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September 23, 2024

Massachusetts Office of Climate
Innovation and Resilience
Massachusetts State House,
24 Beacon St.

Office of Governor, Room 280
Boston, MA 02113

Dear Massachusetts Office of
Climate Innovation and Resilience,

The undersigned members of the Massachusetts commercial fishing and seafood industry appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on the Draft List of Decarbonization Measures for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP). We appreciate your office's invitation to community groups to identify measures that matter most to our constituents and to share our comments on ways that each measure may be implemented to maximize greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction, overall benefits, and the benefits that accrue specifically to environmental justice populations.

The Commonwealth's seafood industry and its fishing communities are critically dependent on the ocean environment for our economic and cultural survival, and we are disproportionately impacted both by climate change and by ocean-based climate solutions. Climate change impacts the distribution, timing, and abundance of fish stocks, contributes to sea level rise, and affects atmospheric and oceanographic patterns that dictate our ability to go to sea and harvest seafood, while the fast-paced buildout of industrial offshore wind energy displaces fishermen from traditional fishing grounds and impacts the ecosystems upon which the entire

seafood supply chain depends. The coming years may see the introduction of additional ocean-based climate solutions such as marine carbon dioxide removal (already the subject of planned ocean alkalinity enhancement field trials in waters important to Massachusetts fishermen), industrial-scale algae cultivation for bio-fuels, and more. All of these trends and activities threaten to further undermine the resilience of the ocean ecosystems that we depend on and the future viability of our businesses and communities.

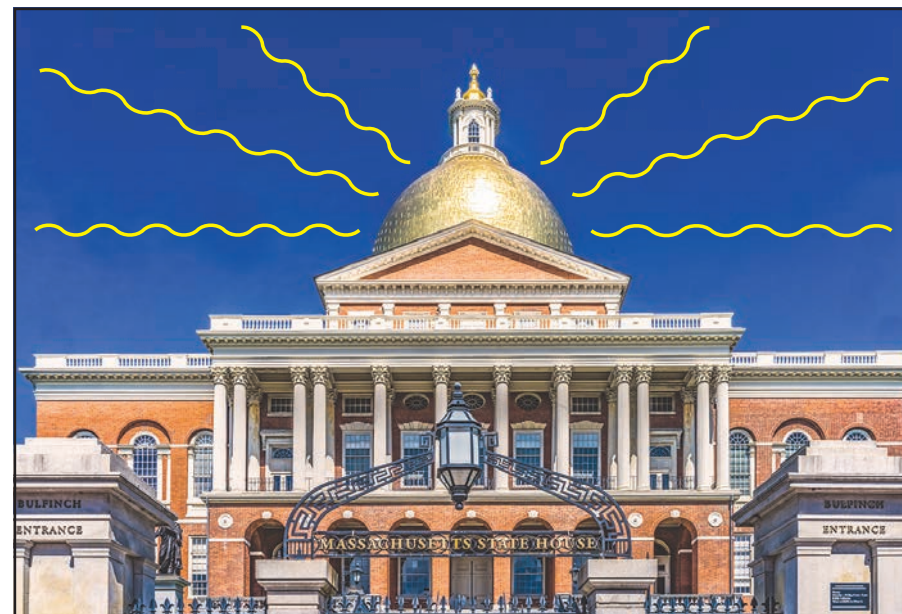
Consequently, fishing - dependent communities around Massachusetts meet the definition of both frontline and fenceline communities:

The Climate Reality Project defines frontline communities as communities that "experience the impacts of climate change 'first and worst,'" adding:

Because of their lived experience, people in frontline communities have become *experts* on the climate crisis: not just what it's like to go through, but what solutions actually work on the ground. Which is why their voices and leadership are so important to the future of the climate movement.

The Climate Reality Project adds that fenceline communities live "immediately adjacent to highly polluting facilities - think fossil fuel infrastructure, industrial parks, or large manufacturing facilities - and is directly affected by the traffic, noise, operations, and most-concerningly, chemical and fossil fuel emissions of the operation."

The EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program provided funding to 46 states to quantify



statewide and sector-specific GHG emissions and to chart a strategy for achieving state GHG reduction targets. In its "Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Formula Grants for Planning," the EPA instructed CPRG recipients to include within these plans a benefits analysis assessing the economic, health, and social benefits of the plan's measures, especially to low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs). The guidance emphasized analyses of co-pollutants (e.g., air quality pollutants and air toxics) and encouraged recipients to also consider public health outcomes, economic benefits, climate resilience benefits, and other environmental benefits. Moreover, the EPA instructs CPRG recipients to undertake meaningful engagement and inclusion of community priorities and

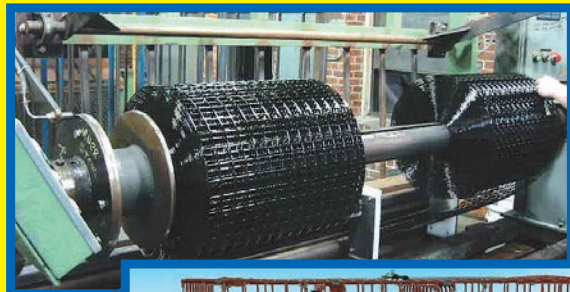
to communicate with representatives of LIDACs and *other interested parties* to identify next steps and funding opportunities.

As the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience prepares to undertake the important CPRG process of developing a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for Massachusetts, we wish to stress two points:

1. We request that your Office meaningfully engage with representatives and members of the Massachusetts fishing and seafood community in the context of the CCAP, using the same climate justice-informed values that you would use when engaging with any other frontline and fenceline community in Massachusetts.



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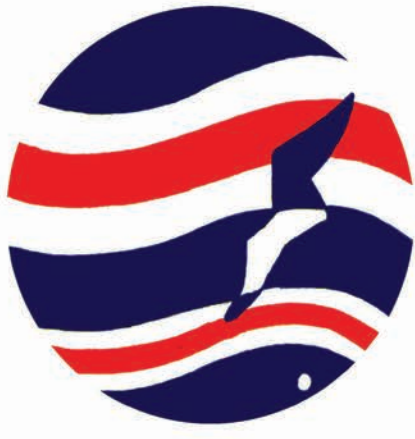
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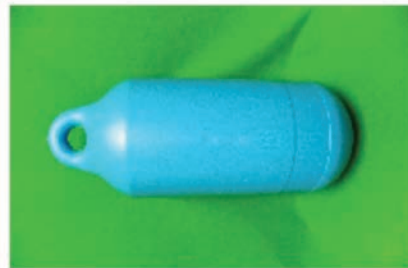


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As we welcome in October with gale force winds, there are no tricks with the numbers in your accounts and, if you have been wondering why your MLANPBPC check hadn't cleared yet, the MLANPBPC program made a banking change and now, you know. Just like everything else in the world today, nothing moves as quickly as we would like, and the financial institutions are, no quicker. It's back to slate and chisel for me.....

Now, onto the other initiatives that directly impact your fisheries like, decarbonization projects, global warming/ climate change, call it what you may, and many other projects that are meant to help you, the fishermen and the stock you depend upon. All the initiatives are driving some of the fishery's management and grant opportunities in this country and we are all paying the price.

From the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Addendum XXVII conservation measures that looked at a pleather of things, including climate change, and based on low recruitment into the stock implemented a series of conservation measures that will be implemented in 2025. The cover article is from the ASMFC, and how the global models can project

how the ocean conditions will change over time.

There are a lot of people working on developing solutions, on the human impacts, to mitigate the impact to environment and, unfortunately, it is not a good look when the recently proposed Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI) LOC-NESS project to capture carbon from the atmosphere and put it in the ocean.

This WHOI LOC-NESS project is to develop a revenue stream to help other corporations mitigate the amount of carbon they are pumping into the atmosphere, for a price of course! Let's not forget about all the animals in the ocean that will be greatly impacted by increase in Ocean Acidification when they can no longer develop their shells, what is next?? It seems like switching seats on the Titanic!

