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## NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS: New Protected Species Regulations Affecting Trap & Gillnet Fishing

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, and pursuant to the authorities found at M.G.L. c. 130 §§ 2, 17(10), 17A, 80 and 104, the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) is taking public comment and holding public hearings on proposed amendments to regulations at 322 CMR 6.00, 7.00, and 12.00. These draft regulations are designed to reduce the risk of endangered right whales becoming entangled in fixed fishing gear and reduce the potential harm posed by fixed fishing gear if a right whale interacts with it. The draft regulations are described below:

### FIXED GEAR CLOSURES

1. Commercial Trap Gear Closure (322 CMR 12.04, 12.08, and 12.11). DMF is proposing to extend the existing February 1 – April 30 Large Whale Seasonal Trap Gear Closure (north and east of Cape Cod) to all waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth.

2. Gillnet Closure in Cape Cod Bay (322 CMR 12.04, 12.08, and 12.12). DMF is proposing to extend the existing January 1 – May 15 gillnet closure in Cape Cod Bay to include those waters shoreward of 70°30' W longitude between 42°00' N latitude (Gurnet Point) and 42°12' N latitude (Scituate Harbor).

3. Fixed Gear Closure Extensions (322 CMR 12.04). DMF intends to retain the regulatory authority to ex-



tend the above described fixed gear closures (#1 and #2), or portions thereof, based on the Director's assessment of the documented presence of right whales in Massachusetts waters and if reasonably necessary to prevent the entanglement of right whales in commercial trap gear.

4. Recreational Lobster and Crab Trap Gear Haul-Out Season (322 CMR 6.02). DMF is proposing to implement a new closed season for buoyed recreational lobster and crab trap gear. The closed season would run from the Tuesday following Columbus Day through the Friday preceding Memorial Day.

5. Conch Pot Haul-Out Period (322 CMR 6.12). As the above described commercial trap gear closure (#1) applies to all trap gear, including conch pot gear, DMF is proposing to extend the existing December 15 – April 14 conch pot haul-out period through April 30.

### TRAP GEAR CONFIGURATION MODIFICATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

1. 1,700-lb Breaking Strength Contrivance (322 CMR 12.02 and 12.06). DMF is proposing that all vertical buoy lines break when exposed to 1,700 pounds of pressure. This may be accommodated by fishing buoy lines with a 1,700 pound breaking strength or by rigging the buoy line

with a contrivance or multiple contrivances that allows for it to break at that pressure.

2. Vertical Buoy Line Maximum Diameter for Commercial Trap Gear (322 CMR 12.06). DMF is proposing that all vertical buoy lines affixed to commercial trap gear have a diameter not greater than 3/8".

3. Vertical Buoy Line Maximum Diameter for Recreational Trap Gear (322 CMR 12.06). DMF is proposing that all vertical buoy lines affixed to recreational lobster and crab trap gear have a diameter not greater than 5/16".



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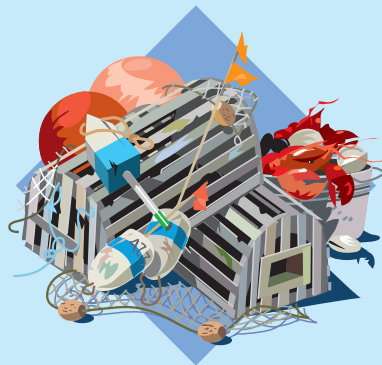
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**William T. Perry (Billy)**, 58, of Mashpee and Hyde Park, passed away on November 13, 2020 from a hard-fought battle with cancer. He was born November 2, 1962 in Hyde Park, MA, son of the late Frank L. Perry and Alice E. (Strickland) Perry of Hyde Park, MA.

He leaves his children Frank, Jacqueline and Bobby Perry of Holbrook as well as his granddaughter Dakota Perry in the loving care of their mother and grandmother Rose Perry.

Billy was strong, driven, independent, hard-working, loving and caring. In his 58 years, he touched the lives of many and though he was born an only child, he was a brother to many. Billy could put his hand to anything whether it be a truck, boat, race car or a Harley.

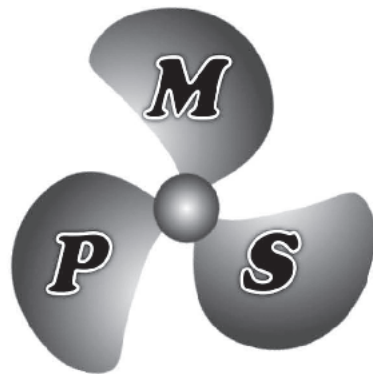
He was the founder and owner of Wm. Perry Equipment. From trucking to fishing, he did it all. He was the President of the Johns Pond North Cove Beach Association as well as a proud member of the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association and the Haws Motorcycle Club.

He was a father, grandfather and beloved friend to many. He will be truly missed though his influence will live on.

Visiting hours will be held at the Hurley Funeral Home, 134 So. Main St. (Rt. 28), Randolph on Thursday, November 19th from 4-7pm. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the visiting hours. Covid-19 restrictions will be in place.

A private funeral mass will be held at St. Pius Church in Milton followed by a burial at Fairview Cemetery in Hyde Park. Donations in Billy's memory can be made to the Prostate Cancer Research Institute via [pcri.org/donate](http://pcri.org/donate).

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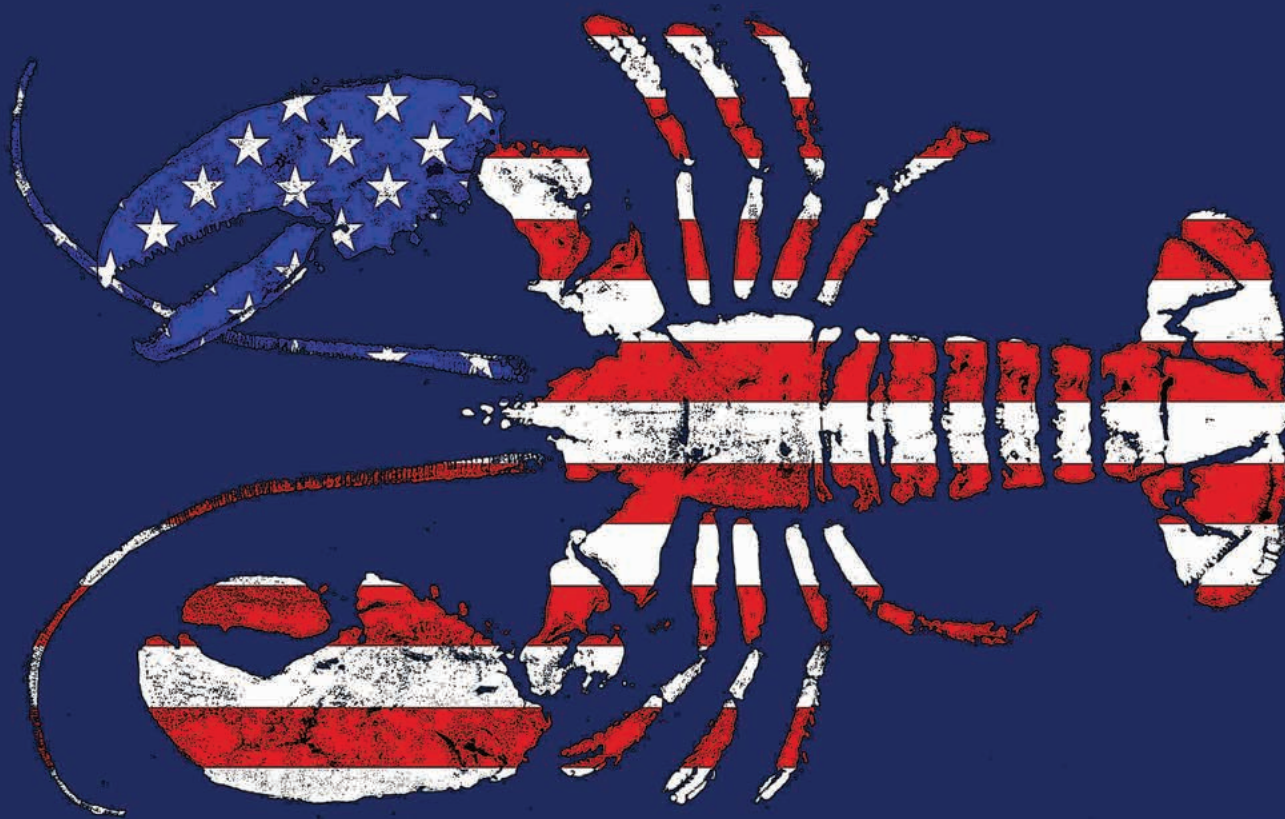
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# As the HAULER TURNS

Hasta la vista 2020! This is one year that will be forever seared into our memories as the year that wasn't! The year that time seemed to standstill along with everything else as we are still awaiting the federal whale plan to be released. As of today, 11/23/2020, there is still NO federal whale plan and this is just one more thing that we can lay blame on the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the unresolved Presidential election.

