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American Lobster Board Initiates Draft Addendum XXX to Clarify Addendum XXVII Impacts on Foreign Imports

ARLINGTON, VA – The Commission's American Lobster Management Board initiated Draft Addendum XXX to Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster. The Draft Addendum is being considered to clarify how the measures of Addendum XXVII, approved in May 2023, will apply to foreign imports of American lobster.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act prohibits imports of whole live lobster smaller than the minimum possession size in effect at the time under the Commission's American lobster management program. This provision, referred to as the Mitchell Provision, was passed to prevent imports of lobster smaller than what the US industry can harvest. The current minimum gauge size for Lobster Conservation Management Area (LCMA) 1 of 3 ¼" is the smallest minimum size in effect for the US lobster fishery.

Under Addendum XXVII, changes to the current gauge and escape vent sizes in LCMA 1 (inshore Gulf of Maine) are triggered when a 35% decline in recruit abundance for the Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank stock is observed. As of October 2023, the trigger index had declined by 39% with the inclusion of 2022 survey data in the index. Therefore, a series of gradual changes to gauge and vent size will begin January 1, 2025, starting with an increase to the minimum gauge size in LCMA 1 from 3 ¼" to 3 5/16". Starting in January 2025, this 3 5/16" gauge size will be the smallest minimum gauge size in effect. Draft Addendum XXX aims to clarify that Addendum XXVII shall include compliance with the Mitchell Provision, meaning the smallest minimum size for foreign imports would match the smallest minimum size in effect for the US industry.



The Board will meet in late February/early March to consider approving Draft Addendum XXX for public comment. There are currently no regulations in place to restrict the maximum size of imported lobster, though the Board expressed interest in exploring this possibility further through a separate action. For more information, please contact Caitlin Starks, Senior Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at cstarks@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

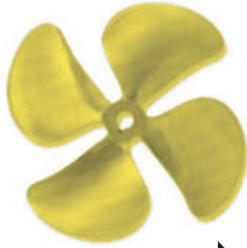
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MEETING SUMMARY

The American Lobster Management Board met to consider reports from the American Lobster and Jonah Crab Technical Committees (TCs); implications of Addendum XXVII size limit changes on imports; federal and Commission rules for Lobster Conservation Management Areas (LCMAs) 2 and 3; a progress update on state implementation of Addendum XXIX on federal vessel trackers; and a nomination to the Jonah Crab Advisory Panel (AP).

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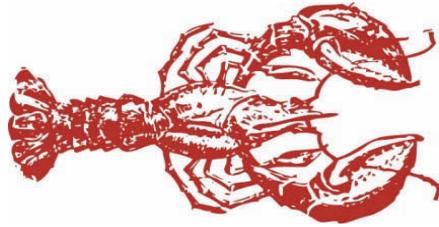
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February is here and we are watching for the Right Whales to start showing up in the Gulf of Maine (GOM). To date there has only been a couple sighted off the backside of Cape Cod. Let's hope that the 11,000 square miles of closed waters around the Commonwealth are being used by the Right Whales and are not closed for nothing.

Now, that the commercial lobstermen have been waiting for the outcome of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Final Rule on the Wedge Closure in the GOM for several months, with still no answer in sight, leaves them hanging as to when this will be enacted. As many of you recall, last year NOAA gave the fishing industry 24 hours to vacate the area, which is not only unrealistic but extremely dangerous and this is what they are expecting to happen again this year.

As the HAULER TURNS

As you can see in the image there were ZERO Right Whales sighted in the Wedge Closure in 2023. With the lack of Right Whale sightings last year in the Wedge Closure leaves us, all scratching our heads as to WHY this a critical area to close and shut out the commercial lobstermen from earning a living?

If you are interested in looking at the Right Whale sightings data, you can do so by visiting www.whalemap.org/WhaleMap/

While the Right Whales are marching northward so is the government's

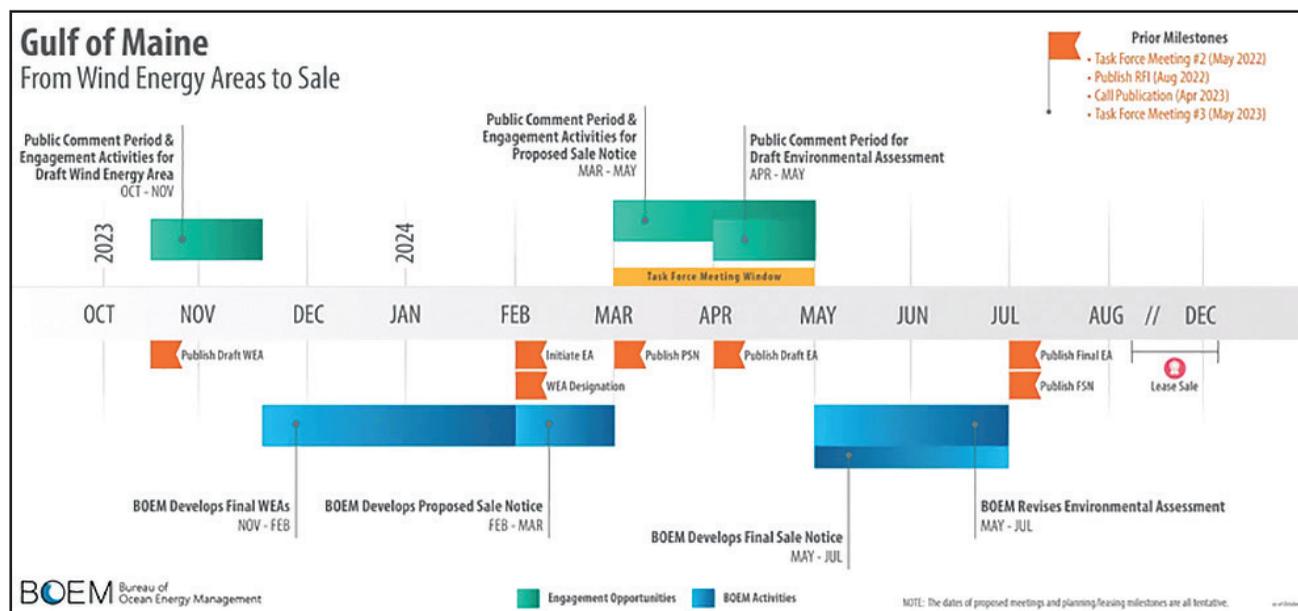
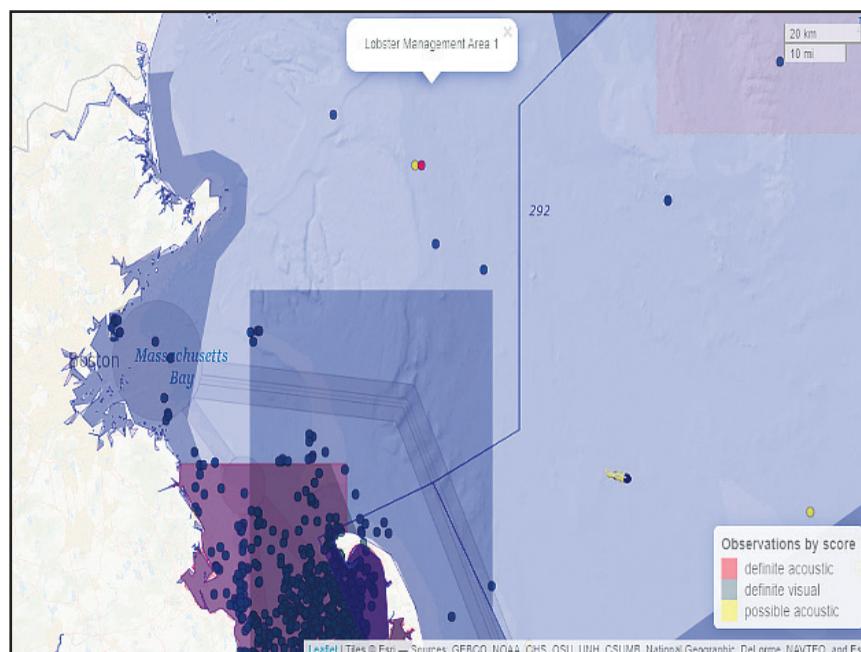
development of offshore wind in the GOM that will be larger than the MA/RI wind lease area. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has been reviewing all of the public's comments on the Draft Wind Energy Area (WEA) in the GOM and will be releasing their Final WEA before the spring.

Once this has been finalized there will be a Request for Proposals from offshore wind developers that are interested in developing windfarms in the GOM. The government has been fast tracking this effort to meet the goals of multiple states' desire to reduce their carbon footprint.

As depicted in the BOEM Gulf of Maine From Wind Energy Areas to Sale image below, you will see that by the end of 2024 there will be leaseholders that will begin the long process of surveying their lease area. This is about a 3–5-year surveying process all the while looking for input from the public and fishing industry.

If you are interested in participating on the Massachusetts Fisheries Working Group, please send me an email beth.casoni@lobstermen.com and I will get you signed up. This is not a sprint as it takes many years and lots of input from the commercial fishing industry. We will continue to be at the table so that you can continue to fish.