Lastly, the MLA is participating in several projects with Sarah Schumann, Director of the Fishery Friendly Climate Action Campaign. And most recently has signed onto a letter in support that additional information from the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience and meaningful engagement of the Massachusetts fishing and seafood industry in the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan effort. The



full letter can be found in this newspaper and if you want to get more involved, please reach out to Sarah directly or myself.

As I ponder if these initiatives and projects are necessary or are they a natural occurring cycle that humans have just accelerated the process and, are we looking for the holy grail of solutions at the everyone's expense, one can only imagine what the outcome will be!! We are always looking for meaningful and practical initiatives to help the fishermen and the MLA will continue to be at the table for you so you can continue to fish!

Safe fishing,

Beth Casoni

Executive Director

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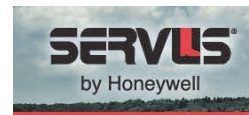
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Council Receives Skate, Whiting, and Monkfish Monitoring Reports, Discusses Path Forward; Reviews Monkfish RSA Status

The New England Fishery Management Council received annual reports for three of its fisheries – skates, whiting, and monkfish – when it met September 24-26, 2024 in Gloucester, Massachusetts. It then discussed options for standardizing and streamlining these reports in the future.

The Council also reviewed the status of the Monkfish Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program and agreed to ask NOAA Fisheries to pause issuing solicitations for new RSA projects until outstanding economic and programmatic issues can be addressed by: (1) the New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils, which jointly manage monkfish; and (2) the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) of NOAA Fisheries. The two Councils also will ask GARFO to consider enabling partners involved in the two current monkfish RSA projects to continue selling RSA days-at-sea into 2025 and 2026 if needed.

FISHERY MONITORING REPORTS: Here's how to access the three monitoring reports and presentations.

- **Skate Annual Monitoring Report for Fishing Year 2023:** This report provides an update on the status of the seven species in the skate complex (see graphic next page). It also includes information on landings and discards in the skate wing and skate bait fisheries, impacts from other fisheries on skates, research updates, and more. The report is [posted here](#) with an accompanying [presentation](#).
- **Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) Annual Monitoring Report for Fishing Year 2023:** This report was produced in a [presentation format](#). It contains stock status and fishery information, including economic and effort trends, for northern silver hake, southern whiting, which folds in offshore hake, northern red hake, and southern red hake.



Monkfish, NOAA Fisheries photo



New England Fishery Management Council

- 2024 Monkfish Fishery Performance Report:** This report provides an overview of the biology, stock condition, management system, and fishery performance for monkfish, with an emphasis on the 2022 and 2023 fishing years. The report is [posted here](#), along with a [presentation](#).

FUTURE MONITORING REPORTS: The Council discussed potential modifications to the existing format for annual monitoring and fishery performance reports and whether additional and/or alternative information should be included.

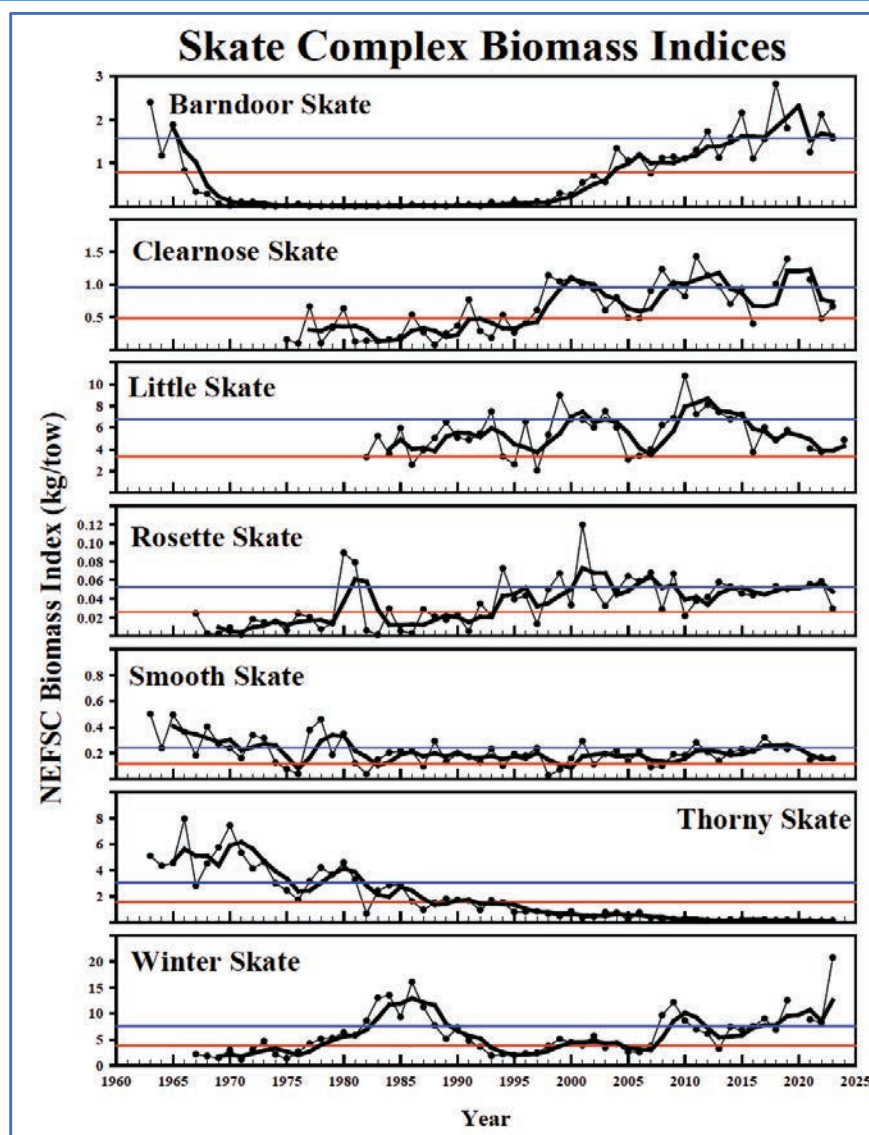
The Council viewed a brief [presentation](#) and provided feedback on questions such as:

- What types of information would be most useful in the reports during years when specification-setting is not required?
- What format should be used to provide this information? And,
- Among other questions, would monitoring reports for Atlantic herring and deep-sea red crab be helpful during years when specifications are not being developed?

Council staff will continue to work on proposals in 2025 to streamline these reports and provide consistency across the board in what they are called.

MONKFISH RESEARCH SET-ASIDE PROGRAM: The Council is continuing efforts to improve the Monkfish RSA Program. One of its 2024 priorities was to further consider recommendations made by the [Monkfish RSA Working Group](#). Here is the working group's [final report](#).

This year, the Council, its Monkfish



The 2024 Skate Annual Monitoring Report includes an appendix with stock status updates for the seven species in the Northeast skate complex. The update was produced by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC).

- Six of the skate species are not overfished and overfishing is not occurring. Thorny skates remain overfished, but overfishing is not occurring.
- The dark circles in the graphic above show the NEFSC survey biomass indices in kilograms per tow for each skate species.
- The solid black lines show the three-year moving average used to determine stock status.
- The straight blue lines are the proxies for the biomass at maximum sustainable yield (Bmsy).
- The straight red lines are the proxies for the biomass threshold (Bthreshold). Stocks below the threshold are determined to be overfished and in poor condition, as is the case for thorny skate.



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Committee, and the Monkfish Advisory Panel focused on non-regulatory actions recommended in the report, namely communication and outreach efforts. The Council also intends to evaluate monkfish management more holistically through an [Inflation Reduction Act \(IRA\) Project](#).