As the 2020 commercial lobster is season winding down and fishermen are bringing in their gear, every one of them is looking ahead to the 2021 season with no clear direction on what that season will look like. The MLA is continually asking the federal government for some direction on when the whale plan will be released so our guys can get their gear ready and to no avail, we're still waiting. These delays are not only holding up the rule making process and the fishermen's ability to work on their gear, they are adding unnecessary stress to the entire lobster fleet here in the United States.

We do however have; the additional conservation measures being proposed here in Massachusetts due to the ongoing lawsuit in Boston. The MA Division of

Marine Fisheries (MADMF) has proposed a suite of right whale conservation measures; *New Protected Species Regulations Affecting Trap and Gillnet Fishing* public hearings scheduled for December 8th and 9th via ZOOM. (See the Notice on the cover of this newspaper)

Also be advised, if you cannot ZOOM these hearing will be made available on the MADMF You Tube page here [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1qCy8wTkXK\\_CbKISYkUHxA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1qCy8wTkXK_CbKISYkUHxA) and we will be sharing this link with everyone once the virtual meeting has been held and the video is available.

The MLA will be submitting comments and encourages every single one of you to submit comments. Written public comments on the MADMF proposal will be accepted through 5PM on Friday, December 18, 2020. Please address written comments to Director Daniel McKiernan and submit it by e-mail to [marine.fish@mass.gov](mailto:marine.fish@mass.gov) or by mail to: **MADMF, Attn. Director McKiernan at 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114**

If there's anything to learn from the past when it comes to the whale plan on what the future holds then,

chances are the 2021 season will look different than the 2020 season with more; gear markings, more gear modifications, and additional conservation measures all of which have yet to be confirmed. Hopefully, with all these uncertainties the federal and state agencies will agree for a phased in approach to the "new rules" as the commercial fishermen have to reconfigure their gear to be compliant as well as safe. Safety to the commercial fishermen is always number one.

On another note, the COVID-19 pandemic has also bought a lot of economic relief to the seafood industry here in the Commonwealth. The MADMF has reported that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was the first in the Nation to process and distribute the \$28 million dollars received from the CARES ACT to the seafood sector. This was no easy feat as the MADMF CARES ACT Team worked tirelessly to ensure that all the seafood sectors were well represented and all the applications were processed in a timely manner. The seafood sector really appreciates all the hard work the MADMF CARES ACT Team, THANK YOU!

Also, if you have not yet applied for the USDA Seafood Relief Program there



is still time as the deadline is December 14th. All the application information can be found here <https://www.farmers.gov/Seafood> DO NOT DELAY. So far, this has been a great program and the MLA is continually advocating for this to be a yearly program until the tariff issues are resolved.

Lastly, I would like to take a moment to "THANK YOU" all for your continued encouragement and steadfastness throughout this year and years past. As you all know oh too well, how frustrating and maddening all of **THIS** is, your support is what keeps me fighting, for you! May your holidays be filled with happiness, joy, and family. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Feliz Navidad, and a Happy New Year to you and your family.

Safe on the Water,

**Beth Casoni**

Executive Director

# Hearings

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4. Prohibition on Single Lobster Traps for Vessels of a Certain Size (322 CMR 12.06). DMF is proposing to prohibit the fishing of single lobster traps onboard vessels with an overall length of 29' or greater. These vessels will be required to configure their traps as multi-trap trawls. Vessels with an overall length of less than 29' may continue to fish single lobster traps where authorized; the setting of single lobster traps by any vessel of any size will remain prohibited north of Cape Cod seaward of the three nautical mile line and the Billingsgate exempted area. DMF is proposing that this regulation go into effect on January 1, 2022.

**PERMITTING**

1. Cap on Issuance of Seasonal Lobster Permits (322 CMR 7.01). DMF is proposing to cap the annual issuance of seasonal lobster permits for students at 150 permits.

**HOUSEKEEPING**

1. Purpose and Definitions (322 CMR 12.01 and 12.02). DMF is proposing to revise and update the purpose of the state's protected species regulations so that it better reflects the DMF's current approach to managing protected species.

2. Conduct Related to Interacting with Right Whales (322 CMR 12.07 – 12.10). DMF is proposing to consolidate the regulations that govern vessel interactions with right whales into one section.

3. Maps (322 CMR 12.04, and 12.08 – 12.12). DMF is proposing to establish a consolidated section of maps relevant to the protected species regulations.

4. Other (322 CMR 6.02, 6.12, 12.03, 12.04, 12.05, 12.06, 12.07). DMF is consolidating and refining regulatory language as necessary to improve the clarity and readability of existing regulations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE**

Written public comment will be accepted through 5PM on Friday, December 18, 2020. Please address written comments to Director Daniel McKiernan and submit it by e-mail to [marine.fish@mass.gov](mailto:marine.fish@mass.gov) or by post to the attention of Director McKiernan at 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114. DMF has also scheduled two virtual public hearings for 6:00 PM on Tuesday,

December 8, 2020 and Wednesday, December 9, 2020:

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

All materials, including the rationale for these proposals and the strikethrough regulatory language, may be found on DMF's website or may be acquired by contacting Jared Silva by e-mail at [jared.silva@mass.gov](mailto:jared.silva@mass.gov).


Recordings of the public hearings will be published to DMF's YouTube channel.

