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Adjust Buoy Line Marking Rules to Allow Use of New Fully Formed Weak Rope with Tracer

PROPOSAL

DMF seeks to amend its buoy line marking regulations for the Massachusetts Mixed Species Pot/Trap Fishery [322 CMR 12.06(2)(c)]. This amendment would make an exemption to the existing buoy line marking rules to allow commercial fishers to fish fully formed red and red and white (so-called “candy cane”) colored weak rope with a “MASS LOBSTER” tracer ribbon visible to the naked eye throughout the buoy line (Fig. 1 and 2) and would prohibit Massachusetts fishers from fishing any tracer rope that may be manufactured for another jurisdiction. This amendment would accommodate the deployment of new rope products that have been developed by industry through the Massachusetts Lobstermen’s Association.

RATIONALE

At present, DMF’s buoy line marking regulations require all buoy lines in the Massachusetts Mixed Species Pot/Trap Fishery to be marked with one solid red mark measuring at least three feet in length in the surface system followed by four solid or non-solid red marks measuring at least two feet in length in the body of the buoy line with two marks occurring in the top 50% and two marks in the bottom 50% and no more than 60’ without a red mark. Buoy lines that are red in color (including the fully formed red or candy cane weak ropes) are to bear white marks in the place of the red marks.

This was done to make Massachusetts’ trap gear uniquely identifiable for the purposes of identifying the gear back to the fishery in the case of an entanglement. While some of the fully formed weak rope being produced and marketed is either red in color or candy cane colored, fishing this rope without compliant white marks was not sufficient to meet Massachusetts’ buoy line marking rules because the fully formed weak rope could be lawfully fished in other jurisdictions (e.g., Maine) where there are requirements that endlines have a breaking strength of 1,700 pounds or less. While buoy lines fished in other jurisdictions would be subject to their own unique marking scheme, the risk existed that—absent other markings—red or candy cane colored



Figure 1. Red Fully Formed Weak Rope With Tracer



Figure 2. Candy Cane Colored Fully Formed Weak Rope With Tracer

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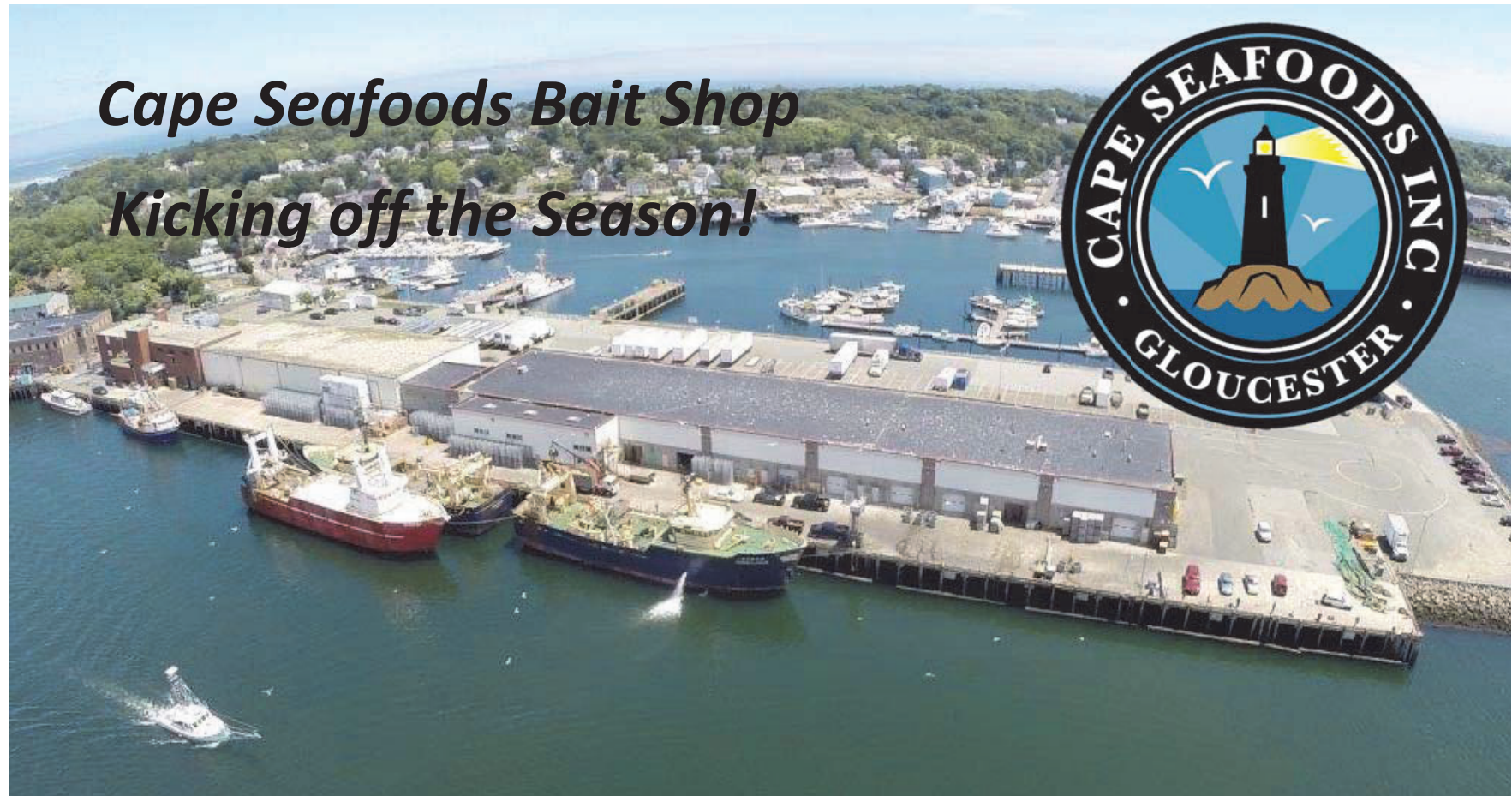
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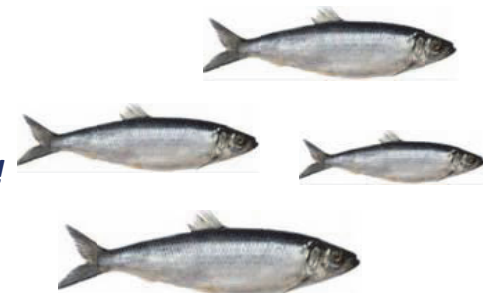
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As the HAULER TURNS

October is here and, it's sure to be a month full of uncertainty after last month's Public Hearings held by National Marine Fisheries (NMFS) on the MA Restricted Area (MRA) proposed wedge closure. The outcome is yet to be determined and if the past is anything to gauge this it will surely be more smoke and mirrors. Massachusetts commercial lobstermen have been carrying the conservation load for the right whales for decades now and this could be the final nail in the coffin.

How can NMFS continue to dismiss the Omnibus Bill that was signed by President Biden in December of 2022? No one or agency is above the law! Enough is enough! Where can the lobstermen go from here as, Massachusetts will have only a sliver of open water to the north of the MRA that will be heavily strewn with gear. Great thinking NMFS!

As you recall, the MLA filed a lawsuit against NMFS earlier this year for their actions that closed the wedge as this action would set the stage for NMFS to act on other closure expansions. The MLA does not want to see NMFS close the MRA in January or December. Remember, January was part of the original closure in 2014 and the MLA advocated hard to keep this open so the fleet could still fish in December and was successful. Every month matters as does every square mile.