Safe on the water,
Beth Casoni
Executive Director



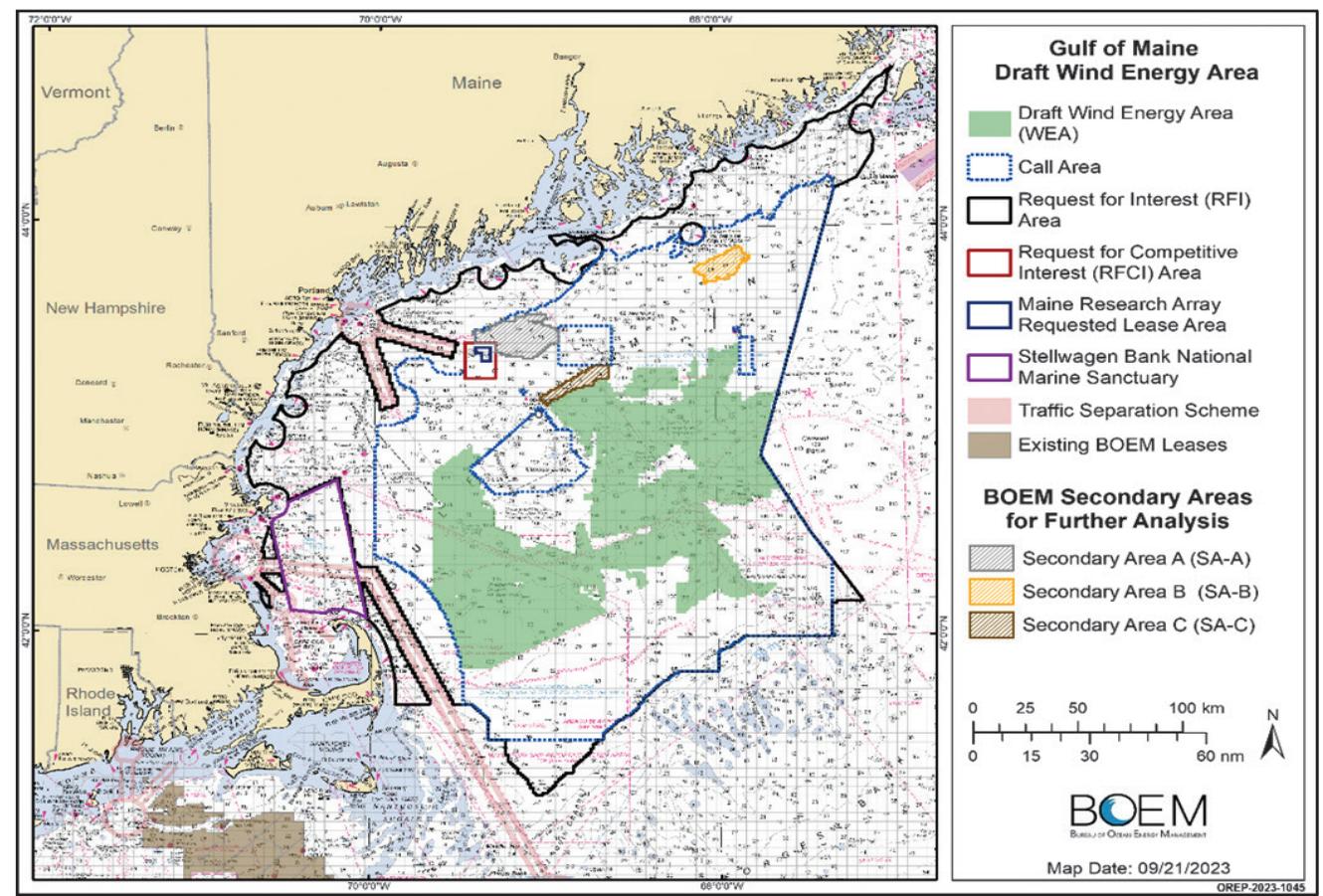
NOTE: The dates of proposed meetings and planning/leasing milestones are all tentative.



MA DMF engages in offshore wind by conducting technical review of permitting documents, fulfilling advisory roles for regional research efforts, providing best management recommendations to state and federal agencies in response to developer permitting submissions, and is committed to engaging fishery stakeholders in all phases of industry development. In the last year, DMF has reviewed permitting documents, fisheries economic exposure and environmental impact assessments, and monitoring plans associated with the South Fork Wind, Sunrise Wind, Beacon Wind, South Coast Wind, and New England Wind (Park City Wind and Commonwealth Wind) projects.

DMF also assisted in the development and review of fisheries compensations plans among a variety of offshore wind projects in Southern New England including Sunrise Wind and New England Wind that will be used to offset economic impacts to Massachusetts commercial and for-hire fishing due to loss of access or reduction of harvest during construction and operation, including within the wind energy area and the export cable. All drafts of the fisheries compensation and economic exposure analyses were presented to the MA Fisheries Working Group in September. Sunrise Wind's compensation package totaled \$11,288,000 including \$8,788,000 for the direct compensation program (commercial and for-hire fisheries); \$1,000,000 for a fishery decommissioning fund (offset direct losses during decommissioning); \$1,000,000 for a coastal community fund that will support the co-existence of the fishing and wind industries. \$500,000 for the Navigation Enhancement and Training Program that will support upgrades to navigation equipment, professional training opportunities, and experiential learning. New England Wind's first phased project (Park City Wind LLC) entered into a two-part fisheries compensation agreement with the Commonwealth that totaled \$7,359,471. Park City Wind LLC will provide a total of \$5,859,471 in funding to the direct fisheries compensation program and \$1,500,000 to support the Massachusetts Fisheries Innovation Fund (MFIF).

The MFIF's purpose is to support programs and projects that ensure safe and profitable fishing continues



as offshore wind development continues through grants for technology and innovation upgrades and studies that assess the impacts of offshore wind development on fishing industries and resources. Currently, the MFIF is separate from the Fisheries Innovation Fund established by Vineyard Wind LLC (\$1.75 million). The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs plans to merge these two separate innovations funds into one combined legislative trust named the Massachusetts Fisheries Innovation Fund.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND WIND PROJECTS

As of late December, two of the nine offshore wind projects in Southern New England south of Martha's Vineyard have installed the export cable, several wind turbine foundations (monopile), electrical service platforms, and inter-array cables. Vineyard Wind has installed four complete wind turbines and is expected to start generating power by the end of 2023. Vineyard Wind has currently installed 34 of 62 monopile foundations- four have turbines installed- and one electrical service platform. The export cable installation (landfall at Covell's beach in Barnstable County) and testing was completed for Vineyard Wind in Oc-

tober 2023. All turbines in Vineyard Wind 1 are expected to be installed by early 2024. DMF continues to support EEA in hosting and administering the \$1.75 Fisheries Innovation Fund established through an MOA between Vineyard Wind LLC and EEA to enhance fisheries coexistence with offshore wind development. DMF is currently working with the fund's advisory panel to provide recommendations for the disbursement of funds that are directed towards projects pertaining to fishing vessel technology and safety innovations or conducting studies that monitor effects of fisheries and vessel impacts to offshore wind.

As of December 2023, South Fork wind has installed all 12 of its monopile foundations, one electrical service platform and has installed its first wind turbine. In November 2023, South Fork Wind installed the offshore export cable from the wind farm to its onshore landfall site in Westhampton Beach, NY. In November 2023, Revolution Wind was approved for construction and operation by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and is expected to start offshore wind construction in 2024 and is anticipated to be operational in 2025. All other RI/MA offshore wind projects are in various

stages of the environmental review and site assessment process. Sunrise Wind, SouthCoast Wind, and New England Wind currently have their Draft Environmental Impact Statements published. In November 2023, Beacon Wind published the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Additional Site Assessment activities. Bay State Wind recently submitted its Construction and Operations Plan and Vineyard Northeast is currently in its site assessment phase. All current and proposed export cable routes with landfall in MA are primarily traversing through the Muskeget Channel export cable corridor (width ~3500 ft.) and around the southern end of Martha's Vineyard (10 nautical miles offshore) through the Sakonnet River. Sunrise Wind's export cable will traverse Southwest with landfall connections in Long Island, NY.

Seabed preparation activities prior and during construction consisted of displacing boulders from wind turbine foundation and cable route locations. Relocated boulder's location information is available on Notice to Mariners webpages on Vineyard Wind's and Orsted's websites. MA DMF, MA Coastal Zone Management (CZM), and NMFS have developed a draft boulder relocation mitigation

framework and guidance document for BOEM and offshore wind developers that requests the need to characterize types of disturbances from boulders, understand how changes may affect fish habitat, and evaluate how relocated boulders influence fishing activities and gear conflicts.

GULF OF MAINE

On October 20, BOEM released the draft Wind Energy Area (WEA) for the Gulf of Maine. The draft area encompasses a total area of 3,519,067 acres (a 64.11% reduction of the Call Area). The draft WEA has a combined capacity of over 40 Gigawatts (assuming a power density of 3 megawatts per sq. km). This energy production capacity of the draft WEA exceeds the current combined offshore wind planning goals for the Gulf of Maine states (10 GW from Gulf of Maine for Massachusetts by 2050 and 3 GW for Maine by 2040). All areas currently identified in the draft WEA are deeper than 120m and at least 20nm offshore. Given the depth of the draft WEA, all potential offshore wind development will likely consist of floating technology. BOEM will finalize the WEA in the Gulf of Maine by February 2024. DMF collaborated with CZM and other EEA departments on a comment letter to BOEM outlining areas and conflicts of most concern. The EEA comment letter on the draft Gulf of Maine WEA incorporated input received from the Massachusetts fishing industry across several workshops and meetings in October and November, as well as subject matter experts from EEA agencies and offices. The stakeholder meetings focused on topics such as fisheries navigation considerations (wind farm spacing, orientation, etc.), impacts to federal and state surveys, and identifying key fishing features (swells, ledges, banks, etc.) within the Gulf of Maine to facilitate BOEM's decision-making on establishing Final WEAs. Once the WEAs are finalized, engagement and commenting opportunities will be available during the formation of bidding credits, lease stipulations, lease characteristics, and state energy procurement.

Draft WEAs were established by BOEM from a spatial suitability model that included four sub-models (wind industry, fisheries, natural & cultural resources, and industry & operations) and other fisheries/navigation considerations (e.g., Lobster Management Area 1, Cashes Ledge, Jeffreys Bank). All sub-models were weighted equally, while data layers within sub-models comprised of different weighting schemes. The fisheries sub-model contained 6 data

layers that each contributed 4.16% to the overall spatial suitability model. Among all sub-models, a total of 98 data layers were selected to represent major ocean characteristics for the Gulf of Maine and identify space-use conflicts and environmental constraints for each 10-acre hexagonal grid in the Call Area (984,797 grid cells). Using an autocorrelation cluster analysis, one draft WEA was identified based on the most suitable areas. Of note, the current draft WEA represents the area identified by BOEM for potential wind lease areas and therefore, the cumulative area of the leasing areas could be smaller than the WEA. BOEM has also identified three Secondary Areas for further analysis from the spatial suitability model that are not included in the draft WEA but could receive consideration when finalizing WEAs, contingent on the public comments received electric export cable routes from the Gulf of Maine WEA will not be proposed and finalized until after lease areas have been identified and sold to wind developers. For those interested in the spatial suitability model used for the Gulf of Maine in more detail, the draft NOAA-NCCOS report can be downloaded from the BOEM webpage.