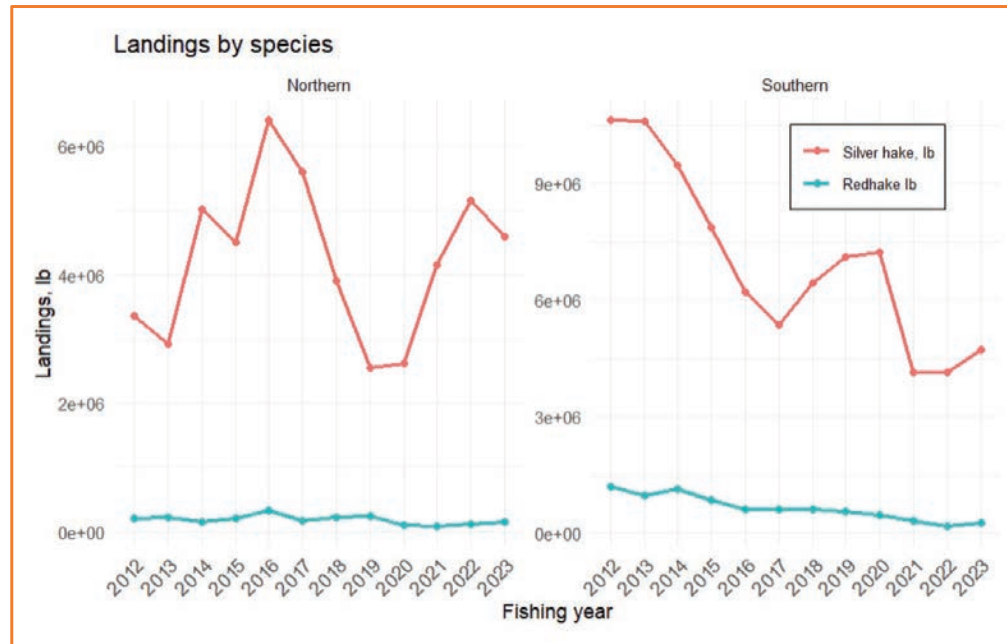
GARFO opted to forego issuing a 2025 monkfish RSA solicitation because of low utilization in RSA days in the [projects already underway](#). The low utilization is what prompted the Council to ask GARFO to pause future solicitations and continue allowing current project participants to sell RSA days-at-sea in 2025 and 2026.

MONKFISH/SKATE INTERPLAY:

Several factors are contributing to the low monkfish RSA days-at-sea usage. For one, fishermen are reporting that skates, especially in the southern area, are constraining monkfish catches.

In 2025, the Council will be working on new specifications for both skates and monkfish. Given the connection between the two fisheries, the Council intends to coordinate work on both sets of specifications to better understand and address problematic issues. This coordinated skate/monkfish effort could provide an underpinning to the upcoming work on Inflation Reduction Act projects, especially projects that are intended to improve efficiency in fisheries management under climate change.

Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) Annual Monitoring Report for the 2023 Fishing Year Landings by Species



Landings for northern silver hake (left graph) and southern whiting (right graph with southern silver hake and offshore hake combined) are shown in orange. Landings for northern red hake (left) and southern red hake (right) are shown in teal.

Monkfish Research Set-Aside Program: 2024 Projects Underway

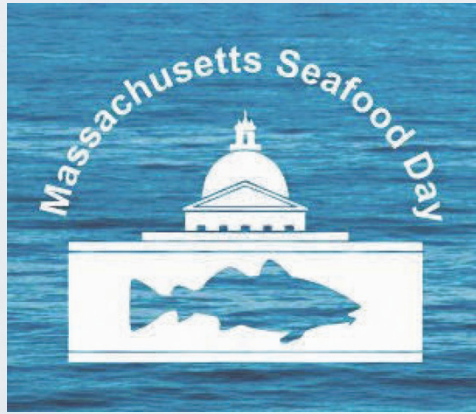


Here's How to Help a Monkfish Researcher!

The New England Council has developed a flyer to help fishermen find out how to connect with research partners to participate in 2024 Monkfish Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program projects.

Unless otherwise specified, 500 monkfish days-at-sea (DAS) are set aside annually from the total number of allocated days to be used for cooperative monkfish research. No federal money is used to support the research.

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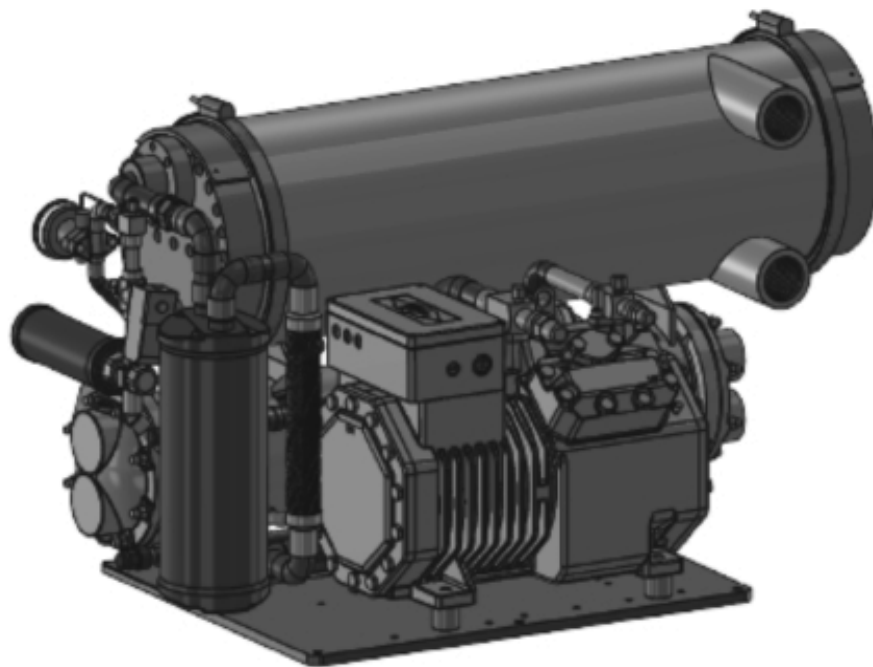
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Vessel operators will be able to submit their catch reports on multiple reporting platforms (see below). We recommend lobster vessel operators download one of the apps as soon as possible so they can become familiar with entering their catch information. The current NOAA Fish Online (FOL) iOS app does not support lobster reporting. Vessel operators who are currently submitting eVTR's through the iOS app will need to download and install the Fish Online Web app through their FOL account.

- **NOAA Fish Online: eVTR Web App**
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- The reporting device is required to be on board the vessel while fishing, and all trip reports must be completed through the effort and catch portion of the eVTR before they enter port. All trips must be submitted to GARFO within 48 hours of landing.

- Vessel operators are responsible for giving the dealer(s) the 14 digit eVTR number created on their reporting app.