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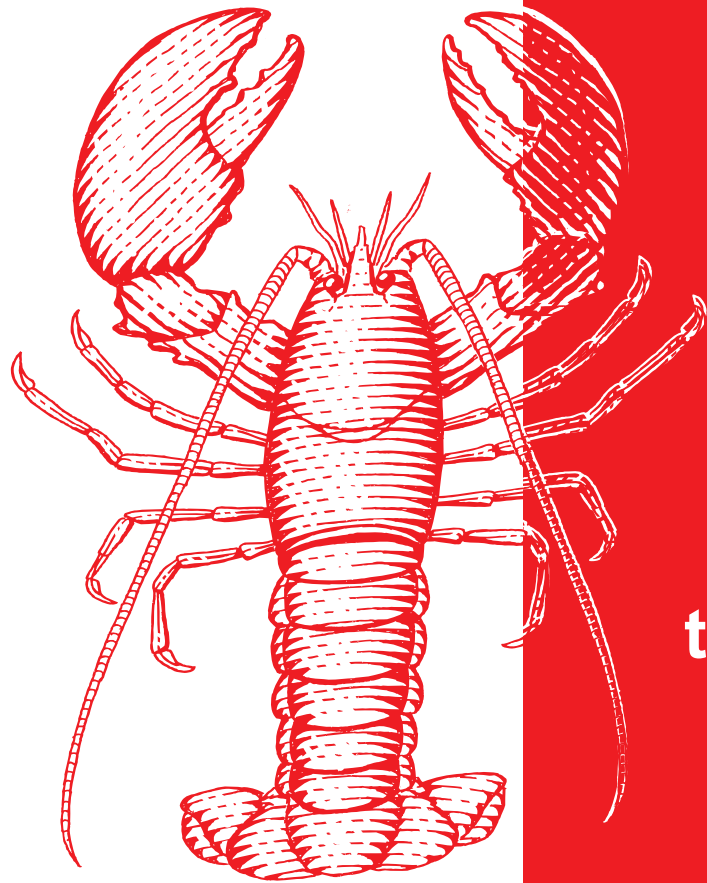
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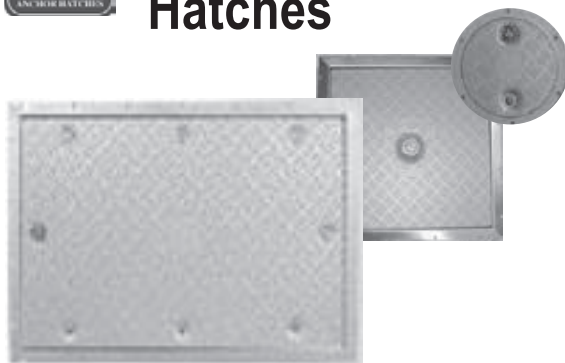
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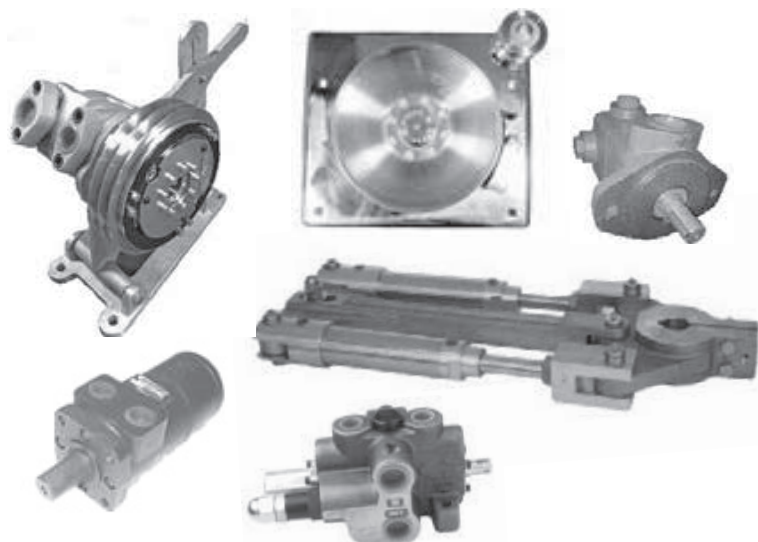
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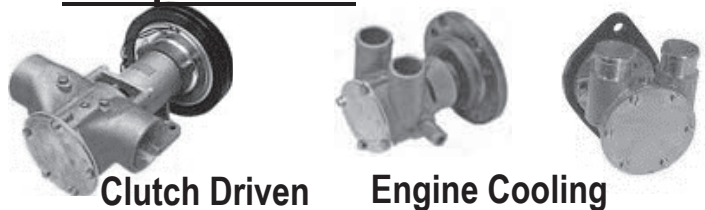
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# Species Profile: American Lobster

## A Tale of Two Stocks

### Introduction

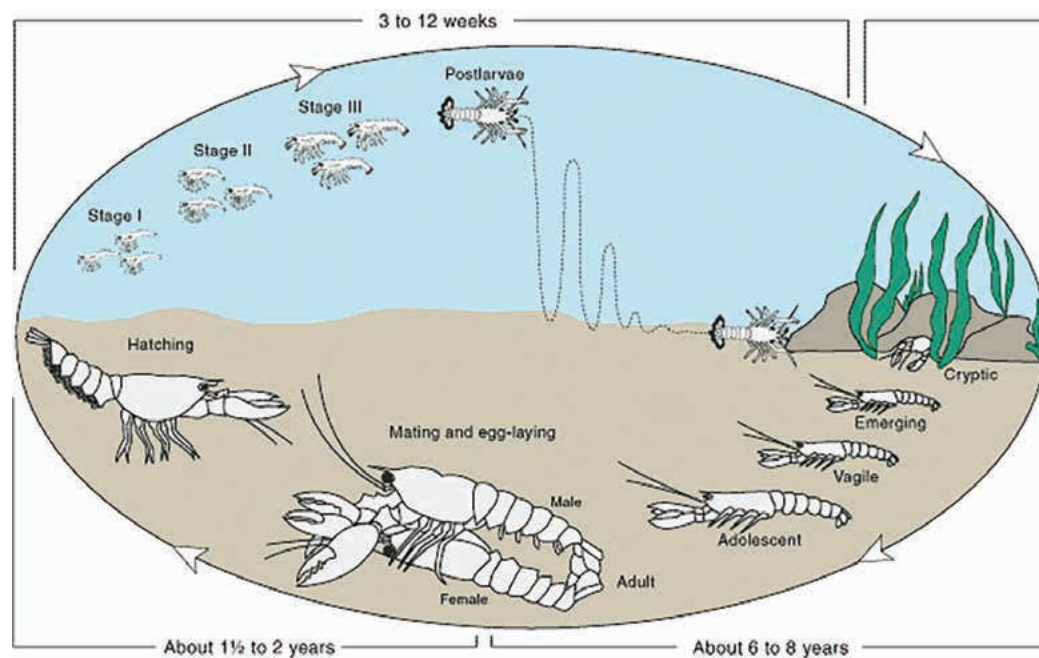
The recently released 2020 American Lobster Benchmark Stock Assessment presents contrasting results for the two American lobster stock units, with record high abundance and recruitment in the Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank stock (GOM/GBK) and record low abundance and recruitment in the Southern New England stock (SNE) in recent years. The GOM/GBK stock is not overfished nor experiencing overfishing. Conversely, the SNE stock is significantly depleted with poor prospects of recovery.

In October, the American Lobster Management Board accepted the Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report for management use, adopted the new reference points as recommended by the assessment, and committed to considering management responses to the assessment findings at its next meeting in February 2021. In addition, the Board intends to continue development of Addendum XXVII to proactively increase resilience of the GOM/GBK stock.

### Life History

American lobster is a bottom-dwelling crustacean that is widely distributed over the continental shelf of North America. In the inshore waters of the U.S., it is most abundant from Maine through New Jersey, with abundance declining from north to south. Offshore, it occurs from Maine through North Carolina. The species was previously divided into three biological stock areas which included GOM, GBK, and SNE. However, data showing evidence of significant seasonal migrations of large female lobster between GOM and GBK suggests these two stocks are not closed populations. As a result, the GOM and GBK were combined into a single biological unit (GOM/GBK).

Lobster are solitary and territorial, living in a variety of habitats as long as there is a burrow or crevice where they can take cover. They usually remain within a home range of about 5-10 square km. In offshore areas, large mature lobster make seasonal migrations inshore to reproduce. In southern inshore areas, large lobster may move to deeper, cooler waters seasonally or permanently.



**American lobster reproduction and life cycle.**

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## Species Snapshot



**American Lobster**  
*Homarus americanus*

**Management Unit**  
Maine to New Jersey

### Interesting Facts

- Lobster smell food with small hairs covering their bodies and 4 small antennae.
- Lobster teeth are in their stomachs.
- Lobster molt in order to grow. In the first year, a lobster molts 10 times to reach a length of 1 - 1 1/2 inches.
- A lobster that has lost one claw is called a cull. One that has lost 2 claws is called a bullet. Lobster can regenerate new claws.
- Lobster teeth are in their stomachs.
- Only 1 out of 2 million caught lobster is blue in color.

### Largest and Oldest Recorded

- 44 pounds

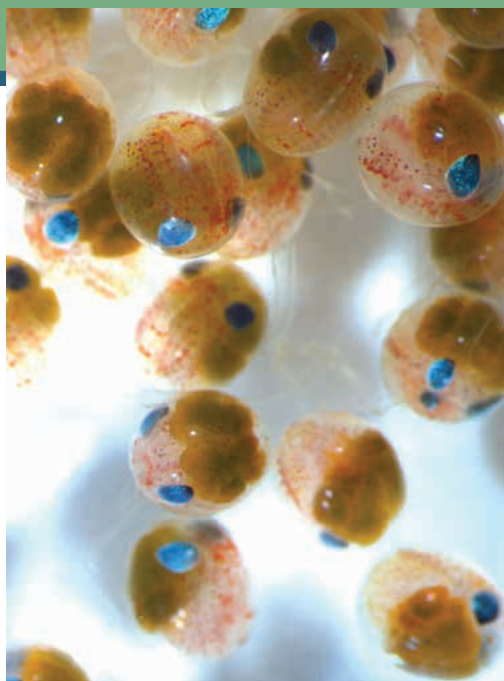
### Maximum Age

- A method to determine the exact age of a lobster has not been discovered.
- Based on knowledge of body size at age, the maximum age attained may be 100 years old.