After the Final WEAs are designated for the Gulf of Maine, BOEM will release a series of notices and a lease auction that will span approximately a 1.5-year period. The first notice, a Proposed Sale Notice, is used by BOEM to inform offshore wind developers about upcoming lease auctions and its duration is at least 60 days. Once the Proposed Sale Notice comment period closes, BOEM will publish a Final Sale Notice aimed at developers and provides the final terms and conditions for a lease sale, including the date, time, and location for the sale itself. The Final Sale Notice will also include the list of the companies that have legally, technically, and financially qualified to participate in the lease sale. After at least 45 days from the Final Sale Notice, BOEM will hold a lease sale and will subsequently identify the winner through an auction (final lease sales expected by December 2024).

GENERAL COMMONWEALTH OFFSHORE WIND UPDATES

By 2027, previously enacted Massachusetts law codified a goal of receiving 5,600 megawatts (MW) of electricity from offshore wind. In June 2023, Massachusetts procured over 3,200 MW of electricity from power purchase agreements (PPAs). However, Massachusetts currently has less than 1,000 MW procured due to many developers reneging on PPAs

from increased inflationary costs and supply chain issues. On October 4, 2023, Governor Healy announced a multi-state memorandum of understanding (MOU) between CT, RI, and MA to procure up to 6,000 MW of electricity to New England states. Through this MOU, the three states will review multi-state offshore wind proposals with project selection depending on each state's evaluation criteria in their respective request for proposals (RFPs). Any two or three states may agree to select a multi-state proposal(s) up to each state's procurement authority and split anticipated MW from a single project. DMF plans to work with our counterparts in CT and RI to determine potential areas for overlap pertaining to environmental mitigation and assessing cumulative impacts associated with offshore wind within each state's RFP.

On April 20, 2023 Secretary Tupper announced the establishment of the EEA Interagency Offshore Wind Council (IOWC) to advance the responsible development of offshore wind to meet the Commonwealth's climate goals. The IOWC will be responsible for developing and maintaining an Offshore Wind Strategic Plan (Plan) with stakeholder and community input. The

Plan will: 1) lay out the status of the offshore wind industry to the Commonwealth, existing legal and policy frameworks, and progress made to date, 2) identify key drivers, gaps, and needs and findings, and 3) recommend specific actions and strategies necessary to advance the Plan's goals and objectives before 2040. The Plan's objectives will be relevant to its three primary components for balancing economic development, socioenvironmental considerations, and energy advancement needs. The main objectives within the Plan are to grow Massachusetts as a national hub for offshore wind economic development; promote research and innovation for new technologies, solutions, and services; ensure comprehensive planning with robust stakeholder engagement; implement efficient and effective environmental reviews and support for mutual co-existence; establish long-term offshore wind energy targets and plan for procurements; and develop a modern and resilient transmission system with efficient interconnection of offshore wind. The approval and issuance of the Plan is expected by September 2024.

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MA DMF Update on Lobster Regulation Changes for 2025

Beginning in January 2025, the vast majority of commercial lobster harvesters north of Cape Cod will see an increase in the minimum size from 3 ¼" to 3 5/16", and two years later, in 2027, the minimum size will increase another 16th of an inch to 3". This adjustment will result in a harvest loss of some of the smallest marketable lobsters typically weighing less than 1.25 lbs. This is the first minimum size increase for lobstermen in this management area since 1989. The net result of this minimum size increase will be a uniform 3" size limit among all Massachusetts inshore areas: Area 1, Area 2, and the Outer Cape Cod. Additionally, the maximum size of lobster allowed to be landed from the offshore fishery (Area 3) and Outer Cape Cod

will be reduced from 6 3/4" to 6 ½".

These changes were precipitated by a documented decline in stock abundance of the so-called "Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank" stock. The ASMFC's Lobster Management Board ("Board") has been observing recent declines in the stock and voted to create a threshold that exceeded would result in automatic conservation measures.

At the Board's October 2023 meeting, the Technical Committee reported that, with the inclusion of recently released 2022 data in the time series, the GOM/GBK recruitment index had declined 39% from the 2016–2018 reference period, surpassing the trigger point of a 35% decline. As a result, Addendum XXVII (as

passed in May 2023) required states increase the LCMA1 minimum carapace size from 3 ¼" to 3 5/16" for June 1, 2024, with additional rule changes affecting LCMA1, LCMA3, and OCCLCMA scheduled to occur on June 1 of 2026, 2027, and 2028.

The trigger point was reached sooner than the Board expected when developing and approving Addendum XXVII. Commissioner Pat Keliher (Maine) made a compelling argument for delaying implementation to coordinate changes with Canada to avoid trade implications and provide gauge makers and harvesters sufficient time to prepare. While Maine sought a 1-year continuance (to start the 5-year implementation schedule on June 1, 2025), the Board agreed to a 7-month delay (to January 1, 2025) provided the implementation deadline for the "immediate measures" for OCCLCMA and trap tag issuance also be changed to January 1, 2025.

In addition to the conservation measures, other regulation changes were enacted by the addendum and were postponed seven months to January 1, 2025. These include all Outer Cape Cod harvesters (state and federal) must conform to the maximum size, and common standard for v-notch possession of 1/8" depth. (V-notching is the practice of harvesters cutting a notch into a specific tail flipper of an egg-bearing lobster. This notch is easy to notice and all harvesters must return that lobster to the sea when recaptured. The notch grows in over time and after 2-3 molts can become unrecognizable). Also, the issuance of trap tags will no longer include 10% extra tags in Area 1 and Area 3. The table above contains the new implementation schedule.

While states are not required to implement regulations until January 1, 2025, the Board encouraged states to move ahead with adopting such rules as soon as possible to avoid "kicking the can." Accordingly, DMF intends to go out to public hearing in early 2024 to implement these rule changes for 2025 and beyond. The public hearing and rule-

making process will also include other draft regulatory proposals affecting trap gear fishing that DMF plans to implement for the 2024 fishing year (i.e., allowing the use of the fully-formed weak rope with "MA Lobster Tracer").

LOBSTER TRACKING UPDATE

DMF implemented the vessel tracking requirement for federal lobster trap permit holders landing in Massachusetts beginning on May 1, 2023. Leading up to the implementation, staff began an outreach campaign, including a direct mailing, in March 2023. In May 2023, Kiera Lawlor was hired as the Vessel Tracking Coordinator to assist with day-to-day tasks in the tracking project including data validation, compliance tracking, and monitoring device performance. DMF, through ASMFC, provided \$1,500 reimbursements to the impacted permit holders to offset the costs of the device, service plan, and installation costs.

To date, 261 vessels have certified the installation of a tracking device and 34 have opted out of fishing lobster trap gear during the 2023 federal fishing year. DMF staff confirm each device is functioning and provide a receipt to each permit holder as a confirmation. If data are not received from an installed device, permit holders are contacted to alert them of the issue. As of November 8, 2023 we have received data from 241 vessels. Staff provide phone and email support Monday through Friday and on weekends if necessary. The two device vendors, Viatrix and Woods Hole Group, provide customer support for device specific issues including installation and troubleshooting.

Massachusetts was the first state to implement the lobster tracker requirement. A considerable amount of work has been done with the two device vendors to troubleshoot issues during implementation. All lessons learned have been passed along to other states as they begin to implement this requirement.

By Dan McKiernan, Story Reed, and Nick Buchan

TABLE 1. EFFECTIVE SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDENDUM XXVII

Effective Date	What Change Will Be Implemented		
	LCMA 1	LCMA 3	OCCLCMA
January 1, 2025	Limit trap tag issuance to trap allocation with no extra trap tags awarded. Minimum carapace size increase from 3 1/4" to 3 5/16".	Limit trap tag issuance to trap allocation with no extra trap tags awarded.	Establish 6 3/4" maximum carapace size for state waters. V-notch standard changes from 1/4" sharp v-notch without setal hairs to 1/8" v-notch with or without setal hairs for state waters.
January 1, 2026	N/A	N/A	N/A
January 1, 2027	Minimum carapace size increase from 3 5/16" to 3 3/8".	N/A	N/A
January 1, 2028	Trap escape vent size change from 1 15/16" by 5 3/4" rectangular or 2 7/16" circular diameter to 2" by 5 3/4" rectangular or 2 5/8" circular diameter.	N/A	N/A
January 1, 2029	N/A	Maximum carapace size decrease from 6 3/4" to 6 1/2".	Maximum carapace size decrease from 6 3/4" to 6 1/2".

RESEARCH FROM AMERICAN LOBSTER INITIATIVE

Species Range EXPANSION

Simonne Dodge, Jennie Rheuban, & Stephanie Murphy | WHOI Sea Grant | 2/2024

Researchers want to know how newcomers affect juvenile lobsters



As animals usually found farther south move into warming Gulf of Maine waters, a team of researchers investigates the impact these newcomers—particularly black sea bass and blue crabs—have on the survival and foraging behavior of juvenile American lobsters.

A juvenile lobster in an experimental tank at Northeastern's Marine Science Center Credit: Simonne Dodge, WHOI Sea Grant



Credit: Simonne Dodge, WHOI Sea Grant

The experimental tanks at Northeastern's Marine Science Center

EXPLORE the PROJECT

In 2022, the research team interviewed and surveyed lobstermen throughout New England to map black sea bass range. They caught and sampled black sea bass in Massachusetts Bay and Rhode Island, analyzing the stomach contents to look for remains of juvenile lobsters.

The team is also working to better understand the range expansion of blue crabs, collecting inshore observations from recreational fishermen and aquaculture growers.

To explore more research stories from American Lobster Initiative, visit our StoryMap collection:

<https://arcg.is/1CHT1j>



RESEARCH FROM AMERICAN LOBSTER INITIATIVE



Credit: Helen Cheng, Northeastern Univ.

photo caption

READ the RESULTS

In the lab, the team filmed and analyzed interactions between juvenile lobsters, black sea bass, and blue crabs to better understand the impact these new species have on lobster foraging behavior. Early video footage shows that blue crabs can voraciously consume juvenile lobsters when in close proximity. The footage can be viewed online in the StoryMap at <https://arcg.is/1vHLrb0>. This project is ongoing, and more detailed results will be available in the future.