Once we know more on the outcome of the Public Hearings and the direction NFMS is going, we will keep you posted. If you do not receive the MLA Members email, please send an email to beth.casoni@lobstermen.com and ask to be added to the MLA Members email list. This is a separate email that the MLAs weekly email that comes through Constant Contact. Stay tuned!

Changing gears, the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association (MLA) is working in conjunction with the En-

ergy Efficient Fishermen to help reduce the carbon footprint of the commercial fleet and will be looking for individual fishermen who would like to participate in the project please call the office and leave a message with either Tracey or me, 781-545-6984. More information will be forth coming in the next few newspapers.

As 2023 is winding down please note that the MLA and the Lobster Foundation of Massachusetts (LFoM) are working hard to find the funding sources that will help you, upgrade engines, swap out old endlines/rope for new weak red or candy cane rope, upgrade radar, life rafts and, much more. If there is anything that you would like us to work on or find the funding for, please reach out to Tracey at 781-545-6984 xt.2.

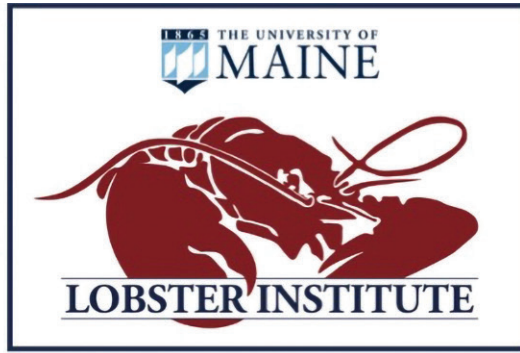
So, when you are steaming out or steaming in, think about how the MLA and LFoM can help you and your business as we are here for you. We can't help you if we don't hear from you! We will keep turning every stone over and shaking every bush to help you.

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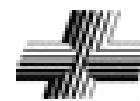


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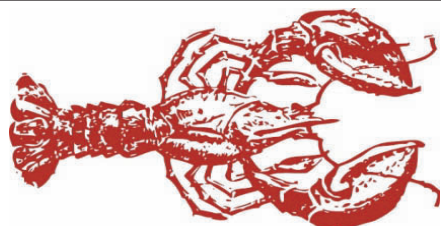
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A research team works with food science students and the lobster industry to develop an alternative to Atlantic herring.

Atlantic herring are the main source of bait for American lobster traps, but their population is decreasing. With fewer herring available as bait, a research team is developing reliable alternatives to meet the demand of the lobster industry.



Pigeon Cove in Rockport, MA, where interviews with the Fishermen's Co-Op are occurring. Photo: Simonne Dodge, WHOI Sea Grant



Pigeon Cove bait freezer holding Atlantic menhaden. S. Dodge WHOI Sea Grant

EXPLORE the PROJECT

The research team aims to create an alternative bait that: conforms to state guidelines, limits negative impacts of the lobster industry on the Atlantic herring population, stabilizes the cost of bait, and repurposes seafood waste.

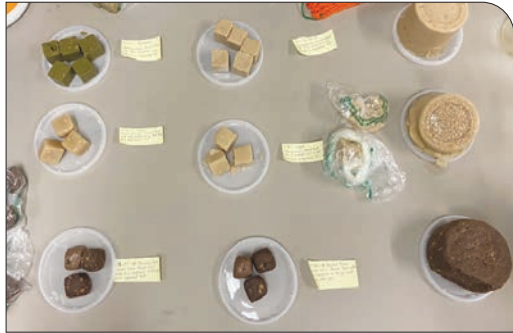
To begin, the University of Massachusetts Amherst offered an undergraduate course in which food-science students used Neptune's Harvest, a popular fish-based plant fertilizer, to produce potential alternatives. The research team is comparing the best prototypes to herring bait through both tank and field experiments and soliciting input from lobstermen, bait dealers, and other stakeholders.

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S. Dodge, WHOI Sea Grant

Alternative bait prototypes in their preliminary stages at UMA.



Lucia Massey, UMass Amherst

Captain Bob standing in his son's workshop at Pigeon Cove.

READ the RESULTS

Preliminary field testing showed the Atlantic herring bait outfished the alternative bait by about three to one. The alternative only fished effectively for about one night, while herring bait lasted for several days.

The research team is analyzing gelling agents, such as gluten and carrageenan, in the potential baits and plans to further refine their bait to last for at least three days.

NOTE: These results are preliminary and subject to change with peer review.

UNDERSTAND the IMPORTANCE

With the rapid decrease in the reliability of Atlantic herring as a bait source, a new alternative is crucial for the stability of the lobster industry. By using locally sourced fish waste from Neptune's Harvest, this alternative can be both sustainable and economically beneficial. A successful alternative bait for lobster could be used by other fishing industries, leading to greater sustainability of the seafood industry as a whole.



Photo: Simone Dodge, WHOI Sea Grant

Adrian Jordaan, PhD PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Associate professor of fish population ecology and conservation in the Department of Environmental Conservation at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.



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RESEARCHER HIGHLIGHT



Photo: Jynessa Dutka-Gianelli, UMass Amherst GMS

Jynessa Dutka-Gianelli, PhD – University of Massachusetts Amherst

Jynessa grew up in Brazil, studying biological science as an undergraduate at Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Parana and afterwards worked in the coastal fisheries industry. She earned a master's degree at the University of Florida (UF) and then a PhD at the Florida Institute

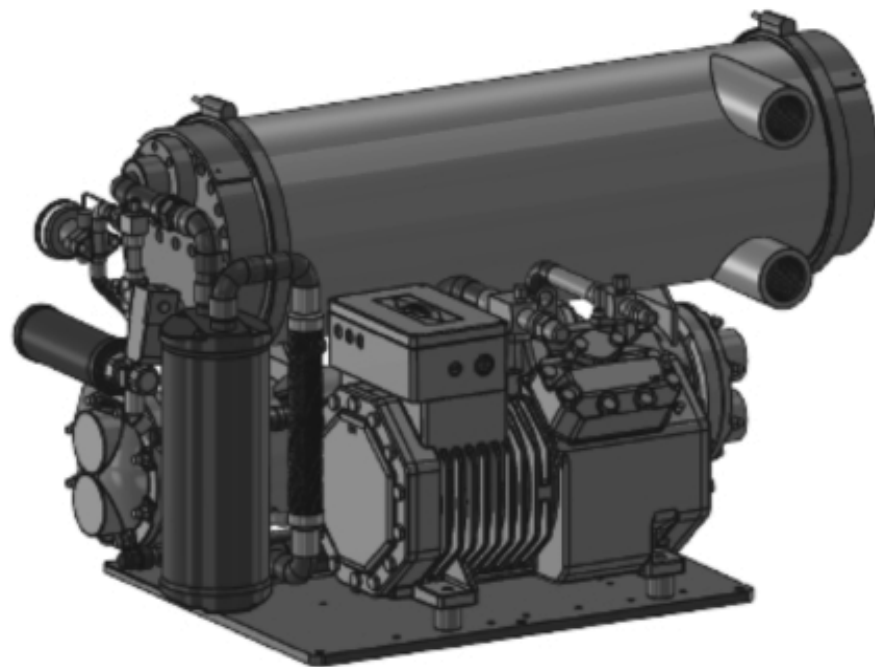
of Technology. She maintained ties to Brazil through her post-doc work at UF and Michigan State University, and today, based at UMass Amherst Gloucester Marine Station, she focuses on engaging local communities in fisheries science both in Brazil and the U.S.