### Stock Status

- Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank: Not overfished and not experiencing overfishing
- Southern New England: Depleted and not experiencing overfishing

Reproduction and growth are linked to the molting (shedding of the lobster's exoskeleton or shell) cycle. Lobster periodically shed (or molt) their shell to allow for growth and mating to occur. Sperm is deposited in "soft" (recently molted) females and stored internally until the eggs are released (technically referred to as extrusion), which can be as long as two years. When extruded, the eggs are fertilized and attached to the underside of the female, where they are carried for 9 to 11 months before hatching. Females hatch their eggs from mid-May to mid-June. Once hatched, lobster larvae transition through five stages. For the first four stages larvae are planktonic, swimming at or near the water surface. At the fifth larval stage, juveniles sink to the ocean floor where they remain for the rest of their lifetime (see infographic on previous page). Lobster reach market size in about 4 to 9 years, depending on water temperature and other biological factors.



Late stage American lobster (*Homarus americanus*) eggs photographed with digital dissecting microscope. Image (c) Alicia Miller, NEFSC/NOAA

pounds; however, from 1976 – 2008 the average coastwide landings tripled, reaching 92 million pounds in 2006. Since then, landings have continued to increase, reaching 117 million pounds in 2010 and peaking at 159 million pounds in 2016.

Lobster pots are the predominant commercial gear, with a small percent of the landings caught by trawls. Lobster is also taken recreationally with pots and by hand while SCUBA diving. The overall quantity of recreational landings is unknown but is likely a negligible source of removals.

### Status of the Stock

The 2020 American Lobster Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report indicates record high stock abundance and recruitment in GOM and GBK, and record low abundance and recruitment in SNE. The GOM/GBK stock is not overfished and not experiencing overfishing.

Conversely, the SNE stock remains severely depleted with poor prospects of recovery.

Given extensive research showing the connections between environmental conditions and American lobster life history and population dynamics, the 2020 assessment applied new methods to account for changing environment influences when assessing the lobster stocks. Environmental data time series included water temperatures at several fixed monitoring stations throughout the lobster's range, average water temperatures over large areas such as those sampled by fishery-independent surveys, oceanographic processes affecting the environment, and other environmental indicators such as lobster prey abundance. Environmental time series

were analyzed for regime shifts, which indicate a significant difference in the lobster's environment and population dynamics from one time period to another and can impact the stock's capacity for recruitment and supporting different levels of catch. The assessment also quantified the effect of temperature on the catchability of lobster in surveys, and corrected trends in estimated abundance by accounting for these effects.

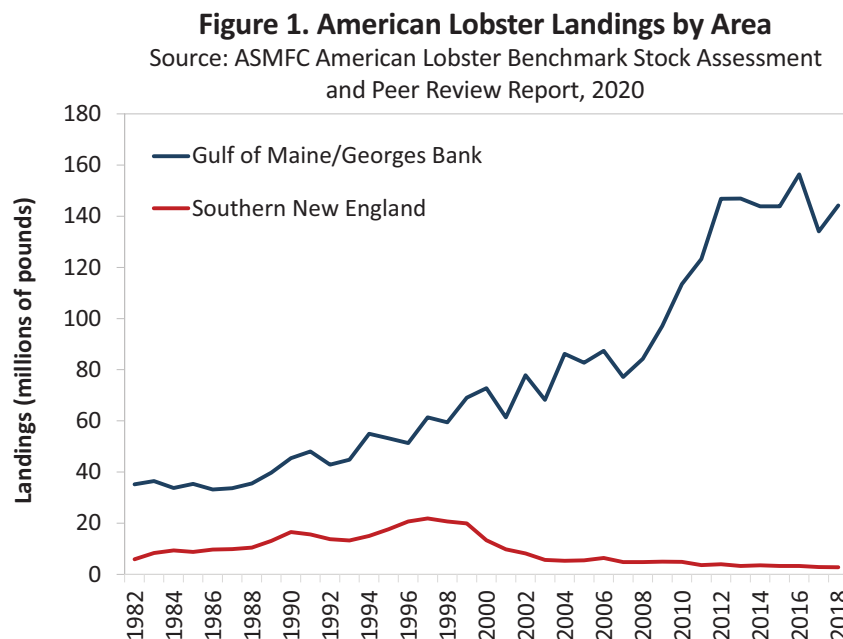
Model-estimated abundance time series were also analyzed for shifts that may be attribute to changing environmental conditions and new baselines for stock productivity. Regime shifts were detected for the GOM/GBK stock in 1996 and 2009 and one shift was detected for the SNE stock in 2003.

Temperature is an important factor influencing lobster metabolism, spawning, development, and growth. When a female lobster extrudes eggs, temperature directly impacts the length of time the eggs are carried until hatching occurs, when surface water temperatures are above 12°C. Lobster generally avoid water temperatures below 5°C and above 18°C. Prolonged temperatures above 20.5°C can induce respiratory stress in lobster and have been shown to increase the incidence of shell disease.

### Recreational & Commercial Fisheries

The American lobster fishery is one of the most valuable fisheries along the Atlantic coast. In 2019, approximately 126 million pounds of lobster were landed coastwide, representing \$630 million in ex-vessel value. The vast majority of these landings came from GOM/GBK, where the stock is at record high abundance. In contrast, there has been an overall decrease in the percentage of landings from the SNE stock, which is depleted and experiencing recruitment failure (Figure 1).

Total U.S. landings in the fishery have steadily increased in the past 35 years. Between 1950 and 1975, landings were fairly stable around 30 million





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New reference points were developed to account for the changing regimes.

The 2020 assessment used three reference points to characterize stock abundance (Figure 2). The abundance threshold is calculated as the average of the three highest abundance years during the low abundance regime. A stock abundance level below this threshold is considered significantly depleted and in

danger of stock collapse. This was the only abundance reference point recommended for the SNE stock due to its record low abundance and low likelihood of reaching this threshold in the near future (Figure 3). The abundance limit is calculated as the median abundance during the moderate abundance regime. Stock abundance that falls below this limit is considered depleted because the stock's ability to replenish itself is diminished. The fishery/industry target is calculated as the 25th percentile of the abundance during the high abundance regime. In this case, when abundance falls below this target, the stock's ability to replenish itself is not jeopardized, but it may indicate a degrading of economic conditions for the lobster fishery.

Two reference points are used to evaluate the fishing mortality condition of the stocks. The exploitation threshold is calculated as the 75th percentile of exploitation during the current abundance regime. The stock is considered to be experiencing overfishing if exploitation exceeds the exploitation threshold. The exploitation target is calculated as the 25th percentile of exploitation during the current abundance regime.

## Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank

GOM/GBK stock abundance has increased since the late 1980s, and at an accelerated pace since 2008. The GOM/GBK stock shifted from a low abundance regime during the early 1980s through 1995 to a moderate abundance regime during 1996-2008, and shifted once again to a high abundance regime during 2009-2018 (Figure 2). Current spawning stock abundance and recruitment are near record highs. Exploitation (commercial landings relative to stock abundance) declined in the late 1980s and has remained relatively stable since.

The GOM/GBK stock is in favorable condition based on the recommended reference points. The average abundance from 2016-2018 was 256 million lobster, which is greater than the fishery/industry target of 212 million lobster. The average exploitation from 2016-2018 was 0.459, below the exploitation target of 0.461. Therefore the GOM/GBK lobster stock is not depleted and overfishing is not occurring.

