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By Nancy Griffin

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The PUC in a 2-1 vote on January 14 approved electricity rates and other terms for the project, thus eliminating one of the project’s hurdles. Now Maine Aqua Ventus awaits a decision in mid-May on whether the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will award a $16 million grant for its next phase.

“If we are selected [by DOE] we can complete the design and permitting phase—we’ve already done 50 percent—and go through to the construction phase,” said Jake Ward, a vice president for Innovation and Economic Development for the University of Maine. The project, a collaboration among the University of Maine’s for-profit company Maine Prime Technologies, Cianbro Corporation and the energy company Emera, is one of six competing for three DOE Offshore Wind Advanced Technology Demonstration Projects.

By Melissa Waterman

Lobstermen from the U.S. and Canada have a lot to gain by working together. After all, lobstermen on both sides of the border catch the same species, market their catches to the same countries, and deal with the same obstacles – weather, dropping prices and ever-rising expenses – in their daily activities. Yet the struggles of Maine and Maritime lobstermen are often cast in the media as a competition against the other. Thus the two-day January meeting of lobstermen from Canada and the United States, organized by the Prince Edward Island Fishermen’s Association (PEIFA) and held on the island, was precedent setting.

“Progress on addressing the issues facing the lobster fishery will require action on both sides of the border,” said PEIFA president Mike McGeoghegan. The meeting, which was open only to lobstermen, was attended by fisherman from Newfoundland, the Magdalen Islands, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. Maine Lobstermen’s Association executive director Patrice McCarron and MLA board members David Couens, Jim Dow, Bobby Ingalls, and John Williams traveled to PEI to take part in the meeting.

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IT’S FORUM TIME!

By Melissa Waterman

It’s February and once again hundreds of New England fishermen, scientists, environmentalists and resource managers will converge for three days of seminars, workshops and camaraderie as participants in the Maine Fishermen’s Forum. The 39th Forum will take place from February 27 to March 1 at the Samoset Resort in Rockport.

One highlight of this year’s Fishermen’s Forum will be a talk by Captain Keith Colburn from the Discovery Channel show “The Deadliest Catch” at 1 p.m. on Thursday. Captain Colburn will be talking about the differences between East and West coast fisheries. This talk will serve as the kick off for the Forum on Thursday at 1 p.m.

The Maine Lobstermen’s Association will host an information table at the “Deadliest Catch” talk to hand out information and help fishermen with enrollment in a health insurance plan. With implementation of the ACA in October, Maine’s fishermen and their families have a new opportunity to gain health insurance coverage at reasonable prices. The complexities of enrollment have made many people delay applying for insurance. To help fishermen get enrolled, the MLA will hold a workshop featuring experts and insurance company representatives at 1:00 p.m. on Friday to walk people through the online application process. The MLA is also hosting an enrollment room with trained Navigators who will be to assist fishermen in enrolling in a health plan throughout the Forum weekend in the room above the Fitness Center.

Friday starts off with a lively topic: How to Catch Tourists. Presenters will talk about ways in which fishermen can diversify their income continued on page 20
**Coastal Outlook**

**Thoughts from MLCA President Patrice McCarron**

We’ve had a taste of a real Maine winter this season with bitter cold days and sub-zero nights punctuated by a few significant snowstorms. It’s a good time to stay indoors and take stock of what this new year may bring.

Taking stock is what a gathering of Maine and Maritime provinces lobstermen did in late January at a meeting held on Prince Edward Island, Canada. Organized by the Prince Edward Island Fishermen’s Association, the meeting brought together dozens of lobstermen from both sides of the border to discuss how to take advantage of our common interests and work together to improve the bottom line of harvesters in both countries. *Landings* lead story this month gives an overview of the issues tackled during this precedent-setting meeting.

It’s also time for the Maine Fishermen’s Forum, when fishermen from throughout Maine and New England join scientists, resource managers, state and federal officials, and other stakeholders to discuss current fisheries issues. It’s a meet-and-greet weekend highlighted by the Friday night auction which supports educational scholarships for children from fishing families, a health clinic, and cooking demonstrations. This year the Forum schedule is once again packed with informational seminars about issues facing Maine’s fishermen. In addition to holding its Annual meeting and other seminars, the MLA will be hosting a health insurance enrollment room throughout the entire event, with trained Navigators available to help fishermen enroll in health insurance. *Landings* provides an overview of topics slated for discussion at the Forum, and a look at some of the other events which will take place over the weekend.

We also continue our series on the Health of Lobstermen, looking at the efforts of University of Southern Maine’s School of Nursing to keep fishermen healthy. Fishing is recognized as the second-most deadly occupation in the United States (logging is the first). Many Maine fishermen have no health insurance and often neglect even the most basic of health testing, such as high blood pressure. The School of Nursing is taking health care to them via the Casco Bay Fishing and Islands Partnership.

Further north, the University of Maine is moving forward with its proposed offshore wind turbine located in the waters off Monhegan Island. The state’s Public Utilities Commission approved the proposed electricity rate for the project in January, clearing the way for a possible $46 million grant from the federal Department of Energy to the University for the turbine. Fishermen and community residents are concerned about the details of the project, particularly where the electricity cables running from the turbine to land will be sited. *Landings* gives an update on the status of the University’s efforts and questions being asked by fishing communities.

The new Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative gives its perspective on the upcoming Seafood Expo North America (formerly called the International Boston Seafood Show). The new entity, funded through a fee on lobstermen and seafood processors’ licenses, is being scrutinized carefully by those in Maine’s lobster industry. As the article in *Landings* shows, the MLMC plans to make a splash at the March seafood show.

And where would America be without innovation? The desire to build a better mousetrap is what has sparked numerous money-making ideas throughout this country’s history. Now comes another one: creating oil gear to fit lobsterwomen. That’s right, one Stonington lobsterman is doing her best to get gear makers like Grundens to come up with oil gear that actually fits a woman’s body. And, as her letter in this month’s *Landings* notes, if the big companies won’t do it, she is quite likely to do it herself.

The MLA pages are filled with information and updates about the various meetings which have taken place and policy issues affecting the lobster industry. *Landings* features a guest column from Representative Mick Devin about the bill under consideration in the Legislature to form a Commission to study ocean acidification. *Landings* also features a story about Dr. Robert Steneck from the University of Maine who has spent much of his career diving beneath the water to study lobsters and other species. In addition, this month we bring you an interview conducted in 1974 with a young Monhegan lobsterman that illustrates what it was like to be a lobsterman forty years ago. We hope that you enjoy learning more about the people, organizations and issues driving Maine’s lobster industry. And we continue to welcome your ideas, letters and comments.