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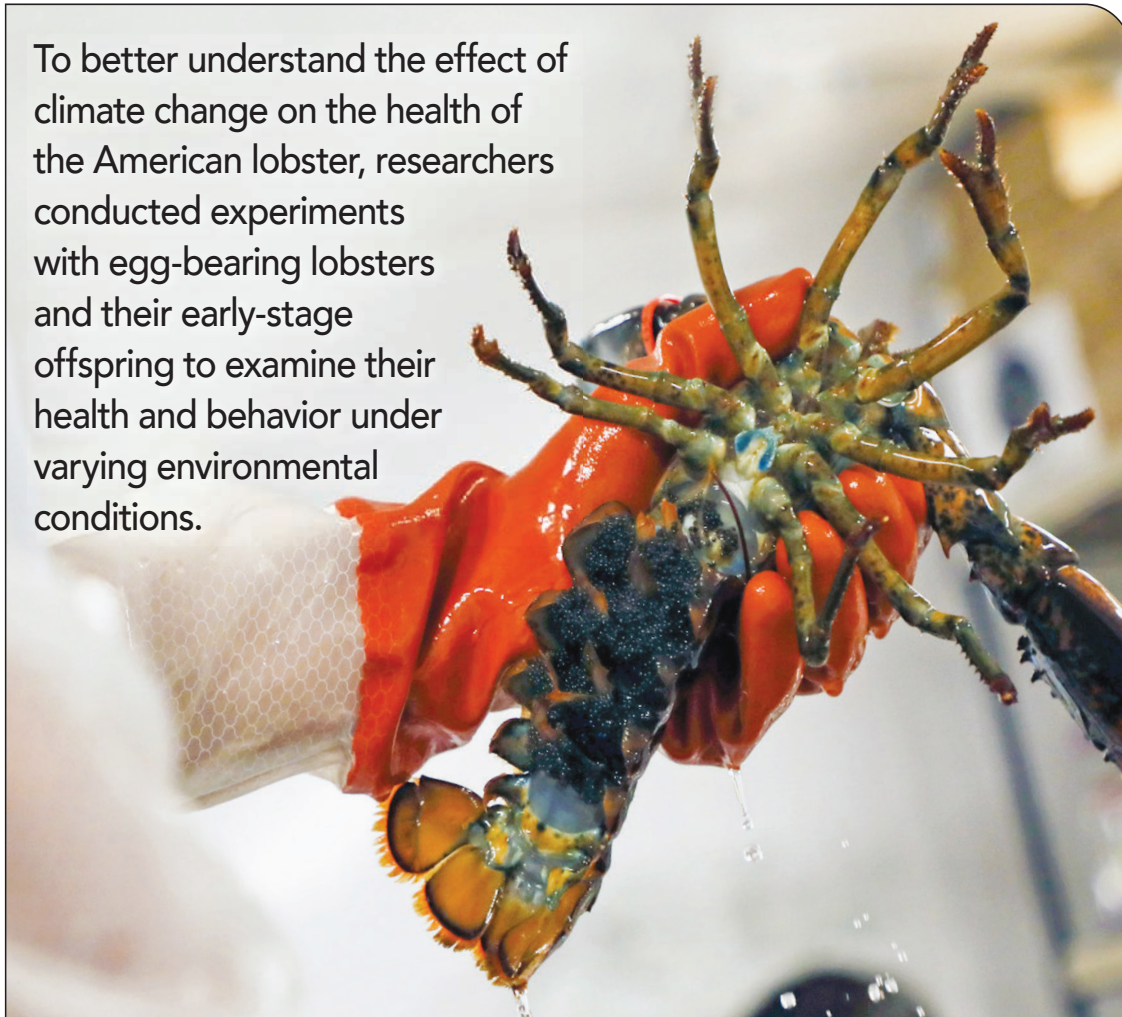


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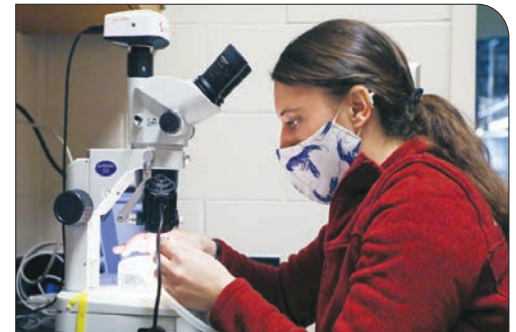
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A research team investigates how the Gulf of Maine's changing ocean temperature and chemistry will impact the American Lobster.

To better understand the effect of climate change on the health of the American lobster, researchers conducted experiments with egg-bearing lobsters and their early-stage offspring to examine their health and behavior under varying environmental conditions.



Jeff Shields handling an ovigerous lobster. Aileen Devlin ©VA Sea Grant



Brittany Jellison counting lobster larvae. A. Devlin ©VA Sea Grant

EXPLORE the PROJECT

Beginning in fall 2019 through summer 2021, live lobsters were shipped overnight from the Maine Department of Marine Resources to the researchers at VIMS.

Lobsters were kept in tanks of water that mimicked the current Gulf of Maine conditions, while others were kept in tanks that simulated anticipated future conditions — warmer temperatures and higher acidity (lower pH).

The research team assessed the health of these lobsters and measured their growth. They also analyzed their embryos through determining their energy and oxygen consumption, heart rate, and stage of development.

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Aileen Devlin ©VA Sea Grant

Vial of 1-day old lobsters.



A. Devlin ©VA Sea Grant

1-day old lobster larvae under microscope.

READ the RESULTS

Early results suggest...

- Temperature has a larger influence than changes in pH on lobster physiology, including oxygen consumption and developmental time.
- Ovigerous lobsters may require more energy to survive and function under stressful conditions (high temperature and/or low pH) than in normal ones.

This project ran through summer 2023, and more results will be available in the future as analysis is completed.

UNDERSTAND the IMPORTANCE

As the climate rapidly changes in the Gulf of Maine, it is crucial that we understand the impacts ocean acidification and warming water will have on the American lobster. Ovigerous lobsters carry the future of the lobster population, so studying the effects of climate change on these particular individuals and their offspring is critical for predicting how the population will change.

EDUCATING OTHERS

To share their work more broadly, the research team created an exciting educational program to involve teachers and students in this research as well.



Emily Rivest, PhD PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Assistant professor in the Biological Sciences Department at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS).



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RESEARCHER HIGHLIGHT



Photo: B. Jellison, UNH

Abbey Sisti, MS, PhD – Student at VIMS

Growing up in Virginia near the Chesapeake Bay, Abbey developed an early love for animals and the environment. She worked in a research lab studying fish as an undergrad at the University of Alabama and participated in a study trip to Belize focused on coral reef restoration. Inspired by

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NOAA and Community Offshore Wind to Partner on Environmental Monitoring Program

New agreement to focus on effective environmental monitoring and data sharing

NOAA's Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Community Offshore Wind—a joint venture between RWE and National Grid Ventures—have signed a 5-year cooperative research and development agreement to exchange data and expertise. The agreement focuses on informing development of an environmental monitoring program for COSW's project off New York and New Jersey.

The partnership will support NOAA's ongoing environmental monitoring across the region with needed data while new offshore wind projects are constructed. It will also help to inform best practices for establishing environmental observation systems on offshore wind infrastructure.