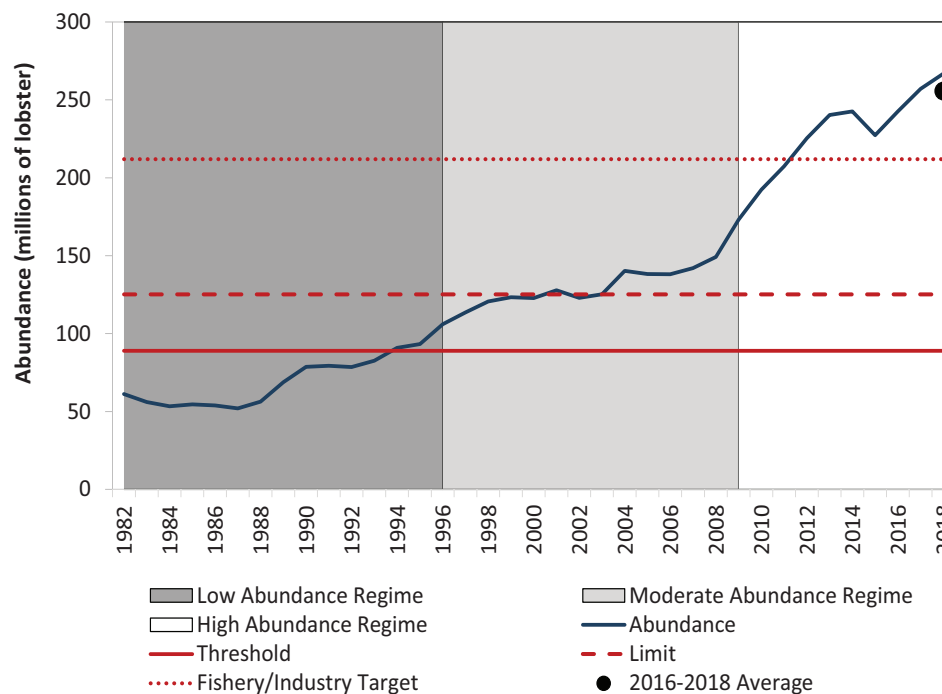
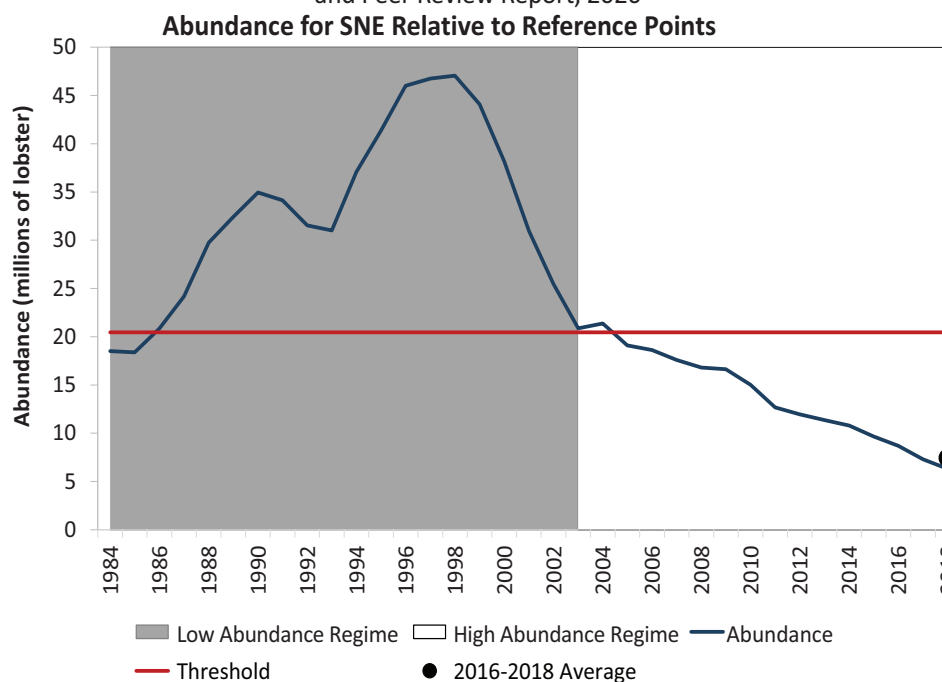


Figure 3. Abundance for SNE Relative to Reference Points

Source: ASMFC American Lobster Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report, 2020



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## Southern New England

SNE stock abundance increased from the early 1980s, peaked during the late 1990s, then declined steeply through the early 2000s to a record low in 2018. Additionally, recent recruitment estimates are the lowest on record. The assessment regime shift analysis indicates the SNE stock shifted from a high abundance regime during the early 1980s through 2002 to a low abundance regime during 2003-2018 (Figure 3).

Declines in population abundance are most pronounced in the inshore portion of the stock where environmental conditions have remained unfavorable to lobster since the late 1990s. The contraction of the SNE stock has continued since the last assessment and is now becoming apparent in the offshore portion as well, according to survey encounter rates. It is believed the offshore area of SNE depends on nearshore larval settlement and offshore migration as the source of recruits (e.g., young of the year lobster).

Based on the new abundance threshold reference point, the SNE stock is significantly depleted. The average abundance from 2016-2018 was 7 million lobster, well below the threshold of 20 million lobster. However, according to the exploitation reference points the SNE stock is not experiencing overfishing. The average exploitation from 2016-2018 was 0.274, falling between the exploitation threshold of 0.290 and the exploitation target of 0.257.

## Peer Review Panel Recommendations

The Panel endorsed the stock assessment findings that the GOM/GBK stock is not depleted and the SNE stock is significantly depleted, and recommended the assessment be used for management advice. In particular, the Panel recommended significant management action be taken to provide the best chance of stabilizing or improving abundance and reproductive capacity of the SNE stock.

The Panel also recognized a major advancement in the assessment was the consideration of environmental and climatic drivers on stock dynamics. Given rapidly changing environmental conditions, the Panel recommended changes to stock abundance and settlement indices be monitored through an annual data update process to allow for more timely reactions to any concerning trends in the interim between the next stock assessment. The Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report, as well an overview of the assessment findings, can be found on the Commission website on the American lobster page, under *Stock Assessment Reports*.

## Atlantic Coastal Management

American lobster is managed under Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and its Addenda (I - XXVI). The goal of the American lobster management plan is to maintain a healthy lobster resource and a management regime which provides for continued harvest, opportunities for participation, and cooperative development of conservation measures by all stakeholders. Amendment 3 establishes seven lobster conservation management areas (LCMAs): Inshore and



offshore GOM (Area 1), Inshore SNE (Area 2), Offshore Waters (Area 3), Inshore and offshore Northern Mid-Atlantic (Area 4), Inshore and offshore Southern Mid-Atlantic (Area 5), Long Island Sound (Area 6) and Outer Cape Cod). Lobster Conservation Management Teams (LCMTs), composed of industry representatives, were formed for each management area. The LCMTs are charged with advising the American Lobster Board and recommending changes to the management plan within their areas. The commercial fishery is primarily controlled through minimum/maximum size limits, trap limits, and v-notching of egg-bearing females.

After the 2009 and 2015 assessments indicated the critically depleted condition of the SNE stock, the Board approved Addenda XVII - XXII, which implemented a suite of measures to reduce exploitation and allow the SNE stock to rebuild. These measures included a v-notching program, trap reductions, closed seasons for certain areas, and trap consolidation/transferability programs. The Board also considered a suite of management measures to achieve a 5% increase in egg production; however, it decided not to pursue this management change given concern that the proposed measures would not significantly improve the stock. The Board continues to discuss future management of the SNE stock in light of environmental changes.

In 2018, the Board approved Addendum XXVI. The Addendum addresses concerns regarding deficits in existing reporting requirements by expanding the mandatory harvester reporting data elements, improving the spatial resolution of harvester data, establishing a 5-year timeline for implementation of 100% harvester reporting, and prioritizing the development of electronic harvester reporting. In addition, the Addendum improves biological sampling requirements by establishing a baseline of ten sampling trips per year in the American lobster/Jonah crab fishery, and encourages states with more than 10% of coastwide landings in either the lobster or Jonah crab fisheries to conduct additional sampling trips. Following its review of the 2020 Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report, 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 LCMAs. This management action is intended to be proactive in response to signs of reduced larval settlement and juvenile recruitment.