*Patrice McCarron, President*
Establishing the Commission To Study Ocean Acidification and the Legislation
have heard about ocean acidification and its effects. Scientists and researchers, as well as commercial fishermen and shellfish farmers, have observed significant changes in the behavior of shellfish and other marine organisms due to ocean acidification.

Ocean acidification is the decrease in the pH of the ocean due to increased levels of carbon dioxide (CO2). As CO2 dissolves in the water, it forms carbonic acid, which decreases the pH of the water and makes it more acidic. This process is happening faster than it has in the past 30 million years, primarily due to human activities such as burning fossil fuels.

The effects of ocean acidification are significant and affect a wide range of marine species, including lobsters, mussels, and clams. As the pH of the water decreases, the ability of these species to build and maintain their shells is impaired. This can lead to reduced growth and reproductive success, which in turn affects the overall health of the marine ecosystem.

Given the importance of shellfish in the Maine economy, the state has been proactive in addressing the issue of ocean acidification. In January 2014, the Island Institute released a report titled "A Climate of Change: Climate Change and New England Fisheries." This report highlights the impacts of ocean acidification on commercial shellfish fisheries, particularly in the Gulf of Maine.

The report details the changes in the settlement and growth of juvenile clams and other shellfish due to ocean acidification. It also discusses the importance of understanding the vulnerability of these species and the need for research and mitigation strategies. The Island Institute has been working on this issue for years, and its efforts have helped raise awareness among scientists, fishermen, and other stakeholders.

The report includes recommendations for actions that can be taken to mitigate the impacts of ocean acidification. These actions include reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving shellfish aquaculture practices, and developing new technologies to help shellfish and other marine species adapt to changing conditions.

Overall, the report is a call to action for policymakers, scientists, and industry leaders to work together to address the challenges posed by ocean acidification. It highlights the importance of protecting our marine resources and the need for continued research and innovation to ensure the sustainability of the shellfish industry and the health of the Gulf of Maine.

Rep. Mick Devin, D-Newcastle, is a first-term legislator who serves on the Marine Resources Committee. He represents Bristol, Damariscotta, Edgecomb, Newcastle, South Bristol and Monhegan Island.
To the editor:

I’ve been a commercial fisherman for nine years. I’ve gone lobstering and dragging for urchins and sea cucumbers. I’m the captain of my own small boat, the F/V Hella Darlin’ and I also fish full-time aboard the F/V Tare Sure Thing out of Stonington, Maine.

Over the years I’ve seen a tremendous increase in the number of women in the industry. There are women working full-time on boats of every size and in numerous different fisheries. The industry as a whole has many more women involved, not only as captains and crew but also in distribution, science, management and the non-profit sector. An industry that once was almost exclusively run by men now includes a significant number of women. We’re quick, dependable and want to be there. As we all know, good crew is hard to find; finding crew that show up every day and love the job is almost impossible. Women typically don’t just happen into the commercial fishing industry. We are there because we want to be and work hard for the opportunity.

For a number of years it’s been on my mind that it would be great to have oil gear that fits properly. I requested photographs of women fishermen for photographs of women fishermen for a project with the objective of creating better fitting gear and the response was overwhelming. I received over 300 submissions from all across the Northeast, Canada, Alaska and beyond. The photos feature women lobstering, gillnetting, longlining and working in a diversity of fisheries. More images come in every day and I have immense respect for all these hardworking and tenacious women.

While working on this project, which I’ve affectionately dubbed Chix Who Fish, it’s become clear to me that women share the same issues when it comes to wanting functional and effective oil gear. Women are built differently than men, we have curves and hips and we’re frequently shorter and lighter. It’s not safe to have gear that can’t fit properly, which means women are working. Or that doesn’t keep you warm and dry, especially in the winter.

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We marketers have definitions, too. We speak of products being “differenitized” or having “unique selling propositions.” We like things that create “brand experiences.” Commodities traders may buy and sell coffee by the fungible freighter-load, but when they pop down to Starbucks for their mid-morning pick-me-up, the comparative virtues of Brazilian, Sumatran and Ethiopian matter. Coffee, the commodity, is transformed into an experience.

A brand is only a brand when consumers care enough to make it. But for the satisfaction we get from experiencing Maine lobster — in a roll, in the rough, at the beach or in the backyard — it wouldn’t be a brand. But it is. We care.

Great brands also inherently make strong promises. In the case of Maine lobster, the promise is one of immense gastronomic gratification. It’s undeniable. That promise, made to you when you watch a few go from tank to bag, or when a waiter describes the lobster special in fine detail, is very powerful. As with Pavlov’s dogs, the mere mention of lobster induces a response.

Despite record catches and a proliferation of distribution channels (e.g., Walgreens), Maine lobster is an idiosyncratic brand indelibly linked to our state. Think Maine lobster, and it comes to wanting functional and effective oil gear. Women are built differently than men, we have curves and hips and we’re frequently shorter and lighter. It’s not safe to have gear that can’t fit properly, which means women are working. Or that doesn’t keep you warm and dry, especially in the winter.

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My original idea was to create a persuasive photo-documentary and send it to Grunden’s along with a request for them to consider making women’s sizes. Now the thought has crossed my mind to create a brand of my own. My firsthand knowledge of the industry offers me a good perspective and I think it would be terrific to have a Maine-based company develop this idea. Whether myself or another interested party takes it on, it’s a product there’s a need for and a demand that currently isn’t being met on the market. Hopefully we can change that.

Genevieve Kuriles McDonald Stonington, Maine
Sonny shared his view on lobster prices with a saying he likes to use: “It takes two lobsters to buy a loaf of bread.” He thinks the MLA is important because the [lobstermen] should have a say in what happens to us. We don’t want to get screwed on prices again,” Sonny said with passion. “We need all the help we can get. I think the newsletter [Landings] is great because then maybe people might get an idea of what we have to deal with.”

Alycia noted that the majority of lobstermen don’t want to harm their livelihood. “They are very conscientious of the environment. Most of them know that you can’t throw your trash overboard or bring home short lobsters,” she said. “Why would I?” Sonny asked. “It doesn’t make sense to take shorts that haven’t had a chance to reproduce yet. Lobstering is a primary industry – you get something from nothing, much like farming. We have to protect that.”