Building Sound Monitoring Programs

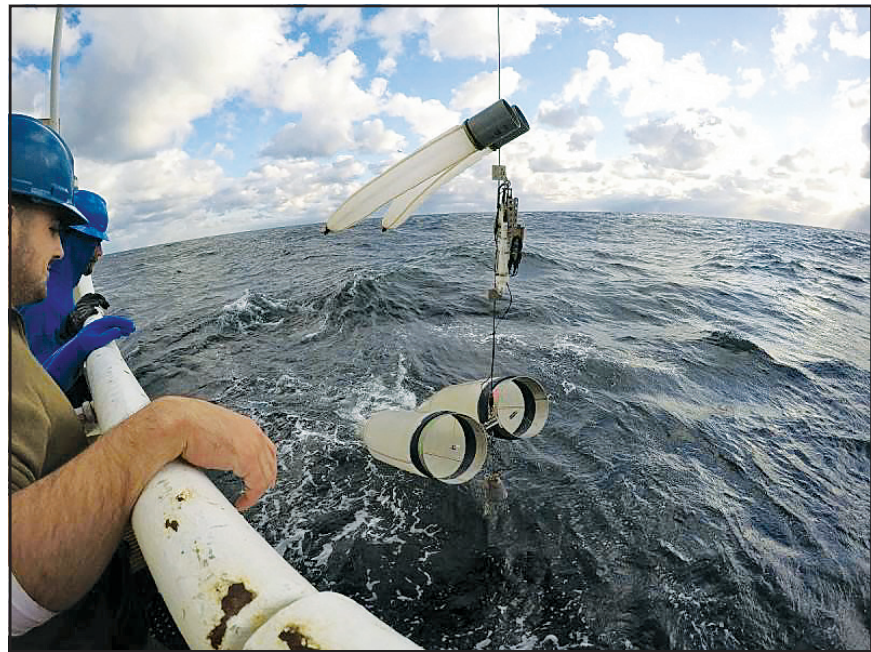
Under the agreement, NOAA and COSW will:

- Establish a feasible and scientifically sound monitoring program for COSW's project that can support effective and ecologically meaningful regional monitoring programs
- Ensure collected monitoring data are shared and integrated into fishery, habitat, and protected resources assessments in the region

“With help from a number of collaborators and the fishing industry, our agency maintains some of the world's most comprehensive data sets on large marine ecosystems,” said Jon Hare, director of the Northeast Fisheries Science Center. “Our goal is to bring offshore wind energy monitoring activities into this partnership. This agreement is our first chance to make these partnerships a reality and show by example that effective scientific monitoring benefits everyone.”

“This partnership is a groundbreaking opportunity for both the offshore wind industry and the scientific community alike. The scientific data collected through our environmental monitoring program will be invaluable as we continue to study, and seek to mitigate, the impacts of offshore wind development on marine ecosystems,” said Doug Perkins, President and Project Director of Community Offshore Wind. “Community Offshore Wind looks forward to collaborating with NOAA to design marine wildlife monitoring programs that are thoughtfully informed and scientifically sound, and also support existing regional scientific assessments.”

Under the cooperative research and development agreement framework federal and non-feder-



Plankton sampling using fine-mesh nets is a kind of environmental monitoring that could be used in offshore wind energy areas. This image was taken on a 2015 federal ecosystem monitoring survey in the Northeast. Credit: NOAA Fisheries

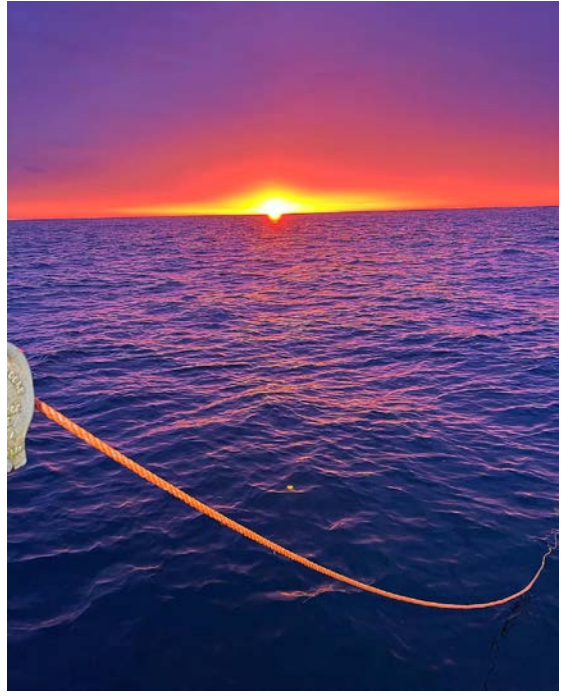
al partners can come together for collaborative research to share ideas, technical expertise, facilities, and other research materials.

The Northeast Fisheries Science Center works to promote sustainability of marine life in the region, support seafood harvests, sustain coastal communities, and generate economic opportunities and benefits from the use of these resources.

Since acquiring its lease area, Community Offshore Wind has engaged with fisheries stakehold-

ers throughout the Northeast region to better understand concerns and identify opportunities to achieve successful outcomes. This agreement reflects the joint venture's commitment to continuing this engagement as project development continues.

For more information on cooperative research and development agreements and other ways to partner with NOAA, visit the NOAA Technology Partnerships Office. Offshore Wind Energy Science and Surveys | NOAA Fisheries





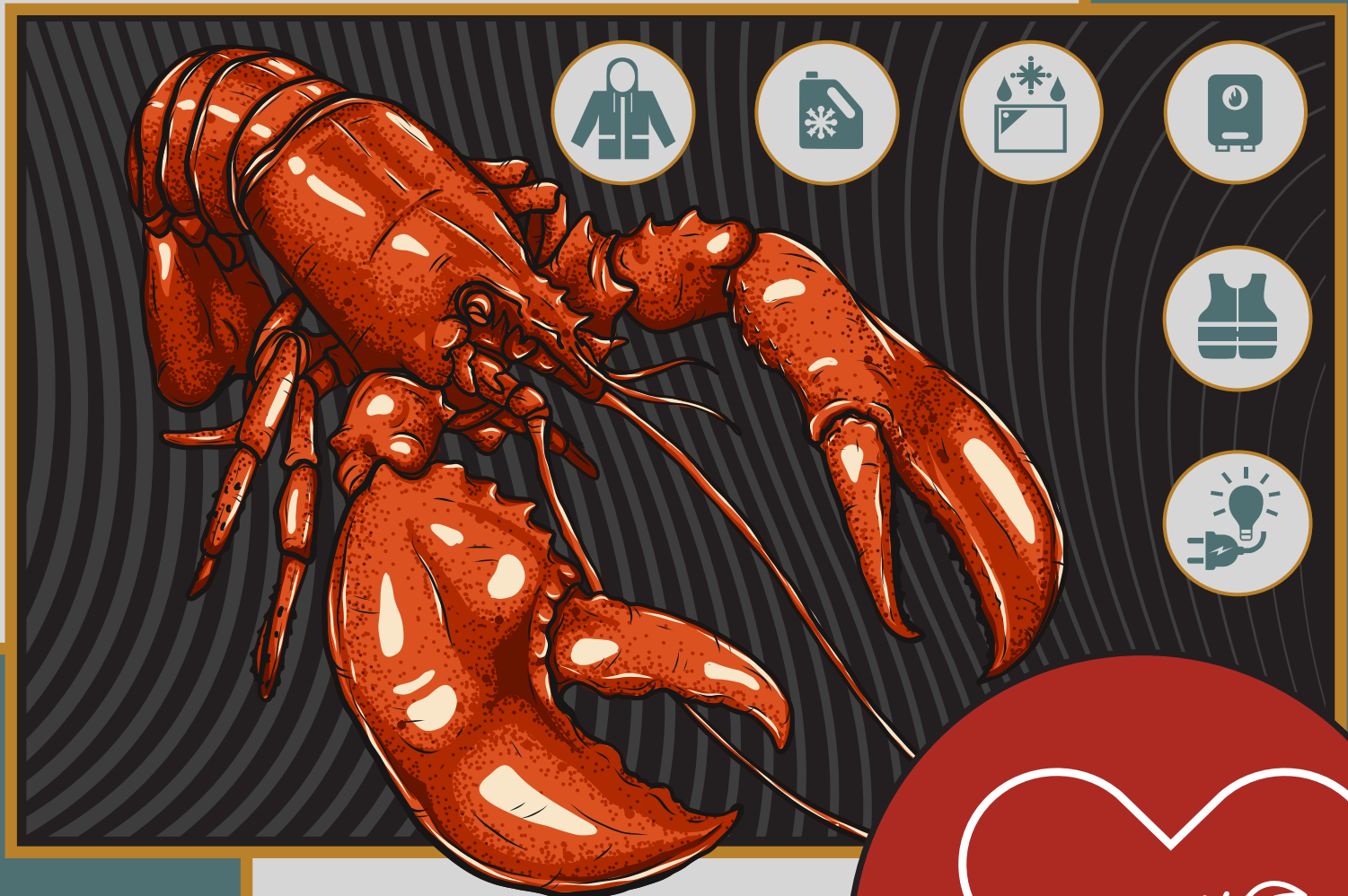
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weak rope could be improperly traced back to Massachusetts should an entanglement in such gear occur.