Credit: Simonne Dodge, WHOI Sea Grant

A black sea bass at the Woods Hole Science Aquarium

UNDERSTAND the IMPORTANCE

As climate change continues to warm the Gulf of Maine, more southern species will expand their habitat range into this region. Black sea bass and blue crabs moving into the Gulf of Maine may present a business opportunity for fishermen, but these species could also be a threat if they are feeding on juvenile lobsters. This project will determine the impact of these species on the lobster industry and will better describe fishermen's perceptions of this changing ecosystem.



Credit: Grabowski Lab, Northeastern University

Jon Grabowski, PhD PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Jon Grabowski is a professor and the assistant director at Northeastern University's Marine Science Center.



We welcome your feedback.
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RESEARCHER HIGHLIGHT



Credit: Simonne Dodge, WHOI Sea Grant

Helen Cheng – Northeastern University

Helen was raised in New York City where her earliest exposures to marine sciences were as a volunteer at the NY Aquarium and later working in a research lab as an undergrad at Stony Brook University. Internships on Nantucket and in Florida inspired her grad school research

on horseshoe crabs at the University of New Hampshire. Following a Knauss Fellowship in D.C., she joined NY Sea Grant, as a coastal resilience specialist in NYC. She is currently a PhD candidate in Jon Grabowski's lab at Northeastern University.

Addendum

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The American Lobster TC Chair provided a report on the Board task from the October 2023 meeting to compile information on the lobster resource and fishery in and around the Northern Edge of Georges Bank. This task responds to a potential action being considered by the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) to allow scallop fishery access in Closed Area II. The TC identified various data sources that could be used to provide information on the seasonal presence and abundance of lobsters, including egg-bearing lobsters, as well as lobster fishery effort, in and around the Northern Edge. The TC will request data from federal trip reports, the Coonamisset Farm Foundation's seasonal bycatch scallop dredge survey, the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation's Lobster and Jonah Crab Research Fleet, and the Northeast Fisheries Science Center trawl survey to provide analysis of lobster catch, abundance, and fishery effort so that this information can be considered by the NEFMC.

The Chair of the Jonah Crab TC reported on additional information and recommendations requested following approval of the 2023 Benchmark Stock Assessment. The TC recommended additional indicators including fishery-dependent CPUE from Rhode Island, fishery-dependent effort from Massachusetts, and price per pound data for landings of Jonah crab and other crustacean species should be reviewed regularly to monitor the Jonah crab stocks and fishery. The TC does not believe management action to address the stock condition is necessary at this time, but recommends indicator data for the offshore Southern New England stock, where the majority of the fishery occurs, be updated annually, while data for the other three stock areas should be updated every five years. It also recommended engaging the Advisory Panel annually to provide information on the market of the fishery. The Board supported the TC's recommendations.

The Board discussed the implications of the American lobster minimum gauge size increase that will go into effect January 1, 2025 as required by Addendum XXVII. Specifically, the LCMA 1 (inshore Gulf of Maine) minimum size will increase from 3 ¼" to 3 5/16"; after January 1, all LCMAs will have implemented a minimum gauge size greater than the coastwide minimum size of 3 ¼", the size in which no area can be below. The Board's intent is that the Mitchell provision of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which was passed to prevent imports of lobster smaller than what the US industry can harvest, would prohibit imports of lobster below the new minimum size for LCMA 1, which will be the smallest active minimum size. The Board initiated an addendum to clarify that Addendum XXVII shall include compliance with the Mitchell provision, and the smallest minimum size in effect should apply to foreign imports.

In relation to the recent NOAA rulemaking to implement ownership and trap cap provisions for LCMAs 2 and 3, consistent with Addenda XXI and XXII, the Board discussed the measures included in the NOAA interim rule, how they differ from the Commission's addenda, and the impacts to industry. Addenda XXI and XXII, approved in 2013, aimed to scale the capacity of the Southern New England (SNE) fishery to the diminished size of the SNE resource. However, in the decade that has passed since the Commission intended for complementary federal measures to be implemented, increases in the cost of bait and fuel, the loss of fishing ground to wind energy development, marine mammal protections, and the expansion of the Jonah crab fishery have significantly changed the fishery. Given these changes, the industry no longer supports reduced maximum trap limits for LCMAs 2 and 3. The Board recommended the Commission withdraw its request to implement the measures set in Addenda XXI and XXII with two exceptions and tasked the Plan Development Team to review the original goals and objectives of the plans and make recommendations for alternate measures to achieve those goals, considering recommendations from the

LCMA 2 and 3 Lobster Conservation Management Teams. At the ASMFC Spring Meeting, the Board will consider these recommendations and determine if an addendum or other action is needed to solicit a change to the measures in NOAA's interim rule, which are scheduled to become effective May 1, 2025.

The Board received an update on the status of state implementation of Addendum XXIX. Addendum XXIX, approved in 2022, established electronic tracking requirements for federally-permitted vessels in the American lobster and Jonah crab fisheries. The Addendum went into effect on December 15, 2023 but several states have not yet implemented the required regulations. The Board agreed to send a letter to states that have not implemented the required measures, urging them to take action in a timely fashion to ensure compliance with the Interstate FMP for American Lobster.

The Board approved the nomination of Denny Colbert, a commercial offshore trap fisherman from Massachusetts, to the Jonah Crab Advisory Panel. Additionally, the Board agreed to postpone pursuing a Management Strategy Evaluation for American lobster until after the completion of the ongoing benchmark stock assessment.

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

MOTIONS:

MAIN MOTION

Motion to initiate an addendum to clarify that Addendum XXVII shall include compliance with the Mitchell provision and signal to NMFS that the smallest implemented minimum size should apply to imports.

Motion made by Mr. McKiernan and seconded by Mr. Grout. Motion amended.

MOTION TO AMEND

Motion to amend to add consideration of a maximum size limit for imports.

Motion made by Mr. Keliher and seconded by Mr. McKiernan. Motion passes by unanimous consent.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

Motion to initiate an addendum to clarify that Addendum XXVII shall include compliance with the Mitchell provision, signal to NMFS that the smallest implemented minimum size should apply to imports, and also consideration of a maximum size limit for imports.

Motion passes by unanimous consent.

Move to recommend to the ISFMP Policy Board that the Commission send a letter to NOAA Fisheries to withdraw the Commission's recommendation to implement the measures of Sections 3 and 4, except Sections 3.1.1 and 3.2.1 – transfers of Multi-LCMA Trap Allocation of Addendum XXI and all of Addendum XXII.

Motion made by Mr. McKiernan and seconded by Mr. Borden. Motion passes with 1 null vote (ME) and 1 abstention (NOAA Fisheries).

Move to send states who have not implemented the electronic vessel tracking requirement for federal lobster permit holders a letter stating that the implementation deadline for this action was December 15, 2023 and states need to implement this requirement in a timely fashion to ensure compliance with the Lobster FMP.

Motion made by Mr. Keliher and seconded by Mr. Grout. Motion passes by unanimous consent.

Move to approve the nomination of Denny Colbert to the Jonah Crab Advisory Panel.

Motion made by Mr. McKiernan and seconded by Mr. Abbott. Motion passes by unanimous consent.

Move to have the Plan Development Team review the conservation measures originally set in Addenda XXI and XXII and make recommendations for alternate measures to achieve those reductions inclusive of the Lobster Conservation Management Team recommendations by the ASMFC Spring Meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Keliher. Motion passes by unanimous consent.

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March 21-24, 2024

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March 21-24, 2024

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The 2023 MLA Annual Weekend and Trade Show is scheduled for March 21-24, 2024 at the Emerald Resort, 35 Scudder Ave, Hyannis, MA 02601. <https://theemeraldresort.com>

If you have not attended the Annual Weekend and Trade show in many years, well then this is the year you won't want to miss out on all the fun and camaraderie. There will be lots of giveaways, raffles, great entertainment and laughs with friends you may not have seen in years!

All rooms and booths are on a first come first serve basis. If you would like a specific room or booth location **DO NOT** delay in getting you reservations in early.

The last trade show was a great success thanks to the many MLA members, vendors and show attendees who are dedicated to the fishing industry. The Annual Weekend Committee continues to work hard to bring you new vendors to keep you up to date with all the newest gadgets and equipment in the industry.

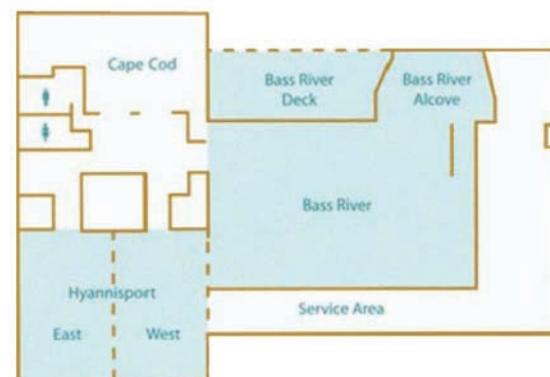
If you are interested in helping at the show, please call the office and we will be more than happy to have your help. Let's make this 2024 Annual Weekend one to remember!