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ENROLLING IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

By April Gilmore

Guess what? The deadline to sign up for health insurance is right around the corner! The open enrollment period will end March 31, 2014. If you have not yet enrolled in a health plan for 2014, be assured you still have time and we can help you get covered.

If you haven’t yet started to look at options for health plans, the MLA has reserved space at the Maine Fishermen’s Forum, Feb 27 to March 1, at the Samoset Resort in Rockland, to help you understand what is available for you in Maine’s health insurance marketplace. We will have a team of trained navigators and certified application counselors on hand to explain the new health insurance law, help you find a plan and walk you through the enrollment process. Maine’s Health Insurance Marketplace offers a variety of health insurance options through Maine Community Health Options and Anthem.

The MLA will be holding a seminar on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on Friday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m. During this seminar, you will learn how the Affordable Care Act affects you. The session will include an overview of the ACA and what the new law means for consumers shopping for health coverage. The MLA has brought together a panel of experts including representatives from the Center for Medicaid and Medicare, representatives from Maine Community Health Options and Anthem to help fishermen understand what types of insurance plans are being offered, and an accountant to help explain what obtaining health coverage could mean for your lobster business.

We know that many people have been frustrated with the technical issues on healthcare.gov and have put off applying for coverage.

The MLA will host an enrollment assistance room during the entire Fishermen’s Forum event, located on the second floor above the Samoset’s fitness center. Trained Navigators will be available with computers to assist fishermen in answering their health insurance questions and can help get you enrolled in a plan. Feel free to stop by the enrollment room, or you can make an appointment at the MLA booth located in the main lobby of the Samoset. If you plan to shop for a health insurance plan at the forum, come knowing who in your family is seeking coverage, and an estimate of your household income (line 37 on your taxes).

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Those who don’t sign up by March 31 will be subject to penalty at tax time in 2015 if you don’t qualify for a “special enrollment period.” That penalty is equivalent to 1% of your household income, so for someone who makes $50,000, the penalty amount could be $500. Penalties will be applied to your tax return for 2014.

To qualify for a “special enrollment period” one of the following circumstances must apply: you gain lawful presence, you gain or lose eligibility for premium tax credits or cost sharing subsidies, the marketplace makes a mistake enrolling you in an insurance plan, your insurance plan materially violates your insurance contract, you lose minimum essential coverage (which could be due to a job loss, divorce, or change in family status), you gain or become a dependent (for example, you have a baby) or you need new insurance because you move to another state. These are all reasons that you could sign up for a new health plan after the deadline.

Our aim is to help you get insured and the deadline for open enrollment is March 31. You can call the MLA office any time to make an appointment to discuss your health insurance options and get an application submitted for a health plan in the health insurance marketplace. We hope to meet you at the Maine Fishermen’s Forum this month so we can help you decide on what insurance coverage will best suit you and your family’s needs.

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By Melissa Waterman

University of Maine scientist Bob Steneck knows himself pretty well. "I'm competitive," the 63-year-old Whitefield resident admitted in a recent interview. "If you say I can't do something, it's like a red flag." Steneck has spent the majority of his professional life under the ocean studying everything from the coralline algae of the Caribbean to the nursery habitats of Homarus americanus in the Gulf of Maine. Even sitting still drinking a cup of coffee, he exudes the energy of a 10-year-old boy which, in fact, was the age at which he began scuba diving.

Steneck, whose father was a pediatrician, lived in New Jersey. His grandparents had a home on a large lake which his family visited each summer for a month or two. Like many boys, Steneck was drawn to the lake where he fished and played about in the water. One day he arrived at the lake bearing scuba gear which included a home-made air reservoir inflated with a bicycle pump. "I had a friend at school and he owed me lunch money, maybe 50 cents or something. His parents had given him scuba gear and I guess as a form of collateral he gave it to me," Steneck recalled. "I don't know what my parents were thinking, letting me go into the water like that!" Soon Steneck was diving for crayfish to set on his fishing hooks and exploring the underwater world of the lake. "It was the time of 'Sea Hunt' [a television show featuring scuba diving Lloyd Bridges]. The ocean had a lot of mystique," he added.

School, however, wasn't Steneck's top priority as a teenager. "I was interested in sports and girls," he said matter-of-factly. He was an accomplished athlete, excelling at wrestling and also soccer. But when the time came to apply to college, his poor academic record proved a problem. Eventually Baldwin Wallace College outside of Cleveland, Ohio, offered him acceptance if he played on the college soccer team.

Steneck spent his first years at college doing what he enjoyed, playing sports and pursuing other "extracurricular" activities. His college advisor finally asked young Steneck what he planned to do in the future, noting that he wasn't really cut out for academics. That comment was the "red flag" Steneck needed. "I was on the honor roll every term after that. I graduated with a double major in biology and geology in 1971. I was really thinking of becoming a paleoecologist," Steneck said.

It was the fact that his college advisor had numerous aquaria in his office that led Steneck away from the land to the sea. "He was interested in the ocean. He told me about a summer program in the West Indies in marine ecology which I signed up for," Steneck explained. The program focused on the algal ecology of coral reefs and was taught by Smithsonian researcher Walter Adey. Steneck did well in the class, so well that Adey asked him to return after college graduation to work with him. "So the day after I graduated [in 1973], I went back to St. Croix and stayed for one-and-a-half years," Steneck said.

Adey and Steneck investigated food dynamics on the reefs as well as reef formation and geology. "I really liked reef ecology," Steneck recalled with a smile. "My mind was a sponge. I learned all the biota of the Caribbean. And once I'd gotten the tropical Atlantic, I wanted to concentrate on a rocky shore and the cold Atlantic." So Steneck turned his attention north. He entered the University of Maine in 1974 and studied under marine ecologist Bob Vadus. "Bob was great. He loved to think and talk about stuff, often over a beer. It was a golden era in marine ecology then," Steneck said. Ecology as a discipline had long been the province of pattern seekers, according to Steneck. By looking at events in time and space, scientists were able to discern patterns among animals and plants. But the processes at work to create those patterns largely remained a mystery. Steneck was interested in the factors that were driving the processes, not just the patterns themselves.

"I studied the ecology of plant and herbivore interactions among the coralline algae at the mouth of the Damariscotta River, in the 'Thread of Life area,'" Steneck said. With graduate degree in hand, he then entered the earth and planetary sciences PhD program at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland. He completed his dissertation on the global evolution of coralline algae in three years. "I was writing the acknowledgement section late at night and I was really foggy by that time," Steneck said, shaking his head at the memory. "I dedicated it to 'Sea Hunt' and Lloyd Bridges!"