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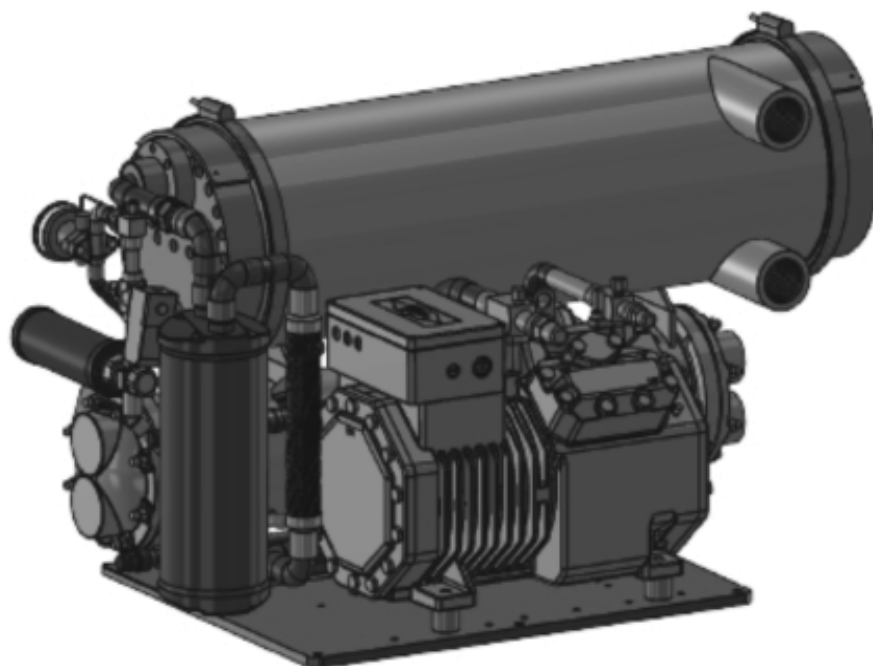
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# Sustainable fisheries are facing a moratorium

By Linda Behnken and Mike Conroy  
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American wild-caught seafood is integral to the nation's food supply and to American food security. We've been working hard to keep it that way in the face of climate change. The people who catch fish for a living experience climate impacts directly. We recognized it early and we've responded. In fact, U.S. fishermen have been part of the solution to habitat conservation and climate responses for decades.

Nonetheless, some politicians and environmental organizations have embraced a version of an initiative called 30x30 ("thirty by thirty") that would damage our nation's sustainable fisheries and robust fisheries management process. Broadly, 30x30 aims to conserve 30 percent of habitat worldwide by the end of the decade — 2030. The 30x30 approach has been embraced by President-elect Biden's campaign, and there's talk he will sign an executive order on his first day in office.

We're eager to engage with the new administration to address climate impacts and protect habitat. Proactive and durable ocean policy changes need to happen with us, not to us.

Our organizations have advocated for strong ocean conservation for decades, and we've built a fisheries management system that will continue to provide enduring protections to ocean habitat while insisting fishermen participate. The results are striking: we've established deep-sea habitat protection areas covering over 45 percent of U.S. waters off the West Coast. In 1998 we prohibited trawling off the entire coast of Southeast Alaska. Recently, the New England and Mid-Atlantic regions enacted major deep-sea coral protections that prohibit the use of impactful gear in sensitive areas.

Our work to conserve sensitive ocean spaces has helped make American fisheries the most sustainable in the world. Despite these accomplishments, the most connected and well-financed proponents of 30x30



are seeking to implement no-take marine protected areas in U.S. oceans without serious input from fishing stakeholders. Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-Ariz.) and his colleagues recently introduced H.R.8632, the Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act, which would require "protection" of at least 30 percent of the U.S. ocean by 2030 by banning "all commercial extractive use."

It's important to note that the "non-commercial" exemption in the bill was added late and appears to be sanctioned by recreational fishing groups and environmental organizations. This move would be puzzling if not for the politics. In much of the U.S. ocean, commercial and recreational fishermen use similar gear types, and in many fisheries recreational harvest accounts for half, or sometimes more, of catch. But overcoming the objections of the sportfishing lobby is a tall order, and this is a fight 30x30 proponents chose not to pick, biological justification notwithstanding.

Whether you are a sport or commercial fisherman or a seafood consumer, policies that circumvent our fishery management system set a bad precedent and needlessly remove public access to healthy and natural seafood resources. They also

contravene biological science, which supports fisheries management's optimized approach to conservation and social science, which shows us that conservation is enhanced when stakeholders are provided equitable opportunities to participate.

We don't need an unjustified moratorium on U.S. commercial fisheries in nearly a third of the ocean in order to achieve climate resilience and biodiversity protection. In fact, a ban on all commercial fisheries in 30 percent of U.S. waters would be a giant step backwards for biodiversity and climate change. U.S. fisheries increasingly support local food systems and shorten food supply chains — a climate positive.

It remains possible to fashion a U.S. 30x30 policy that is compatible with our fishery management institutions. Doing so would be relatively simple, but it would require acknowledging the gains fishermen and fisheries management processes have already achieved, while providing an equitable stakeholder role.

Are the proponents ready to engage? If they are, a 30x30 policy could be developed with goals that are directly compatible with biodiversity and fisheries management, while ensuring that serious discussions about climate change do not exclude

coastal communities. If they aren't, Americans will lose another piece of their maritime heritage, they'll lose access to sustainably sourced seafood and coastal communities will be swept aside in a misdirected effort to address climate change.

Abandoning fishing communities when addressing the climate crisis is a disservice to our world-leading fisheries management system and to the people who risk their lives to feed the nation. But there's still time for meaningful discussion with fisheries stakeholders. If Congressional Democrats and the Biden administration are serious about supporting working people, they must engage with working fishermen and women immediately, before executive orders issue or legislation passes.

Ocean-based climate solutions cannot be achieved without including the people who work there.

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# The Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association signs onto Letter of Opposition to Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act Title II

*The Honorable Raul Grijalva  
Chairman*

*Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1324 Longworth House  
Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515*

*November 16, 2020*

Dear Chairman Grijalva:

As participants in our nation's seafood economy, we write to express deep concern regarding Title II of your recently introduced Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act. If enacted, this Title would undermine our nation's world-class system of fisheries management, harming fishermen and the coastal communities they sustain. As you seek feedback on your legislation, we urge you to fundamentally rethink Title II's provisions.

We hail from different regions, participate in different parts of the seafood supply chain, and have a range of views about other provisions of your new legislation. We are united, however, in our commitment to using the best available science to ensure that our nation's fisheries are harvested sustainably for the benefit of this and future generations. This guiding principle is at the heart of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and its increasingly rigorous application by our Regional Fishery Management Councils has made our fisheries management system the envy of the world.

It is deeply concerning that such a detailed bill, introduced in the House of Representatives Committee charged with continued stewardship of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, could seek to undermine this law's operation—and specifi-



cally its commitment to scientific rigor—in such far-reaching ways. Our industry is extremely proud to have worked with policymakers and other stakeholders over decades to construct a fisheries management system that is not only succeeding here at home, but is inspiring reforms in Europe, Asia, and beyond. Although no system is perfect, in the vast majority of cases the Magnuson-Stevens Act is laying the foundation for win-win outcomes that safeguard sustainability while simultaneously preserving opportunities for economic success. As a result, the production of American seafood preserves vital cultural traditions, achieves exceptional environmental outcomes, creates jobs in communities across the United States, and delivers food with one of the lowest carbon footprints of any

protein on Earth. Title II of the Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act will jeopardize that remarkable record of success.

We share the following overarching concerns about provisions of Title II that uniquely single out our industry:

1. Title II would compel the Executive Branch to establish Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) that prohibit all commercial fishing activity across at least 30 percent of the nation's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) by 2030. One of the central claims made by Title II supporters is that these massive closures would provide benefits to fishermen and other seafood industry participants over the long term. That simply isn't true. In contrast with many international contexts—where MPAs are es-

tablished to remedy a profoundly broken fisheries management system and a degraded marine environment—U.S. fisheries are overwhelmingly sustainable and successfully managed to Maximum Sustainable Yield.

Longstanding fisheries bioeconomics theory, which underpins contemporary fisheries management and science, holds that Maximum Sustainable Yield is achieved via exploitation of fish stocks.<sup>1</sup> Put another way, the sustainable harvesting of fish stocks is itself necessary to trigger increased ecosystem productivity that in turn allows for higher sustainable harvest levels. Title II's implied claim—that closing 30 percent of the U.S. EEZ will result in higher long-term yields from U.S. fisheries—is a false promise, lacking a scientific basis.

<sup>1</sup> For the seminal articulation of this principle see: Schaefer, M.B. (1954) Some aspects of the dynamics of populations, important for the management of the commercial marine fisheries. *Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission*, 1, 7-56.

2. Accordingly, although the specific decisions of the Administration MPA Task Force are impossible to predict, the overall impacts of Title II are not. Without reliable access to the resource, many commercial fishermen will be unable to profitably harvest species they have been fishing for decades. Harvesters and processors will pause or cancel new investments into equipment, hiring, and innovation.<sup>2</sup> Coastal communities dependent on commercial fishing will lose a major source of local revenue. Wholesalers and distributors will obtain an increasing proportion of their product from foreign sources, which may not have the same sustainability standards. Restaurants and grocery stores will be able to offer American consumers less domestically-sourced seafood. Low-income families will face higher prices for a reduced supply of a wholesome, nutritious protein.