See you in March,

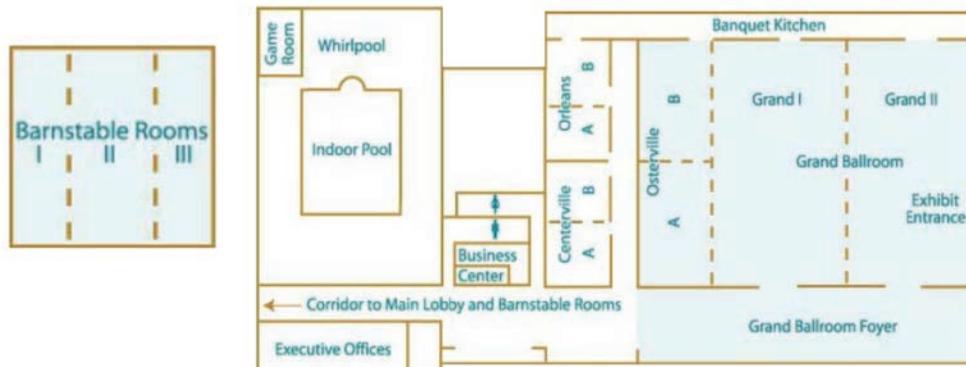
Annual Weekend Committee



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Conference Center Meeting Rooms





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Annual Weekend & Industry Trade Show 2024

March 21-24, 2024

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 Tel (781) 545-6984
 Tracey.Abboud@lobstermen.com

Annual Weekend & Trade Show 2024
 March 21 - March 24th 2024 (set up on March 21)
 Emerald Resort and Conference Center of Hyannis
 35 Scudder Ave, Hyannis, MA 02601

Exhibitor Booth Reservation-2024

Booth's include a 6' covered table & 2 chairs

- () 1 Booth \$750 _____
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HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

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March 21-24, 2024



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	1 Night Package, 3 Adults	Friday Only	\$250.35	Included	Not Included	Not Included
	1 Night Package, 1 Adult	Saturday Only	\$198.89	Not Included		
	1 Night Package, 2 Adults	Saturday Only	\$275.88	Not Included		
	1 Night Package, 3 Adults	Saturday Only	\$364.33	Not Included		
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	2 Night Package, 2 Adults	Fri & Sat	\$475.78	Included		
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	3 Night Package, 1 Adult	Thurs, Fri & Sat	\$481.68	Included		
	3 Night Package, 2 Adults	Thurs, Fri & Sat	\$597.69	Included		
	3 Night Package, 3 Adults	Thurs, Fri & Sat	\$748.05	Included		



HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Annual Weekend & Industry Trade Show 2024

March 21-24, 2024

Package prices are inclusive of all taxes, gratuities and service fees.

Additional Hotel Options			
Check One	Additional Nights	Indicate Dates/Number of Adults	Cost
	Hotel Only. No meals included. Rate is per night for 1 or 2 adults. Rate is inclusive of tax.		\$135.05 Per Night

RESERVATION POLICIES

Cutoff Date: All reservations for guestrooms must be made by Thursday, March 7, 2024. After this date, we cannot guarantee the availability of guestrooms or the group rate.

Meal Tickets and Choices: All meal choices for the Saturday night banquet must be made prior to Thursday, March 7, 2024. If meal selection is not made by this date, we cannot guarantee your preferred meal choice. *Meal selections and number of guests in the package may not be adjusted within 10 days of arrival.*

Deposit: We require a deposit of \$100.00 at the time the reservation is made. If the deposit is by credit card, we will charge the deposit in advance when the Reservation Form is received.

Cancellation Policy: If an individual reservation is cancelled (7) seven days or more prior to arrival the deposit is refunded less a \$15.00 service charge. If an individual reservation is cancelled (6) six days or less or the guest does not arrive on the specified dates, the reservation is cancelled for all nights and the deposit will be forfeited. The remaining nights on the reservation will also be cancelled and are not automatically reinstated.

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2024 PROGRAM EVENTS & SEMINARS

Friday, March 22, 2024

MLA Industry Trade Show Hours
9:00am-4:00pm

New England Young Fishermen's Alliance

Friday 9:30 Room: Centerville

Presented by: Andrea Tomlinson

The New England Young Fishermen's Alliance strives to empower the next generation in our local commercial fishing industry by providing critical networking, training, and resources. Through value-based initiatives, we plan to preserve, protect, and promote the future of our small boat fishing businesses in northern New England. We currently offer an annual Deckhand to Captain training program for northern Massachusetts, NH and southern Maine commercial fishermen and women who are dedicated to becoming Owner-Operators. Our nine-month course offers intensive training in business management, budget development, public speaking, permitting, and licensing, collaborative marketing, advocacy, and cooperative research opportunities. Come listen and learn more about our unique program!

Cooking Demo

Friday 10:45 room: Bass River

Come see and taste what the Emerald Resort and Conference Center's Master Chef will create for you this year. You can't miss this so get there early and get ready to be dazzled. Please check the Show Program for the final menu.

Examining the lobster boom and potential threats through collaborative research with the lobster fishery

Friday 11:00 Room Centerville

Presented by: Jon Grabowski, Northeastern University, Professor, Department of Marine and Environmental Sciences, Associate Director, Marine Science Center

New England is home to some of the oldest and most iconic fisheries species in the U.S., such as the American lobster. Lobster populations and landings in coastal Maine have been consistently high over the past couple

of decades, yet the fishery faces a multitude of threats currently. Several mechanisms have been proposed behind this increase in lobsters, including release from cod and other predators in coastal waters as well as bottom-up augmentation from herring bait. Yet new potential predators have emerged, such as black seabass and other potential predators of juvenile lobsters expanding into the Gulf of Maine. This talk will discuss two decades of collaborative research with the lobster industry examining hypotheses of why lobster populations boomed over the past several decades as well as the industry's observations of and potential impacts from these newcomers. Finally, we will introduce a new project partnering with the Massachusetts Lobster Association examining impacts to and the adaptive capacity of the lobster fishery.

Training for the Industrial Athlete: Mind, Body and Vessel

Friday 2:00 Room: Centerville

Presented by: The Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety

Working safely and supporting the health and wellbeing of captains and crew members is an important part of fishing fleet sustainability. In the coming years, industry fluctuations and increasing regulation have the potential to negatively impact fishing safety and fishermen's mental and physical health. This session will focus on providing simple, practical health and safety tips to help fishermen stay as productive as possible in the 2024 fishing season. Instead of a presentation, we propose to set up six "Quick Tip" stations that fishermen can rotate through at their own pace. Each station will focus on a specific topic and will offer give-aways, info sheets and apps to help fishermen implement suggestions on their vessels.

B-I-N-G-O

Friday 2:00 Room: Barnstable III

Presented by: The MLA and Therese Sauvageau

Come join us for a few rounds of B-I-N-G-O and win some prizes!

YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO PLAY!

Friday 3:30pm-6:30pm MLAs Infamous Hospitality Suite Barnstable I

Come take a break in the Bait Shed!

Friday 4:00 room: Barnstable II (Next to MLA Hospitality Suite)

Presented by: Brian Robbins

Need to decompress, kick back, and have a few laughs? Come hang out in the Bait Cooler with *Commercial Fisheries News'* Brian Robbins. Brian (who considers coming down from Maine to Hyannis "going South for the winter") might share some memories from growing up in Stonington, ME or from his offshore lobstering days; he'll no doubt have stories from his travels along the New England coast for CFN; maybe he'll play a tune or two on the guitar ... who knows? The only thing for sure is, it'll be a laid-back, good time that will set you up for the evening with a big grin.

Grand Buffett Dinner & Singo & Trivia

Friday 6:30 Room: Bass River

Don't Forget to bring your Pre-paid dinner tickets with you!

MLAs Super Silent Auction

will be held during the Grand Buffett Dinner and will end before Singo & Trivia start. This is to benefit the MLAs Scholarship Fund. Don't forget your checkbooks!

Singo & Trivia

Friday 7:45 after Grand Buffett Dinner Room: Bass River

Presented by: Steve Montmagny!

Prepare yourself for lots of laughter & loads of fun playing along with Steve who has been in the entertainment industry for many years hosting all types of venues on the South Shore and beyond. **Singo is bingo in music form!** Each player has a "singo" card with song titles on it. Steve plays the songs and if you are the first person to have all the song titles on your 'singo card' you win the game and receive a prize! Be ready to show off your knowledge of fun facts & play some trivia, too!

Friday 9:00pm-12:00am MLAs Infamous Hospitality Suite Barnstable I

Saturday March 23, 2024

MLA Industry Trade Show Hours
9:00am-4:00pm

Make a Sea Glass Lobster Shadow Box Craft

Saturday 9:30 Room:
Barnstable III

Presented by: Katie Finocchiaro

Come have fun with Katie as she helps you build a Sea Glass Lobster Shadow Box. Space is limited so you must sign up at the MLA Booth.



A Regional Framework for Financial Compensation from Offshore Wind Impacts

Saturday 9:30 Room: Centerville

Presented by: Kris Ohleth, Director of Special Initiative on Offshore Wind

Moving towards coexistence between the fishing community and offshore wind requires a variety of creative solutions. Once the options of avoiding, minimizing, and other mitigation strategies have been exhausted, a tool that can and has been applied is financial mitigation to compensate fishermen for losses. 11 Atlantic Coast states are working together to develop a regional framework for financial compensation, which will be discussed in depth during this session.

Title forthcoming

Saturday 11:00 Room: Centerville

Presented by: WHOI Sea Grant, Jennie Rheuban and Stephanie Murphy

The Sea Grant American Lobster Initiative, funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Sea Grant College Program, is addressing critical knowledge gaps about American lobster and its iconic fishery in a dynamic and changing environment. The initiative, which began in 2019, supports both scientific research and a regional Sea Grant extension program in the Northeast U.S. Together, the research and

extension components of this initiative will develop and share new knowledge and understanding with industry stakeholders and resource managers from Maine to New York. This session will feature three newly funded research projects that address issues that are directly relevant to the lobster industry. We will provide snacks and coffee to promote attendance and a more informal feel to the session. The session will be an opportunity for the research teams to share their upcoming plans for their research projects. We hope to host an open discussion about the projects to hear input from fishermen and managers on what products might be useful around each of the research topics. Projects highlighted will include: 1) the acoustic impacts of offshore wind development on lobsters, 2) stress, social disruption, trust, and adaptive capacity of the lobster industry, and 3) surface convergences as a widely undersampled microhabitat for American lobster larvae.

MA Division of Marine Fisheries and MA Environmental Police Roundtable

Saturday 1:30 Room: Centerville

Presented by: MA Division of Marine Fisheries and MA Environmental Police

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) is responsible for the conservation of marine fisheries resources. This includes managing both recreational and commercial harvesting of saltwater finfish, shellfish, and crustaceans like lobster and crab. The DMF oversees policy which promotes sustainability while balancing the requirements of a complex coastal fishing industry. State officials will be on hand to present new information on lobster stock status, fishery trends, whales, and discuss other issues of concern to the industry.