While completing his PhD, Steneck had become acquainted with Les Watling, a professor at the University of Maine's Darling Center in Walpole. Watling told Steneck about an opening at the university for a marine scientist. Steneck successfully applied and in December 1981, he and his wife moved to the state. His major interest was still coralline algae, which required lots of diving. "So I'm underwater all the time and I think, 'Gee, there's a lot of lobsters here!' I went to Jay Krause at the Department of Marine Resources to ask him 'why?'" He told me that there weren't a lot of lobsters along the coast and that furthermore, the population was about to crash," Steneck recalled. But Steneck didn't agree with that prognosis. "I tend to see things a little bit differently and then pursue them," he explained.

Steneck went to the published scientific literature to find out more about the life history and habits of Homarus americanus and realized that no research had been done on lobster in its natural habitat. "There was nothing on the predator-prey relationships, nursery habitats, nothing," Steneck said, still showing amazement at the lack of data. Fishery managers were counting the number of sexually mature lobsters and the volume of eggs in the water, but had no knowledge of how the lobsters lived. So he decided to fill that gap. He received a $500 grant from the University of Maine Sea Grant program in 1983 to start studying lobsters underwater. That grant was followed by a much larger one in 1985.

"We put down four 100-square-meter grids on the seafloor in the midcoast area," Steneck explained. For seven years he and his graduate students tracked what went on in those grids, where the lobsters lived, where the juveniles settled, all the intricate connections between the lobsters..."
It was immediately apparent that there is more that brings us together than separates us. We are all fishermen and independent business owners. We all have a long tradition of being excellent stewards of the lobster resource, and value hard work. While no one is opposed to getting rich, at the end of the day, folks just want to be paid fairly so they can hold their heads up high and take pride in being lobstermen.

It may sound a bit clichéd to say that there is strength in numbers and that information is power. But, sitting at the meeting, those truisms felt very real. Lobstermen hold the key to the lobster supply. We must work together to bring those lobster to shore as responsibly as possible, and in a way that maximizes the ability of each independent business owner to make a profit.

The world will not instantly change because lobstermen from the U.S. and Canada are talking together, but we have set the stage for change to happen. Those attending the meeting pledged to focus on what we have in common and to keep each other informed of what’s happening in each fishery. Instead of wondering how the fishing is going in another part of the region, or what the quality of lobster might be, or the price, we will create communication channels to make it easy to share that information.

We have to remember that, despite its image as a traditional line of work, the lobstering takes place in the 21st century. We have access to information and technology that our forefathers could not have comprehended. Instead of feeling like victims of our own success, we have pledged as harvesters to embrace the global market in which we now participate, and work together to empower all those who harvest lobster in the North Atlantic to achieve a successful future.

Lobstermen on both sides of the border have long been proud of their traditions and fishery; January’s international meeting of lobstermen will go a long way toward ensuring that we stay that way.

As always, stay safe on the water.

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MAINE LOBSTERMEN’S ASSOCIATION UPDATE

held in February. The MLA discussed the results of the recent effort to work with the lobster industry on quality and handling. Annie Tselikis traveled the coast this summer meeting with lobstermen, dock workers and buying station managers. The initiative was well received and documented that there is no consistency or standards in the Maine lobster industry for handling and moving lobsters. There is a great desire by many to assess current practices and make improvements. The MLA Board agreed that addressing the issue of lobster quality and handling practices and developing a leadership program for lobstermen will remain a priority in 2014. The focus will include raising awareness, encouraging each person in the supply chain to be accountable for their product, and encourage transparency and information exchange.

Directors from the Zone D area raised concern about the status of the University of Maine wind project and stated that lobstermen from affected communities are very concerned. There is a lot of confusion about the project’s specifics, particularly the location of the undersea electricity cables. The MLA will research the project to better understand the issues and to ensure that lobstermen are being represented as it moves forward. The MLA will also continue to monitor the Searspoint Dredging project.

The Board discussed the New England Fishery Management Council’s actions to develop a process to address catches of groundfish in non-groundfish fisheries. The MLA will continue to monitor how this effort could impact the Maine lobster fishery.

The MLA directors meet again on February 4 at noon. Carl Wilson and Joe Fessenden will be invited for a discussion on V-notch. The MLA Annual Meeting on February 28 will serve as the Directors’ March meeting. Beginning in April, the MLA Directors will meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

The ASMFC held a four-day menhaden data workshop in mid-January to review and vet all data sources available and formulate a plan for developing models for use in the 2014 benchmark stock assessment. In late January, the ASMFC convened a four-day peer review of the northern shrimp benchmark stock assessment conducted by the Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Review Committee.

MAINE LOBSTER MARKETING COLLABORATIVE

The MLMC met on January 9 and 21 to continue discussions on brand strategy. The MLMC Board is considering recommendations on a brand strategy developed by Futureshift for the former Maine Lobster Promotion Council, and strategizing on how to search for a marketing agency. The MLMC board continued its discussions on the structure and staff of new organization, including hiring a new executive director. As required by law, the MLMC will be presenting an outline of its marketing strategy to the Marine Resources Committee this winter. It will hold a seminar at the Maine Fishermen’s Forum to update lobstermen its progress.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

The Marine Resources Committee continued its discussions on LD 1544, which allows the Committee to report out a bill to restructure Maine’s lobster licensing system in order to expand opportunities for access to the fishery. In December, Maine DMR reported the outcome of meetings with the zone councils which resulted in Zones A and B loosening the entry criteria for their zones with the remaining zones supporting the status quo.

The Department of Marine Resources informed the Committee that it plans to continue discussions with the lobster industry this winter. The DMR identified “the large amount of latent effort” as “one of the major obstacles to an efficient response,” citing “approximately 20% of licenses were not used in any of the past four years [equaling] 1 million latent tags.” The DMR stated “our intent is to further refine the Department proposal that was discussed last January based on industry feedback.

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and advance components of that proposal for further discussion. One piece that we will likely be discussing further is the concept of a category of license for individuals who are aging out of the fishery, but wish to retain the identity of a license holder and more limited access to the fishery.

The Marine Resources Committee formed a subcommittee in December which has brought forward a legislative proposal to encourage feedback from the industry. The draft concept bill identified the issues of 1) balancing the exit of aging lobstermen landing few lobsters with the need to decrease time on the waiting lists; 2) develop strategies to address latent effort and equitably increase opportunity for entry to the lobster fishery and 3) acknowledge the need to decrease time on the settlement index then solicit ideas from the lobster industry on how to move forward. The Committee decided not to take action on their concept bill, and will await a report back from the Commissioner on the results of his industry meetings later this spring.