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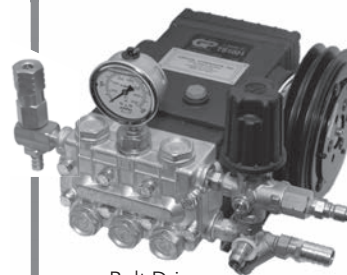
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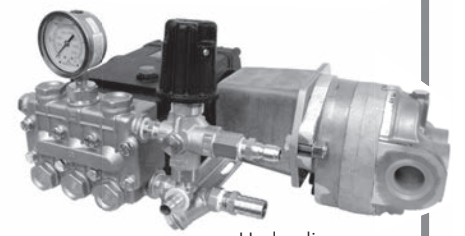
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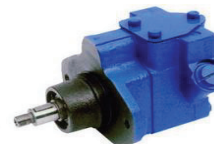
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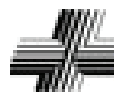
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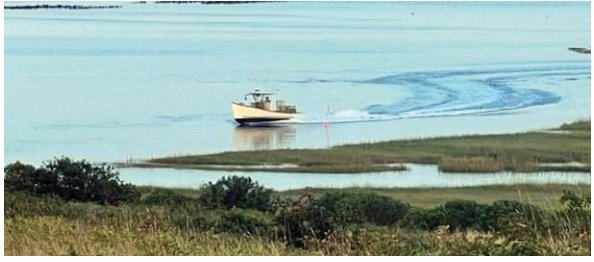


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New England Fishery Management Council

Council Elects Rick Bellavance and Daniel Salerno as Chair and Vice Chair for 2024-2025; Welcomes Bill Lucey and Ted Platz

The New England Fishery Management Council opened its September 24-26, 2024 meeting in Gloucester, Massachusetts by holding its annual election of officers after first congratulating three reappointed Council members and welcoming two new ones to the table. The recently announced appointments were for:

- **Geoff Smith** of Maine, who was reappointed to serve a second three-year term on the Council;
- **Togue Brawn** of Maine, who also was reappointed to serve a second term;
- **Mike Pierdinock** of Massachusetts, who was reappointed to serve a second term;
- **Bill Lucey** of Connecticut, who was appointed to his first term on the Council; and
- **Ted Platz** of Rhode Island, who was appointed to his first term.

Each New England state receives one obligatory seat on the Council, and the other appointments are for at-large seats. Togue is filling an at-large seat, while the other four appointees are filling obligatory seats for their respective states. The new terms run from August 11, 2024 through August 10, 2027.

LEADERSHIP: The Council elected **Rick Bellavance** of Rhode Island and **Daniel Salerno** of New Hampshire by acclamation to lead the Council as chair and vice chair for the year ahead.

Chair Rick Bellavance is the owner/operator of Priority Charters, LLC, a charter fishing business located in Point Judith. He served as the Council's vice chair from 2021 until being elected chair during the September 2024 meeting.

Appointed Council members must take the oath of office.

Rick is a lifelong Rhode Island resident and has engaged in a variety of recreational and commercial fishing industries for close to 35 years. He currently serves as president of the Rhode Island Party and Charter Boat Association. Rick has represented the recreational for-hire fishing industry on state, regional, and federal panels, committees, and commissions for more than a decade. He is a member of the Greater Atlantic Steering Committee for the Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) and strongly supports improvements to the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). He has a long history of participation in NOAA Fisheries highly migratory species (HMS) issues. As chair, Rick will head the New England Council's leadership team on the Council Coordination Committee.

Vice Chair Dan Salerno is the manager of two groundfish sectors – Northeast Fishing Sector XI, known as the New Hampshire Sector, and Northeast Fishing Sector V, referred to as the Rhode Island/Long Island day-boat sector. He has been involved with sector management since its broad-scale implementation in 2010. He also has been actively engaged in marine science and biology through his education, work, and research since 1992. Dan has worked directly with the commercial fishing industry in various capacities as a mate on a fishing vessel, fisheries biologist, research technician, collaborative research associate, and, currently, as a sector manager and independent fisheries scientist. He is the New England Council



Council Vice Chair Daniel Salerno, left, and Chair Rick Bellavance, right. – NEFMC photo

co-chair on the Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP) and serves as the U.S. co-chair on the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee (TMGC).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Council's Executive Committee is made up of the chair, vice chair, and three elected members. To fill out the slate this year, the Council once again by proclamation elected **Melanie Griffin** and **John Pappalardo**, both of Massachusetts, and **Megan Ware** of Maine to serve on the committee. The Executive Committee oversees the Council budget, appoints advisory panel members, addresses administrative matters, and provides Council leadership and direction on numerous policy matters. It works closely with

the Council's executive director and meets prior to each Council meeting.

NEW MEMBERS: **Bill Lucey** is the Long Island Soundkeeper for Save the Sound, a non-profit organization. In this capacity, he advocates for improvements to water quality and sustainable fisheries within Long Island Sound, which spans Connecticut and New York state waters. He is a resident and native of Connecticut.

Bill was a federal fisheries technician for the USDA Forest Service, Tongass National Forest, in Yakutat, Alaska for 20 years. He also worked during that time for the local municipality dependent on commercial fishing as its primary industry. From 1997

to 2013, he held troll, gillnet, and longline permits for salmon and halibut and operated small fishing boats in the Gulf of Alaska. Bill continued working as a field biologist conducting multiple research projects centered on fish, marine mammals, and salmon restoration. As a coastal program planner, he secured funding to upgrade fishing-related infrastructure and establish a regional seafood branding program.

Ted Platz has been a commercial fisherman for over 35 years. He has fished for monkfish, skate, dogfish, and various finfish for most of his career,

and he was an active lobsterman for 15 years. Ted has experience fishing inshore and offshore and now fishes from his homeport of Newport. Prior to being appointed to the Council, he served on the Monkfish Advisory Panel for 20 years, most recently as chair. He also was a member of the Council's Skate Advisory Panel from 2008-2024 and, at various times, served on the Groundfish and Dogfish Advisory Panels. As a strong believer in cooperative research, he has partnered with numerous science and academic institutions to do research on both monkfish and skate stocks.



Newly appointed Council members Bill Lucey, left, and Ted Platz, right. – NEFMC photo

MEET OUR 2024-2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS!

Council member bios are posted here:

https://d23h0vhsm26o6d.cloudfront.net/Council-member-bios_updated_September_2024.pdf



Pictured above are the New England Fishery Management Council's 2024-2025 members. Front row from left to right: Council Executive Director Cate O'Keefe, Cheri Patterson (New Hampshire), Council Vice Chair Daniel Salerno (New Hampshire), Megan Ware (Maine), Togue Brawn (Maine), Council Chair Rick Bellavance (Rhode Island), Melanie Griffin (Massachusetts), Alan Tracy (Maine), Jackie Odell (Massachusetts), and Bill Lucey (Connecticut). Back row from left to right: Scott Olszewski (Rhode Island), U.S. Coast Guard LT Tom Bleifuss (designee), Northeast Fisheries Science Center Director Jon Hare, Ted Platz (Rhode Island), Mitch MacDonald (NOAA General Counsel), Mid-Atlantic Council Liaison Peter Hughes, Peter Whelan (New Hampshire), Peter Aarrestad (Connecticut), Mike Pierdinock (Massachusetts), and Eric Hansen (Massachusetts). Absent: Geoff Smith (Maine), John Pappalardo (Massachusetts), and NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator Mike Pentony. – NEFMC photo

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2. We request that your Office consider impacts to ocean ecosystems, fishing activities, and fishing dependent communities within your analysis of co-benefits and disbenefits associated with GHG reduction measures considered in the CCAP, and that your Office use this analysis to prioritize the plan's reliance on measures that are "fishery friendly".

In turn, we commit (within the constraints imposed by our working lives, limited resources, and competing demands on the time of our staff representatives) to helping you achieve these requests. To streamline dialogue with our community, we encourage you to reach out to Sarah Schumann, director of the Fishery Friendly Climate Action Campaign, to initiate a thoughtful dialogue about how the fishing and seafood community can be included in the CCAP process as a stakeholder group, and how we can work with your Office and other experts to fully analyze co-benefits and disbenefits to fisheries from proposed decarbonization measures in the CCAP.

FEEDBACK ON DRAFT DECARBONIZATION MEASURES

A "fishery friendly" decarbonization pathway in Massachusetts is one that reaches the Commonwealth's target of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 *while also*:

- Minimizing negative impacts on ocean, coastal, estuarine, and watershed environments;
- Minimizing interference with the harvest and provision of wild seafood for the public;
- Maximizing co-benefits that enhance the resilience of these ecosystems to climate change and other stressors; and
- Facilitating voluntary adoption of cost-effective, locally appropriate technologies and practices to reduce fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions by fishing vessels and shoreside businesses.