With this in mind, the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association has worked to develop a fully-formed red and candy cane colored weak rope that has a "MASS LOBSTER" tracer ribbon throughout the line and readily visible to the naked eye. The rope has been tested by NOAA Fisheries and conforms to the 1,700 pound breaking strength limit. Given the "MASS LOBSTER" tracer is visible throughout the line, it would also make the gear uniquely identifiable to the Massachusetts Mixed Species Pot/Trap Fishery.

While this rope could be sold to a fisher in another jurisdiction, it is expensive and DMF will

work with neighboring jurisdictions to adopt similar rules to Massachusetts that would prohibit a fisher from fishing gear with markings from a jurisdiction other than their own.

Amending our existing rules to create an exemption to the buoy line marking requirements when fishing full buoy lines comprised of this full fully formed weak rope would reduce the regulatory burden on commercial fishers by limiting their need to implement and maintain an extensive marking scheme in the buoy line. Accordingly, I'd like to go out to public hearing with this action later this fall or early winter and finalize rules prior to the start of the 2024 fishing season to provide fishers the opportunity to install this buoy line when their gear is hauled out this winter.

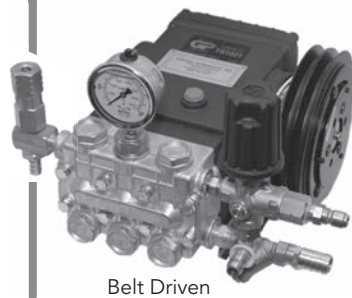
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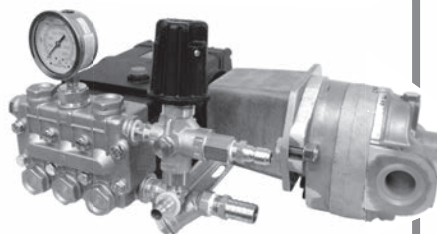
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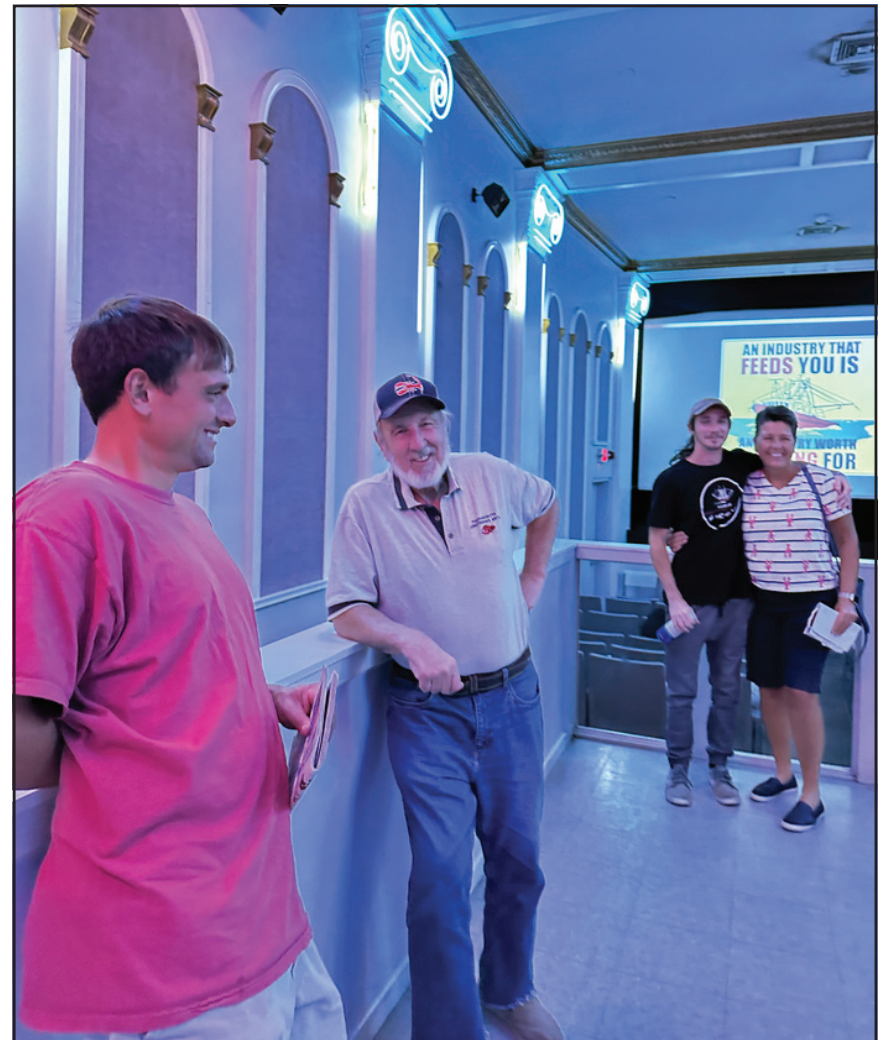
Three generations of lobstermen walk into a theatre...



On August 22nd, The Massachusetts Sustainable Business Network hosted an event at the Capitol Theatre in Arlington, MA for NEYFA and the Massachusetts Lobstermen Association (MLA). They presented on the state of our Seacoast's small-boat commercial fisheries and offered ways to support our working waterfront. NEYFA's Executive Director, Andrea Tomlinson, explained the issue of "The Graying of the Fleet" and how NEYFA is a resource to support young fishermen in

New England. Andrea involved the crowd in a series of questions pertaining to their seafood consumption and how beneficial eating local seafood is for one's health, spirit, and community.