The Massachusetts Environmental Police protect the environment and natural resources through enforcement, education, and public outreach. The "U.S. marine resource laws exist to ensure sustainable fish populations; protect threatened marine species and the habitats they live in and to ensure these resources are around for future generations to enjoy. When people cheat and willfully violate fishery management regulations it puts those who comply with the rules at a significant disadvantage.

Friday 3:30pm-6:30pm MLAs Infamous Hospitality Suite Barnstable I

MLA Grand Banquet & MLA Awards Ceremony

Saturday 6:30 Room: Bass River

Don't forget to bring your Pre-paid dinner tickets with you.

Come join us for our Grand Banquet and MLA Awards Ceremony as we recognize several individuals for all their hard work and dedication to the MLA and commercial lobster industry!

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Sunday March 24, 2024

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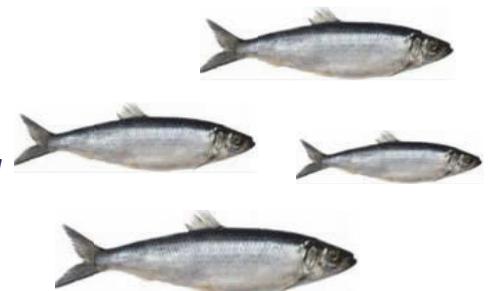
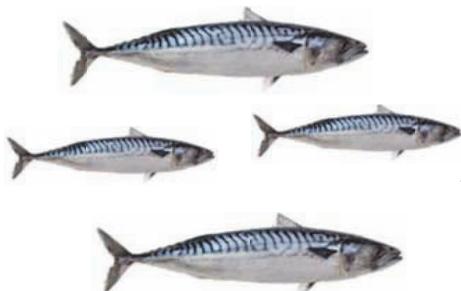
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3/23/2024 Saturday Evening Dinner 6:30 pm Dinner Award Ceremony 8:00pm Entertainment TBD 9:00pm – 11:00pm Please choose Entrée	<u>Banquet Dinner</u> New England Clam Chowder Caesar Salad Choice of Seafood Medley consisting of Fish, Scallops & Shrimp or Prime Rib of Beef Warm Rolls Chef's choice of Starch, Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee and Tea (Please Choose Entrée) Seafood Medley consisting of Fish, Scallops & Shrimp - Prime Rib of Beef-	\$65.00		
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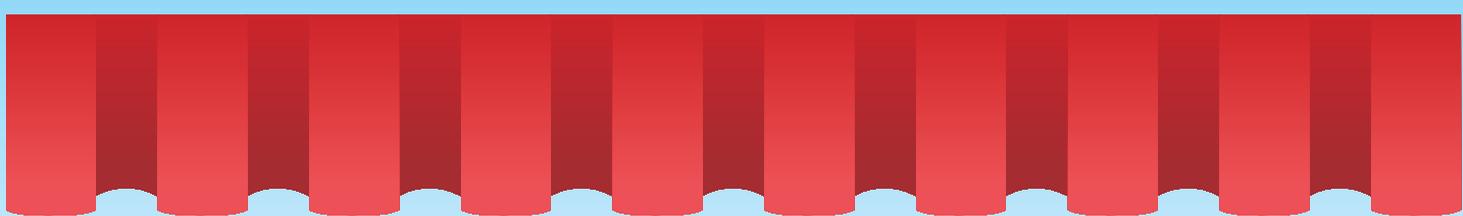
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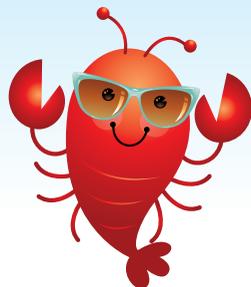
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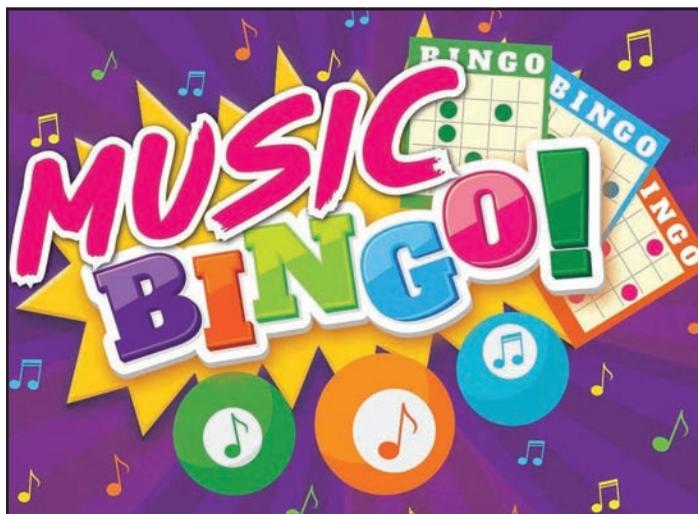


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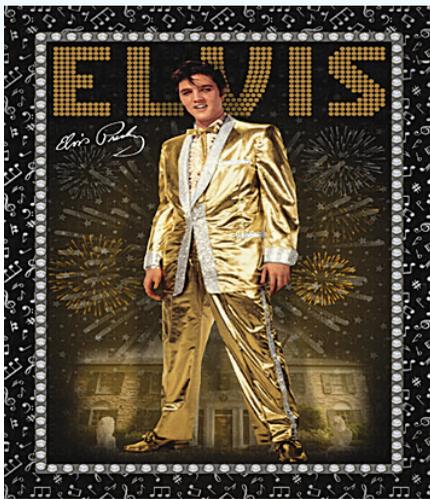
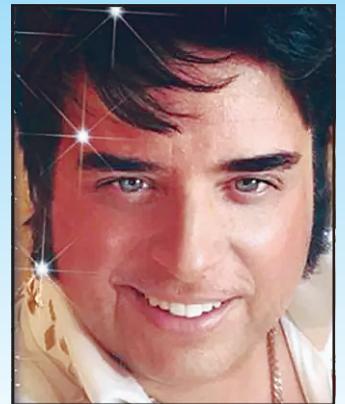


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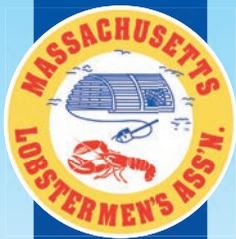
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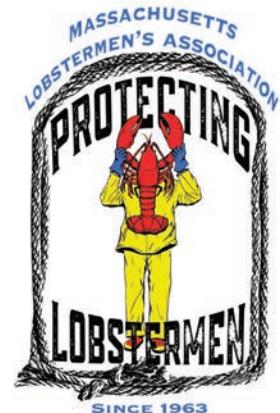
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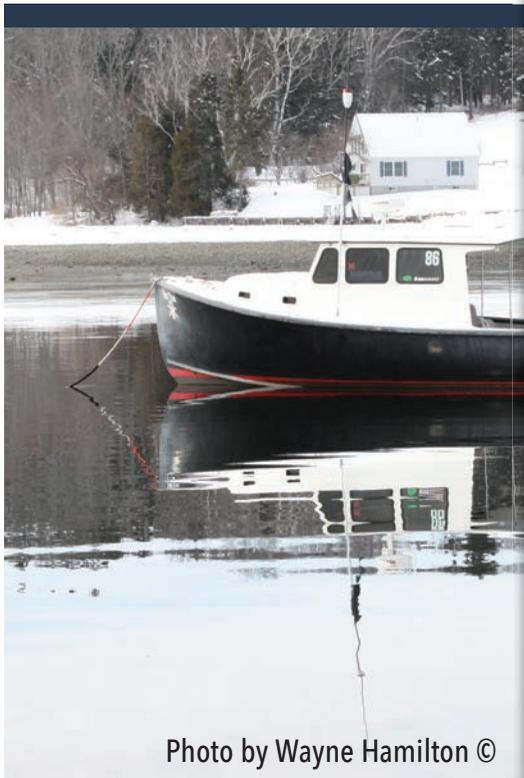
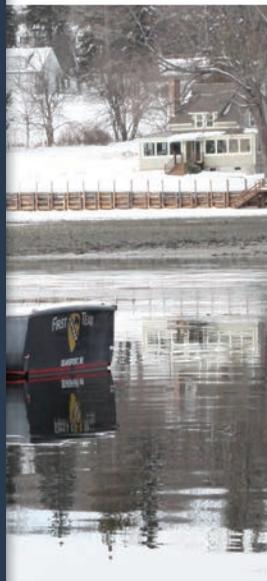


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Vineyard Wind 1 Fisheries Compensatory Mitigation Program

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Vineyard Wind has created a fisheries compensatory mitigation program with a primary objective to provide fair, equitable compensation to commercial fishermen for economic losses attributable to Vineyard Wind 1's construction, operations, and decommissioning activities.

Three escrow funds have been established to compensate affected fishermen in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Other States (Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York). Compensation may also be available to fishing businesses (i.e., shoreside businesses) in Massachusetts.