This approach is best accomplished by: emphasizing measures that reduce total energy capacity needed (by investing in energy efficiency, grid flexibility, and demand reduction); strategically siting and maximizing energy generation within the built environment, such as on

homes and buildings, roadways, industrial sites, and parking lots; pursuing land, forest, and aquatic ecosystem conservation and restoration to enhance its sequestration value while providing co-benefits to ecosystems and fisheries; and supporting the fishing and seafood industry through targeted programs that maximize our ability to be the leaders of our own energy transition.

Further analysis in coordination with fisheries scientists, fishermen, and decarbonization pathway modelers is needed to fully understand the co-benefits and disbenefits of each of the draft CCAP decarbonization measures for fisheries, and we urgently request that your Office convene a working group of experts from the academic community, fisheries agencies, and commercial and recreational fishing communities to address this task together. In the meantime, we summarize a few initial reactions and core principles below.

TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

Reducing vehicle miles traveled by supporting transit-oriented development (T1), improving existing transit systems (T2), increasing public transit (T3), travel demand management (T4-B), and some approaches under "reduce use of internal combustion vehicles" (T9) represent low-environmental-impact approaches to reducing GHG emissions that also provide targeted benefits for LIDAC communities. Reducing vehicle miles traveled should be a high priority in Massachusetts' CCAP.

Electrification of transport, which is a possible component of measures T4-A, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, T10, T11, and T12) is a valuable gap-filler, but should be deprioritized below the objective of reducing vehicle miles traveled wherever possible, due to the high potential environmental impacts of mining associated with the global production of battery components and the fact that electrification of previously unelectrified uses drives up the need for electricity generation, placing additional burdens on local ecosystems to meet generation demand. While electrification and battery storage represent a vital part of a statewide decarbonization strategy for Massachusetts, the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience should avoid measures that would either incentivize electric vehicle (EV) adoption over reducing vehicle miles traveled or induce a "crowding out" effect in which emissions reductions that

could have been achieved through the low-environmental-impact pathway of reducing vehicle miles traveled are instead achieved through a higher-environmental-impact pathway of EV adoption.

Measure T7 ("increase utilization of non- or low-greenhouse gas emitting fuels by shipping vessels") has particular relevance for our maritime industry. Already, the Massachusetts fishing industry is taking the lead on this issue through a \$2 million Congressionally Directed Spending project awarded to the Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Development Program called Energy Efficient Fisheries and by participating in a policy strategy formulation process led by Massachusetts fishermen and their peers on both coasts through the Fishery Friendly Climate Action Campaign.

The Energy Efficient Fisheries project is positioning Massachusetts as a national leader in low-carbon fishing vessel innovation by supporting a fleet-by-fleet energy baseline assessment, a pilot project program to support field-testing of energy-saving and clean power innovations on Massachusetts fishing vessels, and a technical assistance program through our partners at Green Energy Consumers Alliance to connect shoreside businesses in the Massachusetts seafood industry with available state and federal incentives for reducing the carbon footprint and energy expenses of their operations.

Meanwhile, the policy strategy being formulated by fishermen and fisheries leaders through the Fishery Friendly Climate Action Campaign will spell out how governments can support the fishing industry's adoption of energy efficiency measures and alternative fuels and power sources by providing direct funding, incentives, and technical assistance to support research and development, pilot projects, knowledge transfer, adoption of a full suite of relevant technological pathways, and relevant shoreside infrastructure development.

Both projects are generating extensive learning, and in the months ahead, we will tap both our in-state and bicoastal networks to provide further guidance to your Office on how you can put the fishing community's forward-looking ideas about our own industry's decarbonization into action here in Massachusetts through the CCAP and other initiatives.

BUILDING SECTOR

Reducing building energy consumption by increasing energy efficiency in buildings (B1) is a low-environmental-impact approach to reducing GHG emissions that also has benefits for local small businesses and LIDAC communities. Building energy efficiency should be a first-order priority in Massachusetts' CCAP, and GHG reductions that could be achieved by energy efficiency should not instead be achieved through the buildout of additional energy infrastructure in sensitive and ecologically important lands and waters.

On-site generation of electrical power (B-7) and thermal systems (component of B2, B3, B4, and B5) through rooftop solar and geothermal should also be a top priority in Massachusetts. These systems pose little risk to the terrestrial, aquatic, and ocean ecosystems that support biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and resource-dependent activities and communities in Massachusetts. We support a multi-fold increase in the financial incentives, education, and technical assistance provided to Massachusetts homes and business to maximize adoption of rooftop solar energy, along with the removal of any regulatory barriers that currently limit broader adoption of this fishery friendly power source. We call on the CCAP to prioritize solar in the built environment and to avoid any measures that would induce a "crowding out" effect in which GHG emissions reductions that could have been achieved through rooftop solar or geothermal systems are instead achieved through more ecologically invasive approaches such as offshore wind energy development and utility-scale solar in forested areas.

POWER SECTOR

Participants in Massachusetts' \$670 million fishing industry are concerned about the impacts of offshore wind development on the ocean ecosystems that we depend on and on our ability to fully access traditional fishing grounds to continue harvesting sustainable, low-carbon protein for the public. Moreover, we are deeply skeptical of any decarbonization approach that calls itself a job creator while jeopardizing existing jobs and businesses in an industry that has anchored coastal communities for generations.

Expanding resources for balancing clean energy (P2) and increasing residential and non-residential demand response programs (P8) are low-environmental-impact approaches to reducing GHG emissions that can reduce the total amount of power generation needed and address the intermittency problem introduced by heavy reliance on wind and solar. Strategies, such as time-of-use pricing, that flatten or shift the demand curve in ways that align demand with the production of intermittent energy sources, can reduce the need to overbuild the electrical generation system and thereby reduce the impetus to drive generation into ecologically sensitive areas like oceans and forests. Other strategies, such as bidirectional EV charging and battery storage, can store energy when it is abundant and make it available at times when it is not. Both approaches can reduce the incentive to overbuild energy generation capacity, reduce wasteful curtailment of intermittently abundant renewable energy, and reduce the need to keep natural gas peaker plants in operation. Strategic use of demand response and grid balancing

measures to constrain the spatial footprint of energy infrastructure in sensitive ecosystems like oceans and forests should be a high priority of the CCAP.

With regard to draft measures P1 (clean energy generation capacity) and P3 (increase clean energy procurement), we request that the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience tease out how the co-benefits and disbenefits vary across different emissions-free energy sources contemplated in the CCAP, rather than lumping clean energy sources together as is currently done in the draft decarbonization measures. Honoring this request would include disaggregating the various clean energy generation technologies available in Massachusetts (e.g., onshore wind, offshore wind, solar in the built environment, solar on natural and working lands, geothermal energy, hydroelectric, nuclear, etc.) and then comparing the relative co-benefits and disbenefits of each, in light of their respective impacts to fisheries, forests, farms, and other important ecosystems and ecosystem services. Only by undertaking this technology-specific analysis of

co-benefits and disbenefits can state planners design strategies that co-optimize the decarbonization of Massachusetts' energy system with the conservation of Massachusetts' ecosystems, ecosystem services, and resource-dependent communities.

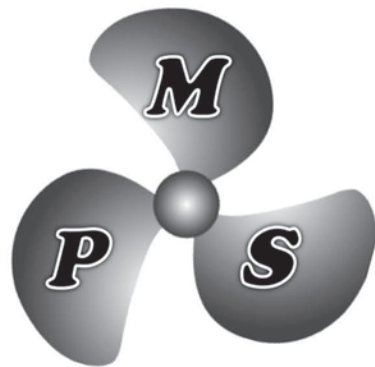
With regard to measures P4 (improve interconnection capacity and timing for clean generation) and P5 (build out the electric distribution system), we request that your Office prioritize the grid interconnection of distributed generation resources (DER) in order to support adoption of solar in the built environment (on homes, buildings, landfills, median strips, and over paved surfaces such as parking lots) over the buildout of high-capacity transmission lines to carry electricity from offshore power plants (P6). Locally owned DERs in the built environment provide the greatest economic and jobs benefits to our communities and the lowest impact to the natural and working lands and waters of Massachusetts. There is no justification for pursuing high-impact, foreign-owned, industrial renewable energy until we have fully exhausted the potential of low-impact, locally-

owned renewable energy to meet the Commonwealth's electricity needs. The CCAP must avoid creating incentives that would enable high - environmental - impact, foreign-owned energy infrastructure to "crowd out" adoption of locally owned DERs.