The Marine Resources Committee held a public hearing and work session on January 13 on LD 1602, a bill to establish a committee to study the effects of ocean acidification on Maine’s commercial shellfish industries. Approximately 20 people testified in support of the bill, including commercial fishermen, clammers and aquaculture groups. The Maine Lobstermen’s Association was the only lobster industry group to weigh in. MLA’s president David Couzens testified, “We don’t really know the effects of ocean acidification on lobster, but we do know the effects on shellfish and clams and it’s not positive. As long as the industrial nations of the world use fossil fuel, it’s going to get worse.” He urged the Committee to support the bill. The Committee began its deliberations on the bill at a January 22 work session and tabled the bill for further discussion.

Pesticide Bill

Rep. Walter Kuscumeja has submitted LD 1678, An Act to Protect Maine’s Lobster Fishery, which proposes to prohibit the use of methoprene and resmethrin in any body of water that drains in to the Gulf of Maine. The bill notes that these two chemicals were used for mosquito control and adversely affected the Long Island Sound lobster industry. Agriculture and conservation groups and the Forestry Committee will hold a public hearing on February 6.

Ocean Acidification Workshop

The Island Institute convened its second workshop on ocean acidification in less than a year. The January workshop brought together stakeholders, scientists and environmental groups. Ocean acidification refers to the changing chemistry of the ocean due to increasing carbon being absorbed resulting in a reduction in the pH of the water. Research has shown that shellfish species such as clams, mussels and scallops are most at risk, and little is known about the effects of ocean acidification on lobster. The meeting featured an overview of ocean acidification science, stakeholder concerns, and an update on national, regional, state and local efforts to address ocean acidification. Experts cited only two known studies on ocean acidification and lobster. A study conducted in Canada found some impact on lobster larvae and a second study on European lobster found a decreased weight in early settlers. While not conclusive, these studies demonstrate the need for further research in order to better understand the impacts on lobster populations. Scientists also stated that the Gulf of Maine is uniquely sensitive to ocean acidification due to the amount of fresh water entering the system, cold water temperatures and strong seasonal productivity cycles. Increased carbon emissions are the main driver of large-scale changes in the ocean while nutrient loading and declining productivity have greater impacts on nearshore and coastal systems.

ISSUES MONITORING

EPA discharge permit – the MLA has made a request to Maine’s Congressional representatives to oppose a bill to remove discharge limits under 79 feet from the requirement to obtain an EPA discharge permit. This requirement is due to go into effect in December 2014. Rep. Michaud and Sen. Pingree is considering the request.

Searspорт Dredging – the MLA is reaching out to the state Department of Transportation and Department of Environmental Protection, Maine Port Authority, and Army Corps of Engineers on the scope of the proposed dredging project in Searspорт and the plan for dredge spoil disposal. Lobstermen have expressed concern over the plan for improvement dredging and, in particular, are concerned about the potential for spoils to be placed at the Mack Point disposal site in Penobscot Bay.

Offshore Wind Project – Lobstermen from Bristol, New Harbor, Friendship and Monhegan are concerned over the plan to site wind turbines off Monhegan Island and connect to the grid in Bristol. Maine Aqua Ventus has proposed a 270-foot tall advanced composite wind tower on a floating concrete base, featuring two turbines designed to generate 6 megawatts each. It would be built using the University of Maine’s VolturnUS technology. Energy from the pilot project would be transmitted to the mainland via underwater cable to a substation in Bristol, located approximately 10 miles from the offshore project site. MLA will continue to work with local communities and the University of Maine to ensure that questions from the fishing industry are answered.

Whale Rules – Many are wondering about the status of the federal whale rules and what changes Maine lobstersmen should expect. NMFS published a proposed rule and held a series of public hearings last fall. Comments were due in September, 2013. In Maine the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposed a series of trawling up scenarios in federal waters, an inshore and offshore gear marking scheme, and seasonal closures of Jeff rey’s Ledge and Jordan Basin. MLA and many others submitted comments in opposition to the closures and the gear marking proposal. NMFS has been reviewing all the comments it received and continues to move forward with the rulemaking process. The agency has stated that it expects to publish the final rule in July, 2014.
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Between 120 and 130 individuals visit the clinic each year. “A lot of people come back every year, to compare where they are now with last year. They come to tell us the good news, that they have lost weight or got their blood pressure under control,” she explained, “I’d say that about 50 percent say they have no other health care.”

Back in Portland, the 20 students in the Casco Bay Partnership spend time on Cliff, Long, and Chebeague Islands meeting with residents to learn what the health needs might be. They organize fundraising events to raise the funds for tests and equipment which, Burson emphasized, are a core element of public health nursing in this country. They hold flu shot clinics on the islands in the fall or conduct school health education programs in the elementary schools. They even gave out flu shots to people coming into the community at the islands in the fall or conduct school health education programs in the elementary schools. They even gave out flu shots to people coming into the community at the islands in the fall or conduct school health education programs in the elementary schools. They even gave out flu shots to people coming into the community at the islands in the fall or conduct school health education programs in the elementary schools. They even gave out flu shots to people coming into the community at the islands in the fall or conduct school health education programs in the elementary schools. They even gave out flu shots to people coming into the community at the islands in the fall or conduct school health education programs in the elementary schools.
THE BUSINESS OF LOBSTERING: Why incorporate?

By Melissa Waterman

In Maine each lobsterman is owner and operator of his own boat and his own business. He or she does not work for a large fishing company or corporation. A Maine lobsterman is a small businessman, responsible for the many financial and regulatory details that all small businesses must face. Many Maine lobstermen have become aware that to be successful as small business owners requires a wealth of knowledge, not of the tides and weather, but of accounting, tax laws and business management. This month Landings continues its new series focusing on business topics for lobstermen.

Among all the issues facing a Maine lobsterman – the increasing cost of bait and fuel, vagaries of price and weather, right whale regulations - thinking about the pros and cons of incorporation probably isn’t on the top of the list. Yet the benefits of being a duly recognized business entity are many. The real question is what form that business should take.

The simplest form of business organization is to be a sole proprietor. You make all the decisions about where and when to set your traps and what gear to buy, and accrue all the profits from the business. Those profits, however, are taxed at the federal income tax rates plus the self-employment tax rate of 15.3% for the first $133,700 earned in 2013. In addition, your personal and business assets, such as your house and boat, are at risk in case of calamity or business failure.