Beth Casoni from MLA talked about the importance of Lobstering in Massachusetts and how to get involved with their group. Our intern, Bella Dziak, shared her "Dock Talks: Next Gen" videos and explained how changing the stigma around fishermen and women is vital for the sustainability of the industry.



Lastly, we were joined by Curtis Peterson (DTC Trainee), Jeff Riccio (Board member at NEYFA, Lobsterman), and Dave Casoni (MLA and Lobsterman) on a Q/A panel. The crowd was able to ask questions and hear perspectives from three generations of Lobstermen on several topics. This was such a rare and exciting opportunity to educate the public on the importance of preserving our working waterfronts. Thanks to everyone who came!

Some questions asked were...

"How did you get involved in the industry?"

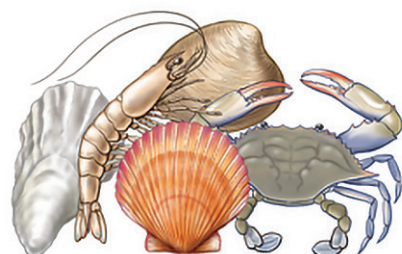
"Where would someone unfamiliar with the fishing industry begin work?"

"What are the best ways to support NE fisheries and where can we buy local seafood?"

-- From the New England Young Fishermen's Alliance Newsletter - September, 2023

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- ❖ **Session Chairs:** Dr. Amalia Harrington (Maine Sea Grant) & Antoinette Clemetson (New York Sea Grant)
- ❖ **Keynote:** Tim O'Donnell & Jennifer Polinski (Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute)
- ❖ **Logistics:** Abstracts due **December 15, 2023**, event March 17-21, 2024, in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

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OPINION

Is a mother's concern about climate change and warming oceans enough of a reason to rush forward with offshore wind energy development? And at a proposed scale of development that does not currently exist anywhere on the planet? To be fair the oceans are changing, and as fishermen, we are seeing the impacts of a warming planet. Some good, some bad, and some awful. But do those changes necessitate rushing to privatize and industrialize our oceans without fully understanding what the impacts could be to marine life, the ecosystem, or to those food providers who rely on our oceans to provide a low-carbon, healthy protein to Americans?

Is spreading partial information or fear-mongering okay if it is ultimately for what someone believes is a good cause? Are jobs for a depressed area a reason to throw caution to the wind and construct hundreds of 1,000-foot-tall floating turbines and place them off Oregon's coast? Each platform having tethers made of steel chain that need to be pile-driven into the seabed? Is it a good idea at all to place complex machines 30 miles out in the harsh Pacific Ocean saltwater environment where weather buoys routinely break free from their moorings because of the elements? Is a turbine farm going to withstand a 9+ earthquake along the Cascadia subduction zone?

Is the climate crisis so bad that collateral damage is part of the transition to using fewer fossil fuels? Collateral damage to whales, endangered seabirds, multigenerational commercial fishing businesses, to unique coastal communities? Should a fisherman be

forced to transition from the life he knows as a food provider to be trained as an offshore wind technician? Does this mean processing plants also shutter and Americans lose access to sustainable, domestic seafood? All in the name of solving the climate crisis?

Is asking questions and wanting science and research to understand impacts to make informed decisions just stalling the process? Does Oregon really need offshore wind energy to meet our climate goals, or can we fulfill those goals by expanding the existing renewables we already have? Wouldn't expanding the existing land-based renewables be faster and less expensive? And we already know the impacts from those renewable energy sources.

What if we take federal money, tax-breaks, and subsidies out of the equation. Or better yet, what if that federal money was available for any renewable energy type— onshore wind, hydro, solar, and small scale nuclear. Do people still really believe that offshore floating wind energy is the answer? At the very least, why aren't there solar panels on every federal building in our state? And on every school, home, and county building?

Does someone's personal belief about the need to mitigate a warming ocean somehow elevate them as superior to the average working man? The question is really this – if commercial fisheries, the ecosystem, and the marine habitat are going to be impacted, is offshore wind energy really the right choice for Oregon?

*Heather Mann
Midwater Trawlers Cooperative*

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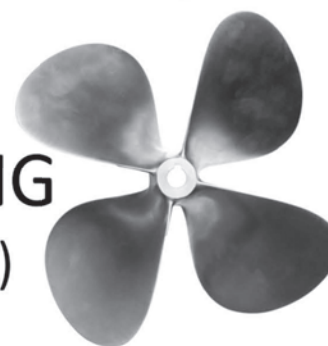


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Attention:

I am writing this letter to inform you of a breach of trust regarding the promise made by Pilgrim Station Management to not discharge 1 million gallons of contaminated water to the local environment. As you will recall, this promise was made following a previous 2022 public, 'open-house' meeting, at which Pilgrim's intent to discharge the contaminated water to Cape Cod Bay was proposed by Pilgrim Station Management, and challenged by Local and State officials.

Despite the 'promise' to the public, Pilgrim Station Management again petitioned for permission to discharge contaminated water to the Cape Cod Bay in 2023. This latest petition was also challenged and rejected a month ago by Local and State environmental officials.

Since the time of their 2022 'promise' to Local and State officials, and the Public at-large, Pilgrim Station Management had received and evaluated a number of proposals for disposal of the contaminated water. The most practical and effective disposal pathway considered was to ship the contaminated water to an off-site waste processing facility that possesses the necessary systems and expertise to safely process Pilgrim's contaminated water volume. Note

To Whom it may Concern :

The following memorandum of complaint has been sent to the following concerned parties:

1. The Massachusetts Department of Health, Radiation Control Program:
Mr. John Priest, Director
Radiation Control Program
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health Schrafft
Center Suite 1M2A, 529 Main Street
Charlestown, MA 02129
2. The Massachusetts Cape Downwinders organization:
Cape Downwinders
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that this was the disposal pathway for contaminated water that was selected and utilized by Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station's Management during their decommissioning process. However, Pilgrim Station's Management balked at the costs associated with this particular disposal pathway.

As a result, Pilgrim Station's Site Vice President directed Plant Engineering staff to devise a plan to install 'evaporators' in the Dryer-Separator Pit (DSP) on the Refuel Floor (RFF), and boil-away the water volume. The heating elements raise the temperature of the contaminated water in the DSP to a temperature of approximately 117F. The evaporative water vapor is drawn up into the Reactor Building Ventilation (RBV) System, and discharged through the RBV Stack as an airborne release to the environment.

I believe this 'sleigh-of-hand' in directing contaminated water discharge towards the airborne pathway versus the liquid discharge pathway to the environment, represents a gross breach of trust in the intent of Pilgrim Station's Management to assure the Public, and the State and NRC Regulators, that they are decommissioning the facility in a manner which assures public and

environmental safety, is consistent with State and NRC regulations, and Pilgrim's own Facility license Bases documentation.

In order to process the contaminated water by evaporation, an Engineering Change (EC) had to be generated to permit (as per the Plant's License Basis documents) such a system to be designed and installed. At present, forced evaporation is not a 'designed' liquid radwaste processing method, and so, is not an approved method of processing liquid radioactive waste. Furthermore, the EC Design Review feedback document submitted by Plant Radiation Protection personnel to Plant Engineering, was very critical of the proposed design and its implementation, and included comments such as:

1) Radiation Monitors inside the RBV System are not capable of detecting and measuring radioactive Tritium in the discharge flow up the RBV Stack. The amount of Tritium radioactivity discharged up the RBV Stack must be determined by a manual calculation performed by Pilgrim Station Chemistry personnel.