Over the long run, not only capping *but ending* fossil fuel generation (P7) is an indispensable step to meeting Massachusetts' climate goals, and without it, we envision a frightening scenario in which the fishing community's sacrifice in bearing the impacts from offshore wind is all for naught. In order for our burden to be meaningful to the goal of mitigating climate change, it must be paired with regulations that permanently end the use of fossil fuels. The use of "carrots" without corresponding "sticks" is simply a giveaway of public lands, waters, and dollars to foreign energy corporations, with no guarantee that Massachusetts communities on the front lines of climate change will ever see any benefit in the form of reduced GHG emissions.

Finally, in your calculation of the GHG emissions reduction potential of each of the measures included

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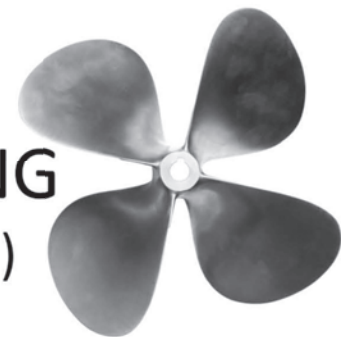
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in the CCAP, we insist that a full lifecycle emissions analysis be included and that this analysis be in the form of ranges that include worse-case scenarios. Specifically, the fishing industry demands a full and honest accounting of the GHG emissions involved in offshore wind development, and we fear that the real emissions associated with the buildout of this new industry could be far worse than assumed by offshore wind proponents – for example, as a result of storms, widespread manufacturing defects, or other contingencies that would necessitate extensive, emissions-intensive repairs or replacements of the turbines or cables that enable offshore wind power generation and transmission.

NATURAL AND WORKING LANDS (AND WATERS)

We strongly support and encourage the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience to prioritize the conservation of existing forests (NWL1), the conservation and maintenance of the quality of existing wetlands (NWL2), the conservation of existing agricultural land (NWL3), management of forest health and resilience (NWL4), support of climate smart agriculture and healthy soils management (NWL6), reforestation of deforested lands (NWL7), restoration of wetlands (NWL8), and expansion of urban tree canopy (NWL9) in the Massachusetts CCAP. The ocean, coasts, estuaries, and watersheds that drive fisheries productivity are not only subject to direct anthropogenic impacts in the form of dredging, dams, and chemical, biological, and thermal pollution, but are also integrators of many environmental impacts that take place on land. Forested watersheds, good water quality, and healthy wetlands are linked to the health of many anadromous, coastal, and offshore fisheries. Strategies to conserve and restore forests, farmlands, and wetlands are clear win-wins for the climate and for fisheries.

Moreover, we request that you resolve tradeoffs between clean power generation and the conservation and restoration of carbon-sequestering ecosystems by honoring the requests we have articulated throughout this letter to prioritize energy efficiency,

demand response, and energy generation in the built environment over measures that would directly or indirectly drive the expansion of energy generation into sensitive, biodiversity-rich, and culturally and economically important ecosystems, such as oceans and forests.

Finally, given the importance of coastal and ocean ecosystems to the Commonwealth's economy, culture, communities, and GHG mitigation potential, we ask that the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience expand the name of this sector to "Natural and Working Lands and Waters."

WASTE SECTOR

We support the prioritization of measures that would divert, reuse, or reduce recoverable materials (W1), reduce food waste (W2), reduce emissions from wastewater treatment plants (W3), reduce emissions from septic systems (W4), and increase energy recovery from wastewater infrastructure (W5). For example, food scrap composting can both reduce GHG emission from landfills while also improving soil health and creating jobs, and diversion into the food distribution system of edible surplus that would otherwise be disposed of can support Massachusetts families experiencing food insecurity.

The seafood sector may present some opportunities to pursue these win-wins. For example, at least one Massachusetts-based seafood processor is already collaborating with a biogas processor to turn its organic processing waste into energy. However, this collaboration has proven to be expensive (processors must pay to participate) and not all processors know about the program. We encourage dedicated outreach and financial incentives to the seafood sector to participate in waste-to-energy, food donation, and other programs contemplated in the CCAP.

IN CLOSING

In closing, we thank the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience for undertaking the important task of completing a comprehensive state-wide climate action plan, and we appreciate the public engagement opportunities will form a core part of

the CCAP effort. We look forward to making the most of these engagement opportunities, with the goal of guiding Massachusetts towards a "fishery friendly" net-zero future.

Please contact to any of the signers of this letter or Sarah Schumann, Director of the Fishery Friendly Climate Action Campaign (fisheryfriendlyclimateaction@gmail.com) to follow up. Ms. Schumann is empowered on our behalf to request additional information from the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience, and to discuss opportunities with your Office for supporting meaningful engagement of the Massachusetts fishing and seafood industry in the CCAP effort.

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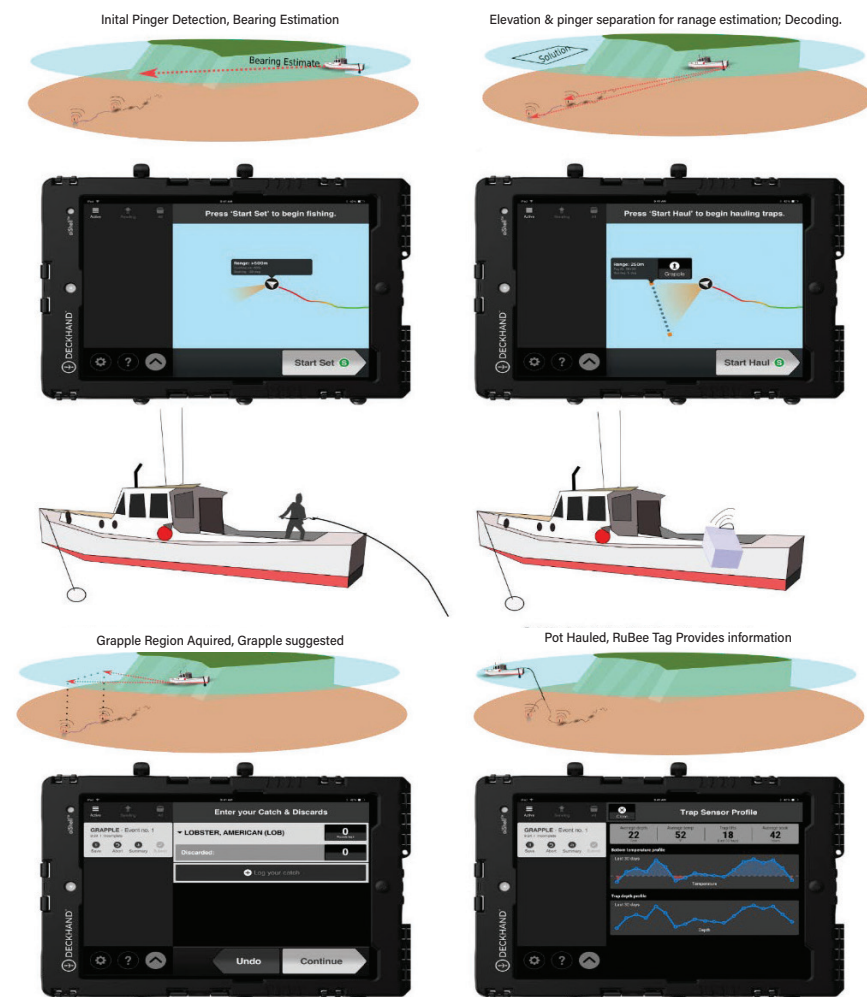
The Lobster Foundation of Massachusetts, (LFoM) has completed a rigorous contractual process with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to begin working on its project, “Grappling with Technology” (Project) to develop a cost-effective solution for grappling with GPS location devices to allow the commercial lobstermen to fish during the closed season to further protect the North Atlantic Right Whales (NARW).