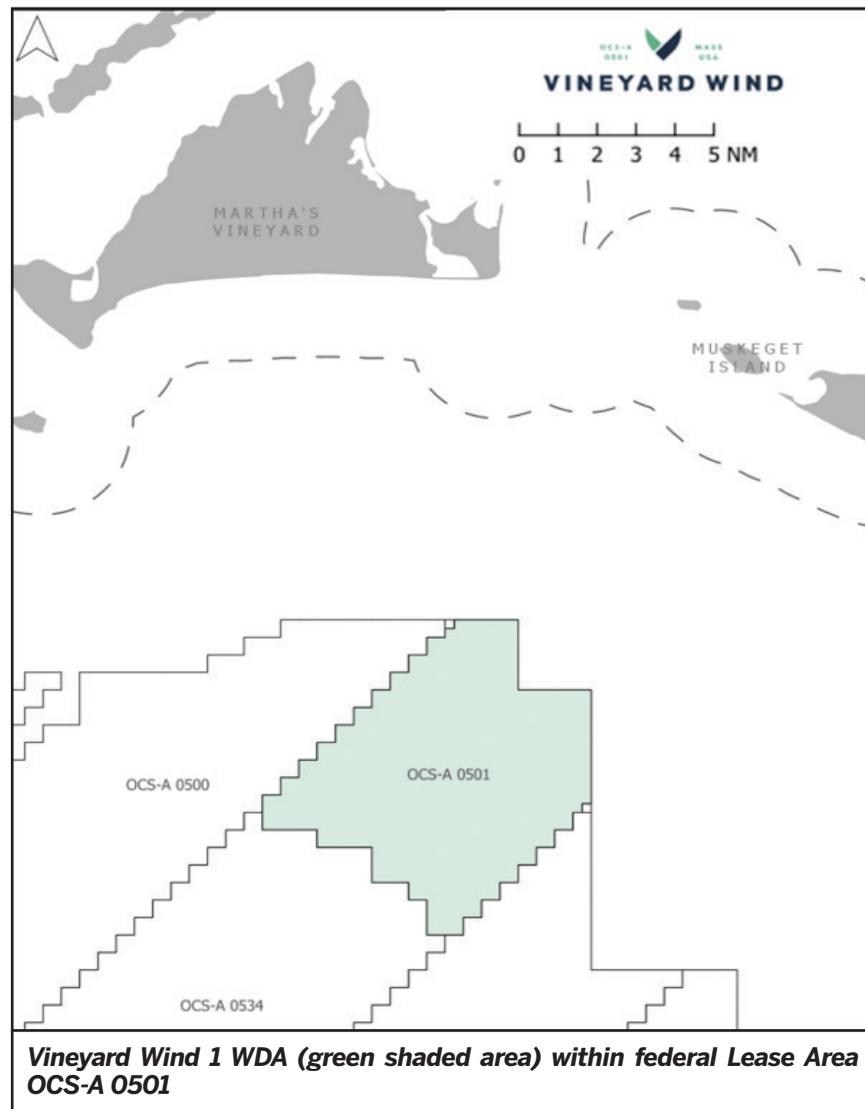
For commercial fishermen, the first phase of the program will be the eligibility phase, which will require commercial fishing vessel owners to qualify for compensation payments based on defined eligibility criteria. Once qualified, a commercial vessel owner may elect to participate in either an expedited claims process or a regular claims process, both of which are based on a commercial fishing vessel owner's historic revenue dependence on the WDA but require different levels of documentary proof. Fishermen will not need to demonstrate economic

impacts from Vineyard Wind 1 in order to qualify for the program or receive compensation payments.

The Vineyard Wind 1 Fisheries Compensatory Mitigation Program is scheduled to be launched in **March 2024**. Information about the third-party administrator, the program, and how to apply will be available on the program's website: www.vw1fisheriescomp.com. Once the program launches, commercial fishermen will be able to apply to the program to establish eligibility. The program's eligibility criteria for commercial fishing vessel owners is provided below.

Eligibility Criteria for Fishermen

- Commercial fishing vessel owners/operators homeported in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, or New York
- Valid 2023 commercial fishing permit from NOAA Fisheries
- Current government-issued vessel registration showing ownership, or a vessel lease agreement
- Documented fishing activities within the WDA in at least three of the last seven years of the baseline period (2016-2022). Fishing activities can be established by submitting information that includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - Vessel Trip Reports
 - Vessel Monitoring System information
 - AIS information
 - Fishery observer or At-Sea Monitor information
 - NOAA Cooperative Research Study Fleet information
 - Chart plotter data/images
 - Logbooks

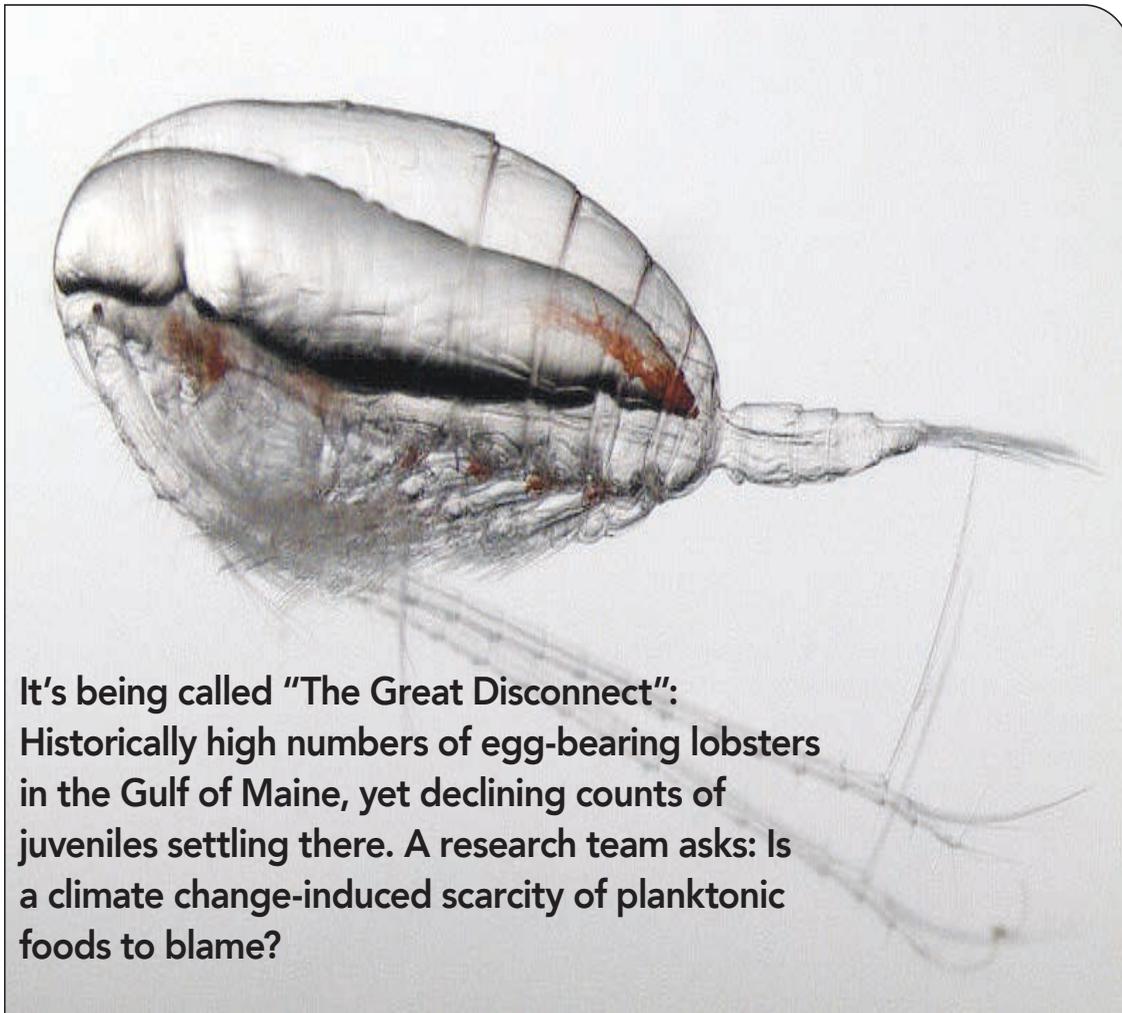


- Other trip level reporting information that establishes fishing activity in the WDA
- Documented annual revenue from fishing activities in the corresponding three years. Annual revenues can be established by submitting information that includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 and/or other tax documents that include reported income
 - Sales receipts
 - Dealer slips
 - Dealer compilation reports
 - Other income information that establishes income from fishing activities

Larval prey and the GREAT DISCONNECT

Simonne Dodge, Jennie Rheuban, & Stephanie Murphy | WHOI Sea Grant | 2/2024

Despite rising numbers of spawners and early-stage larvae, do declines of late-stage larvae and settlers come down to a limited food supply?



It's being called "The Great Disconnect": Historically high numbers of egg-bearing lobsters in the Gulf of Maine, yet declining counts of juveniles settling there. A research team asks: Is a climate change-induced scarcity of planktonic foods to blame?

A close-up image of Calanus finmarchicus Credit: Jeffrey Runge, University of Maine



Late stage larva feeding on C. finmarchicus in a lab experiment

Credit: Rick Wahle, UNMaine

EXPLORE the PROJECT

Previous research identified a connection between declines in settlers and declines in the abundance of the zooplankton *Calanus finmarchicus*—an energy-rich food source for lobsters and many other Gulf of Maine species. To determine if a lack of plankton, including *C. finmarchicus*, leads to fewer lobsters surviving to settle on the seafloor, the researchers collected larvae and zooplankton from the seafloor to the ocean's surface. They dissected wild-caught larvae to better understand their zooplankton diet, analyzed the nutritional status of wild-caught and lab-fed larvae, and larvae's stage-specific feeding preferences and behaviors.

To explore more research stories from American Lobster Initiative, visit our StoryMap collection:

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RESEARCH FROM AMERICAN LOBSTER INITIATIVE



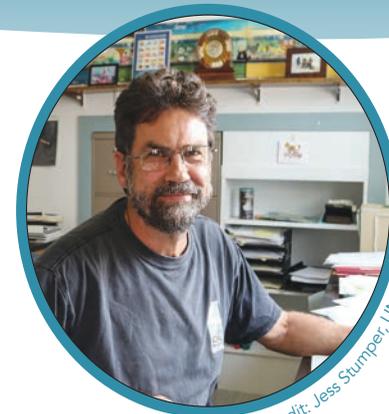
Credit: Rick Wahle, UMaine

Evie Layland, a former grad student in the Wahle lab at UMaine



Credit: Rick Wahle, UMaine

A collection of lobster post-larvae



Credit: Jess Stumper, UMaine

Rick Wahle, PhD

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

is a retired professor and past director of the Lobster Institute at the University of Maine.

READ the RESULTS

The research team's diet analysis found *C. finmarchicus* in the gut of wild-caught larvae was disproportionately high compared to its low abundance during the summer larval lobster season. This hints at larval preference for *C. finmarchicus*.

In assessing larval nutrition, the team found early-stage, wild-caught larvae had lower fat reserves than well-fed, lab-raised counterparts; the populations had similar fat reserves in the postlarval stage. This suggests that if food scarcity is causing a large die-off of lobster larvae, it is likely in the early developmental stages.

UNDERSTAND the IMPORTANCE

This project helps to fill a large gap in our understanding of larval lobsters' diet and tests whether larval survival is dependent on the availability of certain planktonic foods, like *C. finmarchicus*. Trends in lobster settlement are a key predictor of subsequent trends in lobster harvest some five to seven years later. Exploring the abundance of larval lobster prey may also be helpful for discerning the state of the ocean's larger food web, upon which the American lobster depends.