2) Plant personnel working on the Refuel Floor during the evaporation process would be exposed to high ambient temperatures approach-

ing 100F, as well as the radioactively contaminated airborne water vapor. This process presents a radiological and industrial safety concern to the Refuel Floor workforce.

3) The radiation exposure to the General Public from releasing Tritium in the form of water vapor discharged up the RBV Stack, would be many times greater than the radiation exposure that would be received by the General Public, had the Tritium-contaminated water been discharged to Cape Cod Bay

Finally, although Pilgrim Station Management is not required to provide prior notification to the USNRC of their intent to process and discharge Tritium-contaminated water in this manner, the USNRC is expected to review the EC and the comments from impacted work groups upon their next scheduled on-site inspection. Given the USNRC's comments and critique of Pilgrim management's original intent to discharge contaminated water to Cape Cod Bay, they can be expected to be particularly critical of Pilgrim Station Management's latest plan to process and discharge the contaminated water up the RBV Stack in the form of water vapor.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.





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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Commercial Scup Possession Limit For Winter Periods

NOAA Fisheries has announced a 13,500-pound federal possession limit for scup during the 2023 Winter II Period of October 1–December 31 (Bulletin). Commercial fishers targeting scup in state waters are reminded that the state waters limit during the Winter II and Winter I periods (October 1–April 30) is 2,000 pounds. However, vessels with federal scup permits may exceed the state limit provided the non-conforming fish were lawfully taken from federal waters; the vessel is transiting through state waters and makes no stops except to land fish in a Massachusetts port (unless so directed by law enforcement personnel); all fishing gear is out of the water and properly stowed onboard the vessel; and all other applicable federal regulations are followed.

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Legal Defense Fund Updates

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Currently, the MLA is actively engaged in three separate lawsuits 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.

UPDATE 9/19/2023 — (Washington D.C.) Maine Lobstermen's Association, et al. v. NMFS

Our long saga fighting against NMFS' 2021 Biological Opinion has finally resulted in a win, and what a win it was! On June 16, 2023, the D.C. Circuit Court issued its ruling, unanimously finding that Judge Boasberg was wrong to uphold the Biological Opinion and ruling against NMFS on every ground raised by us. This is an excellently written opinion that not only finally understands the stakes faced by our members, but fully holds NMFS to account for its illegal attempts to destroy our industry.

As a reminder, NMFS argued against us on several grounds: (1) we lacked standing to bring the appeal; (2) we did not preserve the appeal; (3) the appeal was moot because of the Consolidated Appropriations Act ("CAA"); (4) it was allowed to use worst case scenarios; (5) it did not use worse case scenarios in actuality; (6) even if it used worst case scenarios, the outcome would have been the same if it was not; (7) courts have to defer to agencies; and (8) the error was harmless. The D.C. Circuit ruled against them on every ground.

For standing, this is a legal concept that we cannot go to court unless we have suffered harm. NMFS tried to argue that the Biological Opinion itself did not harm the lobster industry, rather the Phase 1 plan harmed us. The D.C. Circuit disagreed, opining that the Biological Opinion hurt us by influencing agency action and because there are civil and criminal penalties for an illegal take in violation of the Biological Opinion. Thus, we had standing, and the Court could address our actual arguments.

The Court was very blunt in brushing off NMFS "failure to preserve" argument, noting NMFS did not raise that it its initial appeal, that

we did in fact preserve our argument against the BiOp, and that the argument was irrelevant anyways.

For mootness, this is an argument that the Court cannot grant relief because the issue is no longer live. Effectively, NMFS argued that the CAA said the Phase 1 plan was sufficient to bring the lobster industry into compliance, so there was no controversy. NMFS also argued that it wasn't going to enforce the Framework timeline. Again, the Court disagreed. First, it correctly noted that promises of future (non)action cannot serve as the basis for mootness. Second, it ruled that the CAA only said the Phase 1 rule was sufficient, not that it was necessary. Because we argued it was overprotective, we could still bring the challenge. Thus, the mootness challenge failed.

Turning to the merits, the Court determined that NMFS was not allowed to use worst case scenarios, that the ESA does not permit a presumption in favor of endangered species, but rather requires outcomes reasonably certain to occur. In other words, the Court completely adopted our argument against worst case scenarios. The Court was especially harsh against NMFS arguments that because the ESA does not say how to handle uncertain data, it could use worst case scenarios. It said NMFS "legal reasoning was not just wrong; it was egregiously wrong". The Court also took the rare step of critiquing Judge Boasberg, noting, as we have argued all along, that "The district court bought the gambit, even as it purported to avoid a "deference debate."

In breaking down this argument, the Court noted that NMFS was "inconsistent" (a legally nice word for lying) about the facts. First, it noted that NMFS had said repeatedly that nothing required it to use worst case scenarios, and then it suddenly decided that it had to use worst case scenarios. Second, it noted NMFS relied on one line of legislative history (an issue we flagged) not the actual text of the statute, and that was entirely unacceptable. Third, it noted that the cases cited by NMFS do not actually support what NMFS claimed it did. For these reasons, it found that NMFS acted arbitrary and capriciously such as to make the Biological Opinion illegal.

The Court, attacking the idea it had to defer to agencies, noted that its first duty is to interpret the law, and it cannot uphold an agency action contrary to law. Nothing in the ESA requires worst case scenarios, the Court determined, and thus, even though NMFS tried to claim that the Court had to defer on scientific questions (and

that, it didn't really use worst case scenarios because the result would be the same), NMFS was wrong. The Court also noted that NMFS completely failed to consider the severe economic damage that could befall the lobster industry, not consider the other worst-case scenario that none of the new technology it wants to mandate would actually help.

Finally, the Court determined that the error was not harmless because the use of worst-case scenarios tainted the entire Biological Opinion. It especially noted how absurd it was for NMFS to allocate entanglements 50/50, when substantially more entanglements occurred in Canada and the Canadian data was outdated.

Having ruled against NMFS, the Court next had to decide the remedy. It decided to vacate the Biological Opinion (requiring NMFS to develop a new one) while remanding without vacatur the Phase 1 Rule, which is what we argued for in our briefs. This allows the lobster industry to continue operating until a new Framework is developed in 2028. And the new Framework will necessarily have to follow the instructions contained in this opinion.

Ultimately, this is a huge win for the Lobster industry founded on the arguments advanced were the ones our lawyers, Sam Blatchley, Dan Cragg, and Robby Dube of Eckland & Blando LLP pushed for ever since we brought them onto the case.

Some highlights from the Court's opinion include:

"The service's legal reasoning was not just wrong; it was egregiously wrong."

"As any high school civics student should know, legislators vote on and the president signs bills, not their legislative history. Statutory text and structure do not authorize [NMFS] to 'generally select the value that would lead to conclusions of higher, rather than lower, risk to endangered or threatened species whenever it faces a plausible range of values or competing analytical approaches. The statute is focused upon 'likely' outcomes, not worst-case scenarios. It requires [NMFS] to use the best available scientific data, not the most pessimistic."

With a nod to lobstermen, the Court wrote—"worst-case scenarios lie on all sides. It is not hard to indulge in one here: ropeless fishing technologies, weak links, inserts, and trawls may not work; permanent fishery closures may be the only solution. The result may be great physical and human capital destroyed, and thousands of



Rocco's Barbershop Donates Gingerbread House Raffle Proceeds to MLA's Legal Defense Fund

The Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association (MLA) would like to extend its appreciation to Frank Qualtieri, owner of Rocco's Barbershop in Scituate for their donation of \$360.00 to the MLA's Legal Defense Fund. These funds were raised by selling tickets for the gingerbread house.