Once these technologies are integrated the commercial lobster industry will begin field testing grappling with the use of these technological platforms.

The Project is looking to work with a total of 15 commercial fishermen, both lobstermen and mobile gear fishermen, in MA LMA2, to test gears the ability to address both fishing gear conflict and NARW. There will be a stipend for your participation in the project.

The Project team will train the commercial lobstermen and mobile gear fishermen to use the “Grappling with Technology” gear.

If you are interested in participating, please reach out to the LFoM and we can get you signed up and give you the details of what will be required. Send an email to info@lobsterfoundationofma.org or call the office and speak with Tracey at 781-545-6984 Ext.#4.



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Modeling Lobsters and Their PREDATORS

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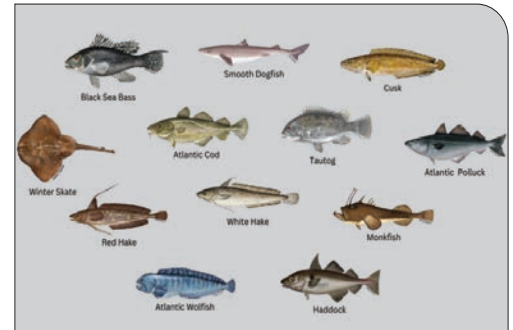
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A research team explores how predators influence the distribution of lobster populations



Scientists have studied the impacts of temperature on lobster, but this project is one of the first to integrate the relationship between lobsters and their predators, providing a foundation to understand if the potential for interactions may change as the climate shifts.

A large lobster in the lab. Credit: Abbey Sisti, VIMS



Potential predators that might consume lobsters. Images: NOAA

Collage: Simonne Dodge, WHOI

EXPLORE the PROJECT

Models are powerful tools that enable scientists to test their understanding of a system by exploring the effects of different variables. As a conceptual representation of a system, scientists can also use models to predict future conditions and assess alternative scenarios.

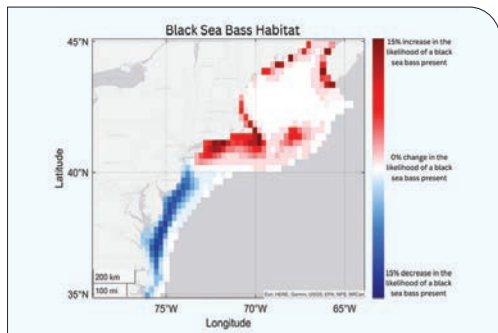
The research team is developing distribution models for lobster that will help determine how ecosystem conditions, such as temperature, depth, and the occurrence of potential predators, influence lobster distribution and abundance. The team chose to include twelve species thought to consume juvenile lobsters in their models.

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

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



RESEARCH FROM AMERICAN LOBSTER INITIATIVE



Data: Allyn et al, 2020; Map: J. Rheuban, WHOI

Projected Black Sea Bass habitat shifts 2015 to 2055 (worst case).



Credit: Kat Maitby, GMRI

A boat dock on the coast of Maine

READ the RESULTS

The researchers are using a relatively new modeling approach called “VAST” (Vector Auto-regressive Spatio-Temporal model), which can include both environmental and biological variables. The models will help the team predict the future extent and location of lobsters and their potential predators under different climate change scenarios. Given the increasing relevance of lobster distribution models, the team will work with other interest groups to develop best scientific practices for combining results from multiple models and communicating results. This project is ongoing. Researchers are still developing and analyzing models at this time.

UNDERSTAND the IMPORTANCE

Changing environmental conditions and predator-prey interactions can both affect where and how many lobsters are in the Gulf of Maine. A stronger knowledge of these dynamics and improved communication of multi-model results will allow for a more comprehensive understanding of the factors affecting American lobsters and help guide long-term management decisions about the lobster population and industry.



Credit: Gulf of Maine Research Institute

Kathy Mills, PhD PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Principal Investigator Kathy Mills, PhD, is a research scientist at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI).



We welcome your feedback.
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RESEARCHER HIGHLIGHT



Credit: Gulf of Maine Research Institute

Andrew Allyn – Gulf of Maine Research Institute

Andrew’s early life adventures fishing on the Maine coast piqued his curiosity about why fish favored certain locations or times of day over others. After graduating from Connecticut College, he worked as a research technician studying the ecology of marine birds in Alaska,

collecting data on their distribution and abundance for a master’s project at UMass Amherst. Andrew was hired by Dr. Kathy Mills at GMRI, working as a senior research manager while completing his PhD work through UMass Amherst.

Climate Change and its Impact to Atlantic Coast Fisheries Resource

INTRODUCTION

Climate change is a multi-faceted issue with far reaching implications to coastal and marine systems. Decades of greenhouse gas emissions released heat that has largely been absorbed by the world's oceans and, since the 1900s, ocean temperatures have steadily increased. The U.S. Atlantic coast is no exception and while there has been year-to-year variability in water temperatures, the overall trend is increasing over time. One spot that is undergoing accelerated heating is the Gulf of Maine, which is warming faster than 99% of the world's oceans. Located at the convergence of the cold Labrador Current from the Arctic and the warm Gulf Stream from the south, the region is susceptible to rapid change.

In response to ocean warming, many species of fish are experiencing climate-related shifts in distribution, abundance, and productivity, often at a faster rate than fisheries stock assessments and management can keep pace with. For some species, warmer waters create inhospitable environments for reproduction and survivability, causing significant stock declines with limited prospects for recovery. Other species, however, are shifting their distributions and expanding into cooler, deeper, and/or more northern waters to stay within their preferred temperature ranges. For species that are declining due to factors other than fishing mortality (e.g., habitat degradation and availability, predation), current environmental conditions will make recovery even more challenging. Although the future is uncertain, a continuation or acceleration of climate change and ocean warming has the po-

tential to strain our existing fisheries management system and alter the way fishermen, scientists, and the public interact with the marine environment.

ROLE OF THE COMMISSION AND THE ATLANTIC COAST STATES

With their primary authority to manage fisheries and fishing related impacts, the Commission and its member states are limited in their ability to actually affect climate change and habitat degradation. Instead, the Commission and states have focused on developing tools to help fisheries managers and stakeholders adapt to the fishery-related impacts of changing ocean temperatures. One tool is restricting fishing effort (and in some case moratoria) on stocks most heavily affected by inhospitable environmental factors. Other tools include resources produced by the Habitat Committee and Climate Change Work Group, respectively, that identify each state's ongoing practices to address climate change impacts, and provide guidance to aid fisheries managers in revising state allocation based on changes in species distribution. The Commission also supports and provides an administrative home to the Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership, which is dedicated to conserving fish habitat through education, advocacy, and funding on the ground projects.