Perhaps being a sole proprietor makes you a little uncomfortable. "The main reason to incorporate is liability," explained David Hill, a certified business counselor at Coastal Enterprises Inc. in Wiscasset. "If a business is a sole proprietor, the owner can be sued personally if, let’s say, you run into a dock or cause some sort of property damage."

A clear benefit of incorporating is that the corporation's owners generally have limited liability for any company debts or injury claims.

So now you are thinking about setting up a business corporation. A corporation is a legal entity registered with the state. It must have a board of directors and officers and can have stockholders. "There are costs associated with setting up any separate corporate entity," explained David Williams, head of the Williams CPA Group in Rockport. "You must file a separate tax return and make an annual filing to the state, among other things."

A clear benefit of incorporating, however, is that the corporation's owners generally have limited liability for any company debts or injury claims. Limited liability means the corporation's owners can't be held financially responsible for more than their individual investments in the company.

A business may take the form of a C corporation, an S corporation which is named after Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code, or a limited liability company, called an LLC.

C corporations tend to be larger businesses, with many employees and large revenue streams. An S corporation generally is a smaller business, with a limited number of shareholders who are not personally liable for the actions of the corporation. In an S corporation, the active owners must pay themselves reasonable salaries and all shareholders may receive distributions from any profits the corporation may earn.

An LLC means just that: the owners of the company have limited liability in case of debts or judgments against the company. Calendar Islands Maine Lobster in Portland, which was founded and is owned by 39 Chebeague Island lobstermen, is an LLC. "An LLC is a secure form of business," explained the wharf manager, who wished not to be named. "Also, the members can't be held liable."

All corporations must pay a corporate income tax. But in an LLC and an S corporation, the profits and losses accrue to the owners, who pay taxes based on their individual personal income tax rates. Both LLCs and S corporations can also deduct expenses, such as travel, phone bills, vehicle expenses, and health care premiums.

According to Williams, many lobstermen and other small business owners fail to take the Section 199 tax deduction on their income tax form, called the Domestic Activities Production Deduction. "If you are in an activity dealing with growing, processing, manufacturing, or selling something, you can deduct 9% of your income, which in the case of a lobsterman can be quite significant," Williams explained. "However, the net income of an S corporation is not subject to the self-employment tax that a sole proprietor must pay."

Creating an S corporation or an LLC is not difficult. "Theoretically, you can set these up yourself," Hill said. "For an S corporation you file incorporation papers with the Maine Secretary of State, which costs $165. Then you file with the IRS. An LLC is more complicated and you generally use a lawyer."

Many younger lobstermen have set up S corporations for their business. "They run all their expenses through the corporation," explained the wharf manager. "Some may pay themselves a salary but that means they have to file quarterly tax returns. It's cheaper just to take a draw from the business."

Hill, who worked with many lobstermen through the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance program in 2012 and 2013, thinks that between one-third and one-half of lobstermen he has had contact with are incorporated. "Everyone's personal situation is different. If you don't have a nickel to your name, you probably don't have much to worry about," he said. "But if you have lots of family land or other assets, you definitely had better think about incorporating."

Robert Wood, a contributor writing for Forbes magazine, states, "C vs. S status is all about taxes. File a one-page 'S election' with the IRS and it is taxed almost like a partnership or LLC. Income from a C corporation is taxed twice. The corporation pays tax on its net income. Then, shareholders also pay tax on distributions. Income from an S corporation is taxed once at the shareholder level... Usually, C corporations make no sense for small businesses due to double tax on income and on proceeds of sale. Besides, if you incur losses, you want to claim them personally, favoring an S."

Fewer tax-free fringe benefits may be provided to shareholders of C corporations than to shareholders of S corporations. Some lobstermen are finding that as they get closer to retirement age or are sending children off to college, a C corporation may offer some advantages in tax planning involving fringe benefits. As Wood recommends in Forbes, "Whatever you do, get some advice, and pay attention to the tax rules."

Next month: the benefits of good insurance

The Maine Maritime Academy has received a $605,000 research grant from the Maine Economic Improvement Fund Small Campus Initiative to conduct rockweed research. Dr. Jessica Mulhin, Associate Professor of Marine Biology, will direct the project to conduct field and laboratory research on two types of seaweed: commercially harvested Ascophyllum nodosum and the prevalent Fucus vesiculosus in order to understand their contributions to the near-shore food web and ecosystem.

"We know these two foundational species are important and utilized resources in near-shore environments," said Dr. Mulhin, "but we want to learn more about their role in the food web. These seaweeds are so constantly under our feet we barely notice them, but they are vitally important to the intertidal ecosystem."

Field research will focus on characterizing Ascophyllum nodosum in its natural marine habitat, and using underwater video web to understand which organisms feed on rockweed reproductive material. This research will include collaboration with Dr. Kenneth H. Dunton from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Dunton is one of the world’s leading specialists in stable isotope ecology. Dr. Brian Beal, Professor of Marine Ecology at the University of Maine at Machias, will collaborate on lab research to learn the importance of the two rockweeds’ reproductive material to the Mytilus edulis (blue mussel) diet. The 18-month research project will involve students from Maine Maritime Academy and the University of Maine at Machias. Proposed locations for field research include Holbrook Island, Schoodic Point and Great Wass Island.

The goal of the research is to inform the scientific community and policy managers, such as the Maine Department of Marine Resources, of the contribution of surplus reproductive material for commercially-harvested rockweed; provide insight into rearing M. edulis in shellfish hatcheries; and provide substantial preliminary data for a competitive submission for federal funds.

"Maine Maritime Academy’s Ocean Studies program has offered faculty and students the opportunity to conduct intertidal research over the past 25 years," said Dr. John Barlow, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "We are excited to lead this project, which could have a significant impact on the knowledge base and on marine management locally and regionally."
MAINE LOBSTER MARKETING COLLABORATIVE UPDATE

By Marianne Lacroix

Maine lobster is sure to be at the top of seafood buyers’ minds at Seafood Expo North America (formerly the International Boston Seafood Show) – the largest seafood trade event in North America, coming up March 16 to 18. Through some creative programming, the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative (MLMC) is enhancing Maine lobster’s presence at the show. Our goal is to increase awareness of Maine lobster while communicating important brand values to buyers. To accomplish this, MLMC is hosting a Maine Lobster Pavilion, an educational seminar, a buyers’ reception and a Master Class on lobster.