This effort has become an annual tradition where Rocco's Barbershop chooses a local business to donate too and this year it was the MLA. Frank and all his barbers sell as many tickets as possible to help the local businesses.

jobs lost, with all the degradation that attends such dislocations.”

“Some of the assumptions [NMFS] made along the way are quite important—as we have explained, [NMFS] ultimately concluded the lobster and Jonah crab federal fisheries kill 46 whale deaths per decade, a staggering departure from the two documented deaths known to have originated in all U.S. fisheries over a period of nine years.”

NMFS requested a standard extension of time to determine whether to bring a motion for rehearing en banc before the entire D.C. Circuit. This extension was granted and NMFS now had until August 30, 2023, to file a motion for rehearing en banc. NMFS missed this deadline and thus their ability to seek en banc review has now expired. NMFS could still appeal this ruling to the Supreme Court but we believe this to be unlikely.

We continue to monitor the case as it develops.

UPDATE 9/18/2023 — (Washington D.C.) Case 1:18-cv-00112-JEB - CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY et al v. ROSS et al.

On May 16, 2023, NMFS moved to dismiss Judge Boasberg's Order requiring it to create a new Biological Opinion by the end of 2024 and dismissing the remainder of the NGOs claims. NMFS's basis for doing this was claiming that the Consolidated Appropriations Act doesn't require a new Biological Opinion until 2028, making the decision moot. This is an almost identical argument to the one NMFS raised to the D.C. Circuit, which has not yet ruled on the motion to dismiss.

Given this, we asked the Court to stay briefing on the motion to dismiss until the D. C. Circuit has ruled.

The Court granted out motion to stay, delaying briefing until after the D.C. Circuit ruled. However, in the ruling, the Court said its order requiring a new Biological Opinion by December 2024 was no longer operative, giving clear relief to the lobstermen.

Now that the D.C. Circuit has issued its mandate, briefing has resumed on the motion to dismiss. The NGOs have brought a motion asking the district court to delay enforcing. We view this as a Hail Mary motion that the Court is unlikely to grant. Currently, our response is due on September 21, 2023, but there is a status conference with the Court on September 20, 2023 which may result in this deadline being moved.

We believe that the NGO case should be removed by the Court but believe a different procedural mechanism is the proper avenue to do so. Regardless, we will be joining in the ultimate relief sought by NMFS to put this erroneous decision to bed.

UPDATE 9/19/2023 — (E.D. Louisiana.) Case No. 2:23-cv-00796; Sawyer, et al. v. Monterey Bay

Aquarium, et al.

MLA members Sooky Sawyer, Jarrett Drake, Bill Souza, and Eric Meschino led the charge against the Monterey Bay Aquarium's false and defamatory statements about the lobster industry and our fishing practices. Through MLA counsel, Sawyer, Drake, Souza, and Meschino filed a class action lawsuit in Louisiana under Louisiana's food libel laws, which forbid false statements about aquacultural products. The lawsuit alleges that Monterey Bay, and the Marine Stewardship Council, falsely claimed that our lobster fisheries are killing the Right Whale, which we all know is untrue and reflects an arrogant ignorance about the numerous practices we have implemented to protect the Right Whale over the years. Let us be clear, we are just as committed to protecting the Right Whale as any NGO, which is why the false statements against us cannot be allowed to go unanswered.

On April 21, 2023, Monterey Bay Aquarium filed a Motion to Transfer due to Improper Venue or Lack of Personal Jurisdiction, claiming that the Aquarium has no contacts in Louisiana that make it subject to a lawsuit there. These arguments are based on the principle that, in order for a court in this country to exercise power over a party, there must be a sufficiently strong connection between either that party or the acts underlying the lawsuit and the particular state the court sits in. The Aquarium argues that because it is located in California, the harm occurred in Massachusetts, and it lacks business ties in Louisiana, that a Louisiana court cannot exercise authority over it.

We countered that the Aquarium does have business contacts—substantial business contacts—with the state of Louisiana. The companies that have refused to continue to buy your lobster, like Whole Foods, HelloFresh, and Blue Apron, are all corporate “partners” of Monterey Bay Aquarium. It is our position that, given the corporate relationship between the Aquarium and these huge companies doing business in Louisiana, the Aquarium could have reasonably foreseen being called into court in Louisiana, and therefore the court has the authority to exercise its power over the Aquarium. That is the position we took with our Response, which was filed on May 16, 2023.

After filing our Response on May 16, 2023, which asserted that Monterey Bay Aquarium's corporate partner relationship with Louisiana businesses justified calling them into court in Louisiana, Monterey Bay Aquarium sought leave to file supplemental briefing, and attempted to argue that the Aquarium lacks the ability to enforce its purchasing decrees; therefore, because the Aquarium has no real control, they should not be dragged into court in a state that their partners operate in. That reply brief was filed on May 23.

We too sought leave to file supplemental briefing, in which we argued that whether

the Aquarium can truly enforce its purchasing decrees on Whole Foods and other partners is irrelevant. All that matters is that, per the corporate partnership arrangement, partners such as Whole Foods have agreed to follow the word of the Aquarium. Whether or not the Aquarium is able to hold the partners to that agreement does not matter; all that matters is that such an agreement is in place to begin with. And to dispel any doubt about the control the Aquarium exercises over its partners, we submitted photographs taken in a Louisiana Whole Foods, in which the store proudly displays its connections to the Aquarium. These photographs are important because they not only demonstrate the control the Aquarium exhibits over its partners, but also that the aquarium specifically publishes its Seafood Watch materials in the jurisdiction. We filed this sur-reply on June 9.

Unsurprisingly, the Aquarium filed a sur-reply of their own on June 15 in which they once again attempted to downplay the connection between themselves and their partner companies. Although they objected to our use of the photographs, they did not directly respond to the substance of the photographs. They also continue to attempt to muddy the waters on what “control” over a partner company actually looks like, insisting that because the Aquarium has no recourse to punish a partner that does not follow its instructions (and by the way, we don’t actually know that that assertion is true), the Aquarium doesn’t really control its partners. Our position continues to be that the Aquarium conflates “control” with the ability to punish, and that the Aquarium very obviously has the ability to control what seafood its partners refrain from purchasing.

We continue to await a ruling on the Motion to Transfer.

UPDATE 9/19/2023 – NMFS’s Proposed Rule to Permanently Close the Wedge

Last year NMFS illegally extended the 2022 Wedge Closure to close the Wedge from February through April 2023. We challenged this decision in Court and the Court agreed we were right on the law, but ultimately decided not to stop it because we could not show irreparable harm.

NMFS is now at it again, attempting to convert its illegal 2023 Wedge Closure into a Permanent Final Rule. We are preparing a robust comment to the proposed final regulation that will explain to NMFS why its proposed final rule is illegal.

If NMFS intends to move forward with its illegal action, we will proceed with litigation against it.

If you are a Massachusetts lobsterman interested in joining the Massachusetts class action, please contact the MLA.

The commercial lobstermen’s businesses are at stake as well as the thousands of jobs and shore side businesses that depend upon the continued success of the commercial lobster industry. The commercial lobstermen in Mas-

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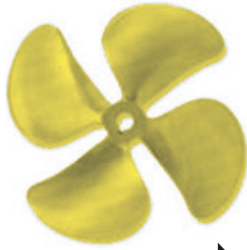
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