The Commission is also actively involved in a project called the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative that uses scenario planning as a way of exploring how fisheries management may need to evolve over the next few decades in response to climate change. The initiative is being organized by

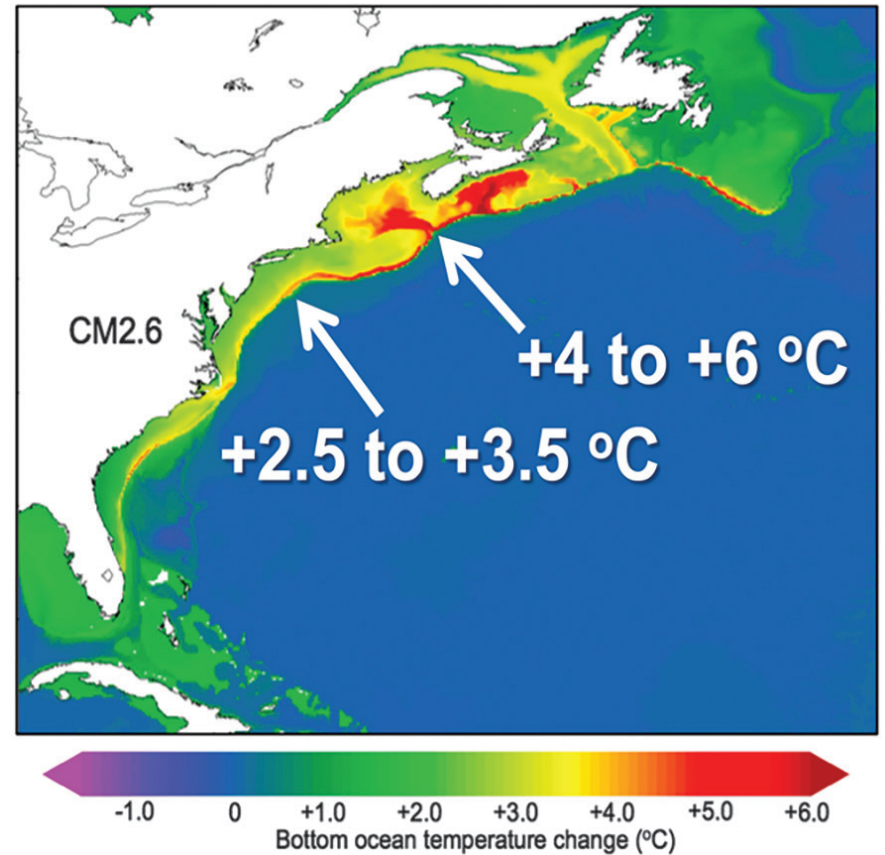


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Global climate models can project how ocean conditions will change over time. This figure shows how ocean bottom temperatures are projected to increase, especially north of Cape Hatteras, NC by the 2060s to 2080s under a scenario where carbon dioxide (CO₂) increases by 1% per year and doubles after 70 years, representing a "high CO₂ emissions" scenario.

a Core Team of representatives from the New England, Mid-Atlantic, and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and NOAA Fisheries. Over the next year, these organizations will bring together fishery participants, fishery managers, researchers, and other stakeholders to discuss climate change issues. The intent is to emerge with ideas and recommendations for how fishery management can adapt to climate change. Nothing will happen immediately. Managers will need to discuss the recommendations from the scenario planning project to determine next steps.

AFFECTED COMMISSION-MANAGED SPECIES AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSES

Below are some of the species that have been impacted by climate change and the management response that has been taken to help with their recovery or adapt to their new distributions.

NORTHERN SHRIMP

Based on the 2019 stock assessment update, Gulf of Maine northern shrimp are depleted. Biomass has been at extremely low levels since 2011. The traffic light analysis (a tool for monitoring changes in species abundance) indicated no improvement in status in 2019, with

indices of abundance, biomass, spawning stock biomass, and recruitment at new time-series lows.

Ocean temperatures in western Gulf of Maine shrimp habitat have reached unprecedented highs within the past several years due to climate change. Northern shrimp recruitment is highly dependent on colder temperatures, and with the environment becoming increasingly more inhospitable, their recovery will be very difficult. The Northern Shrimp Technical Committee considers the stock to be in poor condition with limited prospects for the near future. As a result, the northern shrimp fishery has been under a moratorium since 2014. The moratorium was set in response to the low levels of biomass and recruitment and the fact that, should recruitment improve, it would take several years for those shrimp to be commercially harvestable. The Northern Shrimp Section also established a work group to evaluate management strategies for northern shrimp given changes in species abundance, particularly as a result of changing ocean conditions.

AMERICAN LOBSTER

The American lobster population is divided into two biological stock units which include the Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank (GOM/GBK) and Southern New England (SNE). The results of the 2020 Benchmark Stock Assessment present different pictures of stock health for GOM/GBK and SNE. The GOM/GBK stock has seen record high stock abundance and recruitment, while SNE has experienced record low abundance and recruitment. Stock productivity has been declining in SNE, indicating reproductive success is insufficient to sustain a stable population. The assessment used regime shift analysis to understand shifts in

abundance and stock productivity driven by changing environmental conditions. For the SNE stock, a shift was observed from a high abundance regime to a low abundance regime and the GOM/GBK showed the opposite.

There is extensive research to support the connections between environmental conditions and American lobster life history and population dynamics. Lobster generally avoid water temperatures below 5°C and above 18°C. Prolonged temperatures above 20.5°C can induce respiratory stress and have been shown to limit recruitment and increase the incidence of shell disease. Conditions for the southwestern portion of the GOM/GBK stock and the entirety of the SNE stock have become progressively stressful for lobsters in recent years. Since 2003, the American Lobster Board has been increasingly concerned about the SNE stock. Even in the absence of fishing pressure, managers were concerned SNE lobsters might never rebuild to historic levels, leaving them to question if stocks like these can be restored through highly restrictive fishery management measures or if the remaining fishing fleet should be allowed to harvest these fisheries until there is no economic incentive to do so. Ultimately, the Board decided to work to minimize economic hardship to the industry while beginning to cut back on fishing pressure.


In 2021, the Board reinitiated development of Draft Addendum XXVII, with the goal of increasing the resiliency of the GOM/GBK stock by considering the standardization of management measures across management areas. This action is intended to be proactive in response to signs of reduced larval settlement and juvenile recruitment.

For more information visit <https://asmfc.org/fisheries-science/climate-change>

FISH ON THE MOVE IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

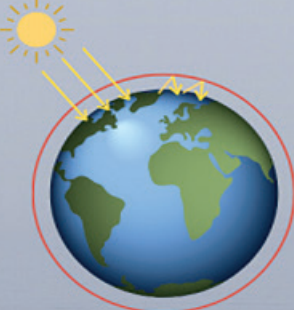
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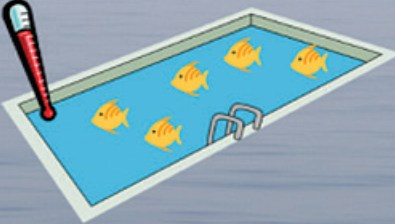
HEAT TRAPPING GASES...

- Build up in our atmosphere and act like a blanket that traps heat
- Like CO2, have an annual increase today 100x faster than past natural increases
- Contributed to a 1.6°F increase of the earth's surface temperature




OCEANS ARE CHANGING...

- Because they absorb 90% of excess heat in the climate
- With some regions warming as much as 4°F since 1901
- With U.S. East Coast waters projected to warm 5-11°F by 2060-2080 if we continue business-as-usual




FISH MOVE TO...

- Find food
- Avoid getting eaten
- Reproduce
- Select better water temperature, salinity or oxygen



FISH ARE RESPONDING BY...

- Migrating earlier
- Shifting further north and/or offshore
- Finding cooler habitats
- Searching for new food types

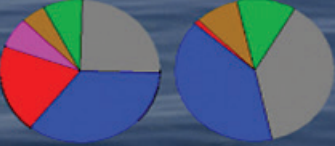


WE CAN RESPOND BY...


- Managing fisheries more dynamically in space and time
- Adjusting fishery management units
- Making allocation changes
- Shifting fishing season timing

State Allocation

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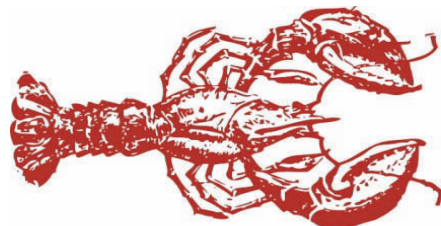
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