Maine Lobster Pavilion

The Maine Lobster Pavilion gives Maine lobster a solid presence on the show floor by grouping Maine companies together in one area, as well as offering special promotional opportunities available only to Pavilion exhibitors. This year, four to six companies will exhibit together under the Maine Lobster banner. Each company has the opportunity to promote its own brand and products while benefiting from the increased exposure that the Pavilion provides. MLMC participates by promoting Maine lobster’s brand values and directing buyers to Maine lobster dealers at the show. The Pavilion will also include the Maine Lobster lounge, a great place for quiet meetings among attendees and companies. Make sure to visit the Maine Lobster Pavilion at Booth #2033.

Maine Lobster: Trap to Table

MLMC will host an educational seminar for seafood buyers for the first time. Surveys have shown that buyers want more educational opportunities at the show, so MLMC is responding to that need. Industry experts will present a “Trap to Table” seminar on Maine lobster, highlighting resource management, sustainability measures, quality controls, best handling practices and more. Dealers have the opportunity to provide samples of their products to the audience during the seminar.

Maine Lobster Reception

The Maine Lobster Reception provides dealers and buyers a relaxed atmosphere in which to meet and mingle off the show floor. MLMC has a recruitment campaign in place to ensure that qualified national and international buyers attend the reception. We know that buyers attending the reception are interested in learning more about Maine lobster, and that they want to learn first-hand about the source of their products. We encourage all Maine lobster dealers and harvesters who are in Boston for the show to attend the reception.

American Lobster Master Class

For the first time, Diversified Communications is offering their popular Master Class series at Seafood Expo North America. These educational workshops provide attendees information about different species of seafood. The programs focus on the biology and natural history of different types of fish and crustaceans, unlike the promotional programs that concentrate on products. MLMC is working together with the Lobster Council of Canada to recommend speakers and help provide content for the class. The Master Class will include an educational presentation as well as a chef-presented cooking demonstration. Tasting samples will be provided to the audience.

Experience SENA 2014

Seafood Expo North America attracts over 19,000 attendees and 1,000 exhibitors. Attending the show is a great way to catch a glimpse of the world of seafood offerings available to buyers and see the marketing approaches being used to promote different species and brands. MLMC can provide complimentary tickets to Maine dealers and fishermen who plan to attend the show. Please contact us at 207-541-9310 or info@ lobsterfrommaine.com for tickets.

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American Lobster Master Class Sunday, March 16, from 11 a.m.-noon, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Demonstration Stage on the show floor.
The purpose of the meeting was to discuss measures that could be taken to benefit all lobstermen. "We came up with five prioritized actions that all agreed on," said McCarron. Among those was creation of a North Atlantic lobster harvester group, members of which would be drawn from already existing organizations in the region.

"There was a lot of mutual respect, instantly they get along," according to McCarron. "Better collaboration among MLA. "They have all the same issues and know what the Canadians are doing here in Maine. " As an industry, we are doing many of the right things," said. "It was empowering to see that the amount of common interest was striking. There was a lot of mutual respect," she commented.

"Better collaboration among lobstermen will be good to see," added Jim Dow, vice-president of the PEIFA. The idea of a North Atlantic lobster harvester group, among other things, was to build transparency in supply and demand for North Atlantic lobster. While there were specific action items to come from the meeting, the more important result was the amount of interest that was expressed, according to McCarron. "You get a bunch of people in the room who don’t know each other but instantly they get along. The amount of common interest was striking. There was a lot of mutual respect," she commented.

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Maine appears to be ahead of the game in certain aspects of brand development and market expansion, McCarron said. "The MLA monitors the price paid for lobster each week. The Maine fishery received Marine Stewardship Council certification last year. We have the new Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative to put forth in the Maritime Lobster Panel report, released in November, and the changes necessary to strengthen the lobster industry.

As the meeting closed, PEIFA continued, "It would help us all get beyond the rumors and really improve communications. "It would help us all get beyond the rumors and really improve communications. "Another measure would be to improve understanding of how the markets are behaving at any given time. Sharing that information on both sides of the border would help build transparency in supply and demand for North Atlantic lobster. While there were specific action items to come from the meeting, the more important result was the amount of interest that was expressed, according to McCarron. "You get a bunch of people in the room who don’t know each other but instantly they get along. The amount of common interest was striking. There was a lot of mutual respect," she commented.

Better collaboration among lobstermen will be good to see," added Jim Dow, vice-president of the MLA. "They have all the same issues we have. We need to stay in contact and know what the Canadians are doing, when their seasons open and so forth."
As part of this, MITA hosts ten to twelve large-scale regional cleanups annually, typically involving twenty or more volunteers each and removing upwards of 50 bags of trash in a single day.

MITA volunteers inevitably come across lobster buoys, but due to lobster gear molestation laws, have left behind any buoys that they find. Of these found buoys, some are mangled beyond repair, but many are salvageable. It can be disheartening for the volunteers, who care deeply about the work they are doing, to leave buoys in places where they know they are unlikely to ever be retrieved. While the volunteers are primarily not fishermen themselves, they recognize what lost buoys represent to lobstermen, specifically the financial burden.

In an effort to engage these volunteers with recovering lost lobster buoys, MITA started a buoy return program in the fall of 2012. I have worked with the Department of Marine Resources Marine Patrol Office to obtain permission to remove buoys during island cleanups.

Marine Patrol has developed a system to return salvageable buoys to their rightful owners. Working with local harbormasters, Marine Patrol identified locations where buoys could be left for retrieval by local lobstermen. These were primarily at fish piers or outside the harbormasters’ offices. It was essential that they be central locations where lobstermen would find the buoys, and also where the property owner wouldn’t mind a pile of buoys for a few days. On a single cleanup, for example, volunteers may find as many as 80 salvageable buoys from a handful of islands.

There have been some great success stories resulting from these efforts. In Stonington, MITA volunteers met lobstermen at the dock when they were dropping off buoys. The lobstermen immediately started sorting the buoys by owner, and all expressed their appreciation for the work the cleanup volunteers were doing. Some even asked if volunteers could bring in broken buoys too so they could make toggles out of them. While MITA is continuing to build relationships with Marine Patrol and local harbormasters, we also want to connect with lobstermen directly. The success of the program relies not only on volunteers bringing buoys in, but on lobstermen retrieving them as well. MITA is looking for assistance in spreading the word throughout the fishing community about its efforts. If lobstermen don’t know that buoys are being brought in or where they are being left, they are unlikely to get them back. That retrieval piece is critical to the program’s success.