Major parts of our industry have been decimated this year by fallout from COVID-19. We are genuinely taken aback that you are choosing to end 2020 by introducing legislation that puts the viability of our industry under a second dark cloud of uncertainty, for no discernable reason attached to meaningful improvements in conservation outcomes.

3. It is true that, even in high-performing fisheries management contexts, the science-based closure of specific areas to all fishing activity can assist in the rebuilding of depleted stocks and thus benefit fishery participants over the long term. Yet this is precisely what already occurs under our nation's successful fisheries management system. Title II of your legislation appears to ignore the Magnuson-Stevens Act's success in providing a rigorous, science-based framework for area-based closures to achieve specific rebuilding outcomes. If the objective of area-based closures is to rebuild depleted fisheries, a stakeholder-driven science-based process is far preferable to a top-down approach that sets an arbitrary threshold for total, indefinite closures to commercial fishing.

Area closures implemented by Fishery Management Councils have been part of the scientifically-rigorous formula that has rebuilt 47 previously-depleted species to health since 2000. Six regional Science Centers, together with the Scientific and Statistical Committees of each Council, harness deep expertise regarding the marine environment of each region to inform management decisions. We should build on this remarkable success and expertise within the Magnuson-Stevens framework. Instead, Title II shunts it aside.

4. High-value benthic habitat, such as deep-sea corals, are important parts of the marine ecosystem and worthy of science-based protection. Yet your legislation ignores the protections that have repeatedly been secured for these marine habitats under the existing Magnuson-Stevens Act. These protections—often implemented through painstaking collaborative efforts between industry, environmental organizations and other stakeholders—may not garner the headlines of a marine monument designation, but they are providing durable protections to vast tracts of the U.S. EEZ right now. In 2017, for example, a new Deep Sea Coral Protection Area spanning more than 38,000 square miles was established off the Mid-Atlantic Coast with support from both commercial fishermen and conservationists. The following year, the Pacific Fishery Management Council voted to protect more than 145,000 square miles of sensitive habitats along the West Coast, after a years-long cooperative process initiated by the fishing industry and environmental organizations. Earlier this year, the New England Fishery Management Council adopted sweeping new protections for deep-sea corals in the region, spanning more than 25,000 square miles south of Georges Bank. And just last month, a Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Amendment using the Essential Fish Habitat provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act became final, extending new protections to 500 square miles of deep-sea coral habitat spanning 13 reefs and canyons stretching from Texas to the

Florida Keys. These kinds of actions are precisely how durable, stakeholder-driven habitat conservation is working under the Magnuson-Stevens Act in regions around the country.

Why would you undermine these processes, and eviscerate stakeholder buy-in and trust, through the designation of new MPAs via a cabinet-level Task Force that will have no legitimacy with our industry and no bipartisan support? How will a process that takes as its lodestar the failed Northeast Seamounts and Canyons designation—which earned no industry support and saw commercial fisheries access reinstated upon a change of administration—advance long-term conservation objectives? If your desire is to ensure that high conservation value benthic habitats are protected from human impacts unrelated to commercial fisheries, we urge you to draft legislation that would achieve that goal.

5. As our oceans become warmer in a changing climate, fisheries management must be nimble and adaptive. Part of the genius of the existing Magnuson-Stevens Act is its creation of a stakeholder-involved process via which area-based closures can constantly be reviewed and updated based on new scientific information. The idea that 30 percent of the U.S. EEZ should be permanently closed to all commercial fishing activity, without the opportunity to update the specific closure boundaries as part of an adaptive management strategy over the long term, ignores what our scientists are telling us about what will drive successful marine conservation outcomes in the twenty-first century.

6. Title II would create new Marine Protected Areas that prohibit all commercial fishing while allowing recreational fishing to continue. For decades, the Regional Fishery Management Councils have worked to manage commercial, recreational, and mixed-use fisheries for the long-term benefit of all participants. There is no scientific basis whatsoever for dis-

criminating against those harvesting seafood and in favor of those catching fish for sport. This arbitrary, unscientific distinction lies at the heart of Title II, and reveals the extent to which your legislation uniquely singles out and takes aim at our industry.

We are all committed to being part of the conversation about how to strengthen marine conservation and fisheries management in the years ahead. In recent months some of us have welcomed the chance to participate in the regional listening sessions that Subcommittee Chairman Jared Huffman has convened to review the Magnuson-Stevens Act's operation and consider improvements; and although we reserve judgment on any reauthorization bill Chairman Huffman may propose, the process has been admirably inclusive and deliberative. It is extremely unfortunate that, in stark contrast, you have introduced legislation that would close 30 percent of the U.S. EEZ to a demonstrably sustainable sector of our economy with no consultation with the vast majority of participants in our industry. We hope your hearing on November 17 is a chance to start over, and to begin building deliberately on our world-leading science-based fisheries management system and its remarkable record of success.

Respectfully,

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**Accompanying these four writers were hundreds of signees in support, including the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association. They are all reproduced on the following pages (24-29).**

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<sup>2</sup> Without meaningful input and notice regarding Task Force determinations, industry will not understand how, when, and why those determinations will impact specific waters and fisheries. This lack of transparency in and of itself will impede investments into commercial fishing, further eroding the competitiveness of U.S. industry.

## Additional Signees on the Letter of Opposition to Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act Title II sent to U.S. House of Representatives

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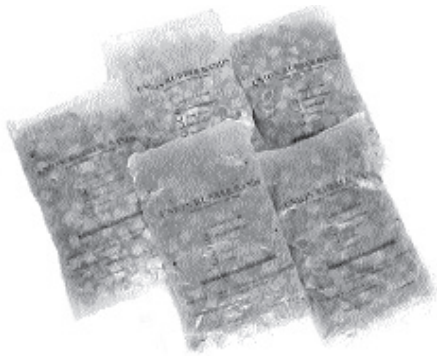




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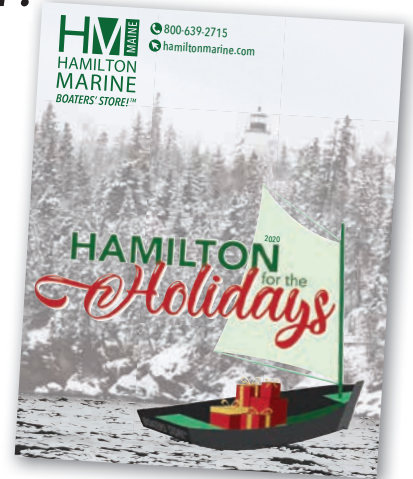
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# The Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association Annual Weekend and Industry Trade Show 2021 has been **CANCELLED!**

The Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association Board of Directors has made the heartfelt and difficult decision to cancel the March 23rd-25th Annual Weekend and Industry Trade Show held at the Seacrest Beach Hotel in Falmouth, MA. The safety of all event attendees and vendors is our top priority, and due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and required restrictions, we cannot guarantee the safety of our participants.

The 2022 Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association Annual Weekend and Industry Trade Show will be held March 24, 25,

26 and 27, 2022 at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis, MA. The MLA Board will continue working to build you the best event possible and will be posting updates here to keep you informed. If you have any suggestions please let us know, we want to hear from you.

The MLA Board wishes everyone a safe and healthy 2021 and look forward to seeing everyone at our 2022. It's going to be a great one!

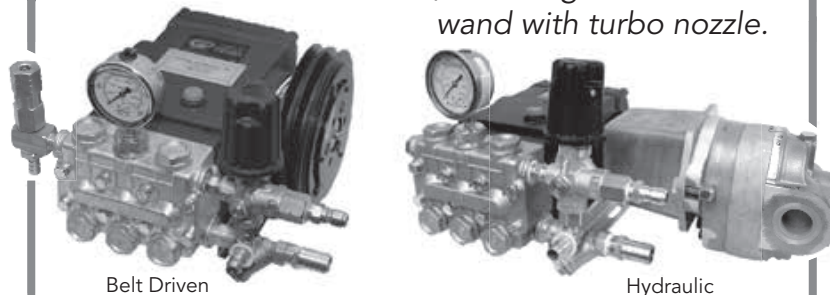
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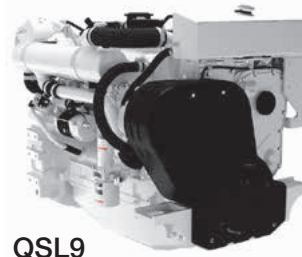
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# Report from the Chair

## For this issue, we are dedicating this space to Commission Chair Patrick C. Keliher and the speech he presented to Commissioners at our 79th Annual Meeting Webinar.

