diversity v. Ross et al. (Boasberg, J.) (Federal District Court for the District of Columbia): The MLA counsel filed an Opposition Memorandum in late February. In summary;

[For the reasons stated herein, MALA respectfully requests that this Court enter the order accompanying this memorandum, denying plaintiffs' request for summary judgment. Furthermore, to the extent that this Court finds in favor of Plaintiffs, MALA respectfully requests that any remand instruction be given without vacatur of the 2021 Biological Opinion.]

The Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association will continue to act as an intervenor in this important case, representing the interests of the Massachusetts lobster fishing community.

Civil Action No.: 1:21-cv-01131-TJK – M.S. files a new lawsuit against Michael Pentony, Amy Knowlton, Jane Davenport and Arthur "Sooky" Sawyer in the United States District Court in the District of Columbia. This is almost verbatim the suit filed in Boston in 2020. The MLA counsel has filed a motion to dismiss Sooky from this suit;

[WHEREFORE, the Defendant, Arthur Sawyer, respectfully request this Court grant his Motion and dismiss with prejudice Plain-



tiff's Amended Complaint as to Defendant Sawyer and grant such other relief which is just and equitable.]As we all know, any legal action costs lots of money and the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association Legal Defense Fund needs your generous support today to continue our fight. These are real threats to the historic and iconic commercial lobster industry and we are doing everything to keep the Massachusetts commercial lobstermen fishing.

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