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RESEARCHER HIGHLIGHT



Credit: Jess Stumper, UMaine

Rick Wahle – University of Maine

Rick's interest in the inner workings of ocean ecosystems propelled him towards a career in marine science. After receiving an undergraduate degree in zoology from the University of New Hampshire, he earned a master's in marine biology at San Francisco State University, followed by

a PhD in zoology at the University of Maine. A senior research scientist at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences for 15 years, he returned to UMaine as a professor and the director of the Lobster Institute until retirement in Sept. 2023.

Net Your Problem & MLA Rope Swap Events

Net Your Problem successfully collected 9,846 pounds from lobstermen in Scituate and Gloucester as a part of two rope swaps. Red and candy cane weak rope, with the MA lobster tracer was given in return. Both days were so much fun, and it was exciting to see how much rope each fisherman had to recycle instead of bringing it to the landfill or other disposal options. In order to collect the rope, I used large super sack bags that used to be used to transport salt, grain, sand or even virgin plastic resin for transport. Each bag was filled at both swaps, and the trailer could not have fit a single more coil of line both times. The line

will now be processed for recycling at my warehouse in New Bedford, polypropylene being separated out for mechanical recycling, the rest recycled in various ways. I thoroughly enjoyed both of these days and look forward to hosting more in the future. If you have any more rope throughout this winter's gear work to dispose of - you can contact Caitlin at caitlin@netyourproblem.com or 774-316-0417, where we will set up a time for you to come to my warehouse.



Net Your Problem is looking for warehouse space in New Bedford/Fairhaven area. Please please please share. It would be used to store used gear (net and line mostly) as it's processed for recycling. Preferably a location with over 1000 square feet of interior space plus ample outdoor space available to be used. If there isn't that much outdoor space, I would need probably 5000 square feet of interior space. With immediate outdoor access (not in a mill) a loading dock would be great but not necessary so large garage door(s) needed and power to operate a bailing machine and tools. Please contact Caitlin at caitlin@netyourproblem.com or 774-316-0417



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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 our lawyers in Washington D.C. and here in the Commonwealth to fight for you and your industry.

UPDATE 1/29/2024 (Washington D.C.) Case 1:21-cv-02509-JEB - Maine Lobstermen's Association, et al. v. NFMS

Please recall 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 NFMS to account for its illegal attempts to destroy our industry.

While the decision in the case is now the law of the land, on November 29, 2023, we filed a Motion to recover the MLA's legal fees and costs expended in fighting against the United States Government pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, which provides in pertinent part that "a court shall award to a prevailing party other than the United States fees and other expenses...incurred by that party in any civil action...., unless the court finds that the position of the United States was substantially justified or that special circumstances make an award unjust." Here, we rightly argue that the MLA was a prevailing

party, the Government's position (in the litigation and at the agency level) was not substantially justified, and consequently the MLA is entitled to recover its legal fees and costs incurred in the matter.

While the Motion is still pending before the Court, the Government asked us to stay that Motion so we could try to negotiate a settlement. We are actively negotiating with the Government and expect to have more news in the next couple months.

UPDATE 1/29/2024 (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 our 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 the mandate.

To prevail on the motion to stay, the NGOs needed to not only convince the to Court the moving party's need for a stay — that is, the harm to the moving party if a stay does not issue; and (3) whether a stay

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would promote efficient use of the Court's resources.

The Court was unsympathetic to any of these claims. First, it rightly noted that the NGOs miscited case law (a nice way of saying lied) to show he could ignore the D.C. Circuit. He slapped that down and said he cannot ignore the D.C. Circuit, so the issue is done. But then he went further, addressing each stay element.

He decided that the government would be harmed by delays in implementing regulations, and the lobstermen would be harmed by delays in certainty. He determined that the NGOs do not need a stay because it won't affect their other claims. We disagree with that as we think this moots their claims but we don't read this as him saying he's not going to moot their claims, which we have also moved for. Finally, he determined it would not be efficient use of resources.

Overall, this was a pretty definitive rejection of the NGOs theories and to us shows that Judge Boasberg is rightly skeptical of the NGOs claims in light of the D.C. Circuit ruling.

Briefing on the motions to dismiss the NGOs claims based on mootness is ongoing and we do not anticipate a ruling before the end of the year.

UPDATE 1/29/2024 (N.D. California.) Case No. 5:23-cv-04994-BLF; Sawyer, et al. v. Monterey Bay Aquarium, et al.

Our suit against Monterey Bay Aquarium has come to an end. As you all know, our case against the Aquarium was filed in Louisiana, and was based on a Louisiana law that allowed us to sue for disparagement of an agricultural product. Unfortunately, as a byproduct of the transfer of the case to the California federal courts, we lost the ability to maintain suit under Louisiana law, and California has no analogous statute. The combination of having to resort to common law defamation and California's relatively defamation-claim-unfriendly environment, was an unenviable situation, and,

after discussion with your named Plaintiffs, we came to the conclusion that MLA resources would be best spent in other areas. Ultimately, our win in *Maine Lobstermen's Ass'n v. Nat'l Marine Fisheries Serv.*, 70F.4th 582 (D.C. Cir. 2023) confirmed that the science behind the statements published by the Aquarium was flawed, and we have communicated to the Aquarium that we trust it will keep the court's ruling in that case in mind with any statements it may make in the future.

We appreciate your continued support throughout this process. While it may not be the outcome some of you wanted to see, we have publicly demonstrated that their science is flawed, and remain committed to fighting for you and the lobstering industry.



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UPDATE 1/29/2024 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 submitted a robust comment to the proposed final regulation that will explain to NMFS why its proposed final rule is illegal. If and when NMFS issues a Permanent Final Rule, we will file suit to block the illegal Wedge Closure.

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

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 Massachusetts are NOT to the problem and have done everything asked of them by National Marine Fisheries Service and

have been working under the strictest conservation rules for the right whales anywhere in the world since 2014. Yet here we are, still fighting these lawsuits to keep the Massachusetts commercial lobstermen fishing.

The Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association has been actively involved in these lawsuits since 2018 and we need your generous support today to continue our fight to keep the commercial lobstermen fishing. As we all know, any legal action costs lots of money and over the last 5 years the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association Legal Defense Fund has spent over \$300,000 fighting these legal battles. These are real threats to the historic and iconic commercial lobster industry, and we are doing everything to keep Massachusetts commercial lobstermen fishing.

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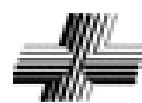


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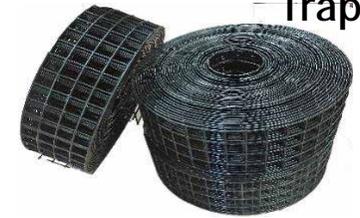
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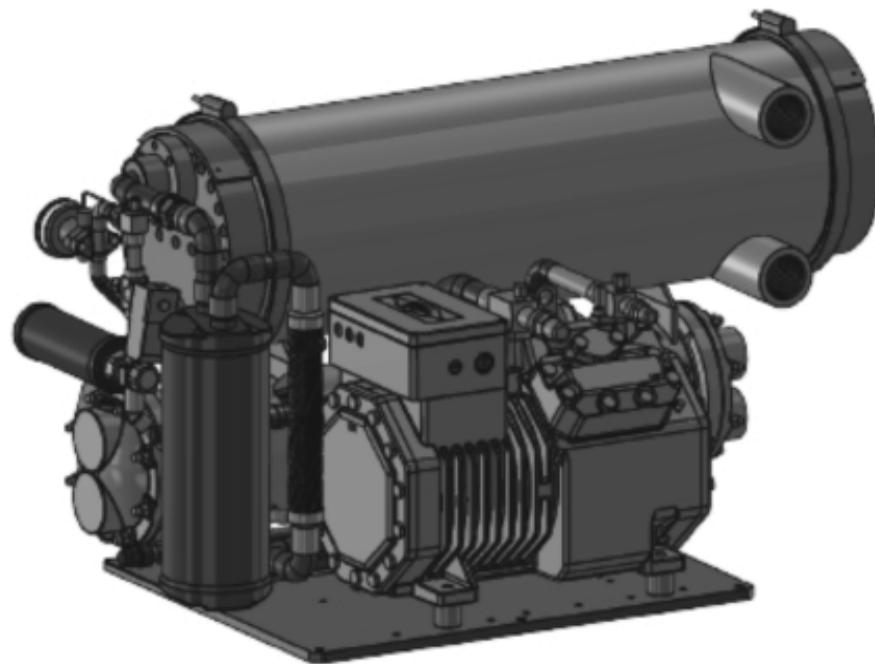
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Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan & Take Reduction Team (TRP or TRT)

ASMFC - Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission

ESA - Endangered Species Act

FMP - Fishery Management Plan

FY - Fishing Year

GARFO - Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office

GOM/GBK - Gulf of Maine/ Georges Bank

LMA - Lobster Management Area

MADMF & DMF - MA Division of Marine Fishery

MMPA - Marine Mammal Protection Act

NARW - North Atlantic Right Whale

NEFMC - New England Fishery Management Council

NEFSC - Northeast Fisheries Service Center

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OLE - NOAA - Office of Law Enforcement

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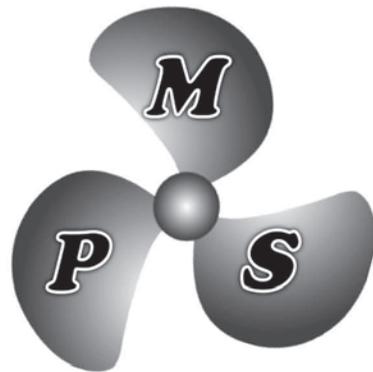
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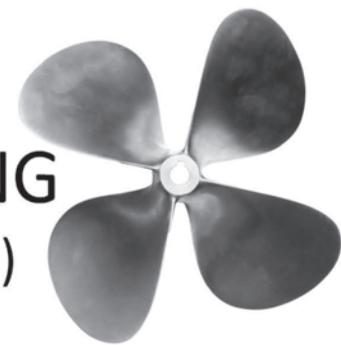


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