As I look back over this past year and try to characterize it in a word or phrase, I would have to say it has truly been an extraordinary year of firsts for the states, our federal partners, and stakeholders. It is the first time in over a hundred years that we as a nation and a global community have had to face a life-threatening pandemic that has yet to run its course. We have all had to change the way we live and work. State and federal agencies had to adapt their telecommuting policies to allow for full-time telecommuting. Large gatherings and celebrations have been postponed and in-person meetings have shifted to meetings via webinar. Notably, this Annual Meeting is the first time in the Commission's 79-year history we are not gathering in one of our member states to conduct important fisheries business and celebrate the contributions of the Captain David H. Hart Award recipient to the sustainable and cooperative management of Atlantic coastal fisheries. It is my hope we will all be able to come together again next October.

Closer to home, I've witnessed the devastating effect of the pandemic to our marine fisheries across all sectors, to our state budgets and revenue streams, and to our fishery-dependent and independent monitoring activities. The commercial fishing industry, dealers, and processors, as well as for-hire businesses have suffered during the pandemic. Passage of the CARES Act offered some relief in the form of \$300 million divided among all the states along the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific coasts.

Since April, the Commission has worked closely with its member states and NOAA Fisheries to coordinate development of state spend plans and, based on a state's preference, assist in the disbursement of funds to affected stakeholders. To date, spend plans have been approved for the majority of Atlantic coastal states and much-needed money is beginning to get into the hands of the fishing industry. While aid to fishermen through the CARES Act is a step in the right direction, available funds are not sufficient to meet all of the needs of our coastal fishing communities as they struggle to maintain their livelihoods and businesses. As Congress deliberates on additional assistance to help reduce the financial impacts of COVID-19, I will continue to work with my fellow Commissioners in urging our Congressional representatives to consider the impacts to fisheries and fishing communities as part of any pending legislation.

While many state fishery agencies have navigated budget cuts for several years, the pandemic and the lack of revenue streams will take an even deeper cut to our budgets. This,

in turn, will further constrain our abilities to perform necessary fisheries management and monitoring activities. Luckily, my fellow state marine fishery agency directors are highly resourceful, finding ways to get the greatest bang for the buck by seeking efficiencies in the way they do business and prioritizing management and monitoring activities for species with the greatest need. Some relief has been provided in the form of additional funds from the Commission, since much of the Commission's meeting and travel budget have gone unspent this year.

The Commission's Executive Committee, composed primarily of state directors, has never been more engaged, with weekly meetings that give us an opportunity to share our challenges and seek solutions. I have great faith in our ability to tackle the obstacles before us and come out the other side even stronger and more resilient.

The pandemic also impacted critical marine fisheries data collection programs. Recreational harvest data was not collected for several months; the full impacts of which are still being calculated. Certainly, the lack of recreational harvest estimates for 2020 will hinder our ability to make informed decisions about fishery performance and setting management measures for 2021 and beyond. Several fishery-independent surveys were cancelled this year, which will create data gaps in some long-standing surveys and may have repercussions to stock assessments for years to come. Addressing the issues posed by these data gaps will take the concerted effort of scientists and technical staff. Given the talent level and the cumulative years of experience of our technical staff, I have no doubt that they will find workable solutions to these issues.

So let's talk about some of the positives that have resulted from our response to the pandemic. First and foremost, we have found that we are all stronger and more resilient than we believed ourselves to be. Staff at the Commission and within our state and federal agencies quickly shifted to fulltime telecommuting, barely missing a beat in continuing the important work that we do. Meetings, including the Commission's quarterly meetings, were moved to webinars. With three quarterly meeting webinars under our belt, I've been impressed with the ease with which we now meet via webinar. Don't get me wrong, it's no substitute for meeting in person, but we are productively using this technology to discuss issues and make management decisions. We can't use this pandemic as an excuse not to make important decisions or delay any actions.



Over this past year, we have accomplished some major tasks and initiated some significant management actions. We completed benchmark stock assessments for Atlantic cobia, American shad, and American lobster to guide our decision-making for these three species. In August, the Atlantic Menhaden Board approved the use of ecological reference points in the management of this important forage species. Over ten years in the making, this is an important first step towards ecosystem-based fisheries management, and I am particularly proud of the work of our state and federal scientists and the states' sustained commitment to make this a reality.

Recognizing the distribution and availability of fishery resources are shifting due to changes in water temperature and historic allocations may no longer reflect current conditions, the states and our partners with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, are considering changes to state-by-state commercial allocations for black sea bass. Also, with the Council, we are exploring new approaches to managing recreational fisheries for bluefish, summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass that seek to address access to the resource and create more stability in management measures from year to year.

Lastly, we initiated a new plan amendment for striped bass. It's been 17 years since we have considered major revisions to the striped bass management program and amending the plan will be a major undertaking.

So, while it's been an incredibly challenging year, there is much we can be grateful for: the dedication of our hardworking staff to succeed from a distance; our sustained commitment to one another to seek outcomes that are in the best interest of the resource while striving for equity in our decisions; and the force of character and determination exhibited by our fishing industry and coastal communities to make the best of these challenging times. Thank you all for the support you have given Spud and me over the past year, and I look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

*In addition to serving as Commission Chair, Patrick Keliher is also Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources.*

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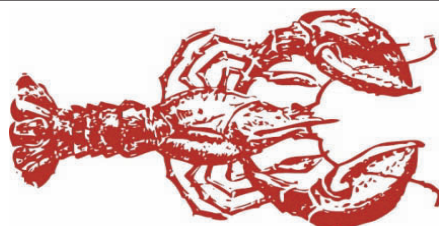


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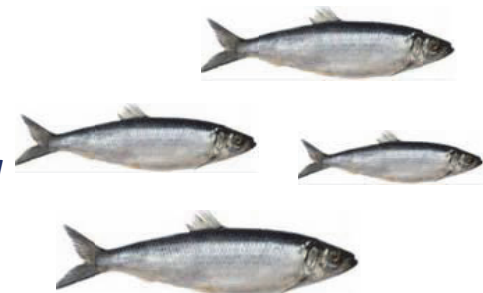
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**AD#22 (8/20) FOR SALE** – TESSA- This commercial lobster boat is powered with a 6BTA-5.9 Cummins Diesel, 315 hp, 2800 rpm's with 9000hrs. Updated 2018 Electronics, Furuno Fishfinder, Garmin

GPS/Radar, Hydraulic steering and pot hauler, Morse controls, Springfield helm chairs, and all New Electrical Blue Seas panel. Boat is currently on a mooring, shown by appt; only. Brandon Crigger 734-819-1183

**AD#23 (8/20) FOR SALE** – 36ft Harris w/2005 353hp Scania w/6400 hrs. Twin disc 5071 transmission rebuild in 2015. Boat cruises 14-16knots 18knots wide open. Raymarine c120w, Raymarine axiom 9 w/ twin thru hull transducers, Simrad ap60 autopilot. Electric washdown & Jabsco belt driven wash down, power steering, custom fold down radar mast (boat is under 13ft 6 inch on trailer). 6 swivel rod holders. Engine has new turbo (2018), new racor (2019), rebuilt injection pump & lift pump (2019), New poly fuel tank installed on starboard side 2019. 200 gallons' usable fuel. Boat will be fished till September so hrs will vary. Available 2nd week of September. 60k obo Jeff @ 774-722-4834

**AD#24 (9/20) FOR SALE** - Fiberglass commercial work skiffs 10 , 14 & 23 , built to order. All skiffs can be widened. call/text Bob @ 978-979-1795 for information.

**AD#25 (10/20) FOR SALE** - - 37 1978 Bert Frost lobster boat, glass over wood in good shape. 135 hp Ford diesel, ZF gear, GPS, plotter/sounder, sitex autopilot, also a spare engine that goes w/ boat. \$19,500 or BRO. Also willing to trade for something of equal value, just let me know what you have. 508-509-1243

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