Please contact MITA to let us know what you think of these efforts. You can talk to your local harbormaster or fish pier manager to find out if MITA has been in contact with them and if so, if there is a local drop-off spot. In some locations along the coast, MITA has struggled to find good places to leave the buoys for pick-up. To provide feedback, ask questions or discuss the program, contact Maria Jenness, MITA’s Stewardship Manager, at 207-761-8225 or stewards@mita.org.

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and their environment. Expanding the research to the entire Maine coast, Steneck realized that juvenile lobsters were found specifically in cobblestone sea floors while the adolescent lobsters were primarily in the crevices of boulder fields. "Only about 2 to 10 percent of the coast has the nursery area, cobble stone seafloor, that the juvenile lobsters need," Steneck said. Steneck and his team have been working on data collection in this area for years, and the latest data show a trend in which juvenile lobsters have increased in abundance along the Maine coast. Where once Casco Bay was just counting females, eggs and recruitment, "Steneck noted. "After years of data gathering and research, we are now seeing the abundance of lobsters along the Maine coast."

In 2011, Steneck and several co-authors published "Creation of a Gilded Trap by the High Economic Value of the Maine Lobster Fishery" in Conservation Biology journal. In that paper, Steneck argued that Maine's lobster fishermen exist in a gilded trap, an economic situation in which the high abundance of lobsters coupled with the lack of other fishing opportunities renders it nearly impossible for lobstermen to reduce effort. If lobster populations should diminish, due to natural or human factors, the economic and social consequences to the coastal communities that rely on lobstering would be dire.

Rick Wahle, once a graduate student of Steneck's, now a University of Maine professor of zoology himself, began a lobster settlement index in 1989 while studying under Steneck. The index tracks the settlement density of lobsters throughout the Northeastern United States and Atlantic Canada. His annual report on the state of lobster settlement in this broad region indicated high levels of settlement in the colder Gulf of Maine waters in the early 2000s, settlement rates that correlated to the staggering jump in Maine landings during the latter part of that decade. However, Wahle's findings from 2010 to 2012 suggest that juvenile settlement rates have dropped, in some cases markedly, in the previously rich midcoast and eastern Maine areas.

What the future holds for Gulf of Maine lobsters Steneck cannot predict. Currently on a one-year sabbatical, he is once again studying coralline algae in the Caribbean, specifically looking at how juvenile coral settle and grow on reefs and why coral reefs are slow to come back from disturbance. "It turns out that it isn't pollution and run-off, as everyone said, but parrotfish," Steneck mused. "I always wanted to be an explorer, to fill in real information gaps."

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"The one thing about taking an ecological approach to lobster management is the ability to see something on the horizon," Steneck commented. "These predictive indices hadn't been done before." What Steneck's research predicted appears to have come true: lobster abundance in Maine has never been so great, particularly in the eastern region of the coast. And that, in turn, has lead to a new problem: the removal of parrotfish from the coral reef ecosystem seems to have a negative effect on the corals' ability to rebound from environmental disturbance. Photo by Bob Steneck.

Steneck's current research suggests that the removal of parrotfish from the coral reef ecosystem seems to have a negative effect on the corals' ability to rebound from environmental disturbance. Photo by Bob Steneck.

The proceeds of the auction benefit the Fishermen's Forum scholarship fund, which provides $1,000 college scholarship aid to children from fishing families. The closing banquet and dance is held on Saturday night, during which awards for outstanding service are given to state officials and fishermen.

For nearly four decades the Maine Fishermen's Forum has been the place for the diverse sectors of New England's fishing industry to meet, argue and raise a few beers together. The Forum's roster of events and talks this year promises to be as interesting as ever.

The Forum brings out all members of New England's fishing community for a weekend of learning and camaraderie. Photo by Mike Young
Maine builds lots of concrete projects, and concrete is more resistant to corrosion in the marine environment than steel, which Europe uses for its platforms," said Ward. "Concrete is lighter than steel towers and they're long-lasting, so these materials will increase the life of the platform. We can make composite towers here, it's not much different from making a composite boat."

Other challenges also face the project. Lobstermen, shrimpers and other residents of the area around Bristol are concerned about the laying of a 4’ to 6’ cable that will deliver electricity to land and into the electrical grid. Plans now are for the cable to run to the Bristol sub-station near Route 130, halfway to Damariscotta. The test turbines will occupy two square miles of lobster territory, said Murdock. The island averages between 40 and 60 year-round residents, of whom only eight are current lobstermen.

Marian Chiﬃ o is the bookkeeper and clerk for Monhegan’s power company. She also serves as co-chair of the island’s task force. Monhegan, which now pays the highest power costs in the state because wind turbines are not allowed within 10 miles of shore and the project did not have to apply for federal permits, according to Murdock. Monhegan offers a shorter distance to shore for the electrical cable, which will cost approximately $2 million per mile, than Matinicus, the only other location that fits state requirements.

The test turbines will occupy two square miles of lobster territory, said Murdock. The island averages between 40 and 60 year-round residents, of whom only eight are currently lobstermen.

Marian Chiﬃ o is the bookkeeper and clerk for Monhegan’s power company. She also serves as co-chair of the island’s task force. Monhegan, which now pays the highest power costs in the country, has been promised free electricity through the wind project, but Chiﬃ o says that alone would not sway island residents. "Anyone who moves here knows what they're signing on for" as far as power costs, she said.

According to Chiﬃ o, the Aqua Ventus planners have been cooperative and forthcoming with information so far. They are planning to model the sound expected from the turbines so residents can hear it in advance, and will do studies on the effect on wildlife and tourism. They have also promised to paint the towers neon yellow only up to the 55 feet required by the Coast Guard.

McLain continues to be concerned about the route the electricity cable will take once it reaches the mainland. One path initially discussed brought the cable by Shaw’s Wharf in New Harbor, said McLain. "There are more boats there than anywhere," she said. Ward says nothing definite has been decided about the cable. Its thickness will be determined by what is state-of-the-art in 2017 when the turbines are launched, and the route will be determined not only by the most cost-effective, direct line to the substation, but by considerations of challenges presented by underwater terrain as well as ﬁ shing gear, said Ward.

"Engineers are looking at the bottom and the cable. They know there's canyons, for instance," explained Paul Anderson, director of the Maine Sea Grant program, who conducted several meetings about the project with ﬁ shermen this winter. "The proposed plan...is to place rock around the spots where it wouldn't lie flat and to bury some of it in the mud. The most obvious concern is mobile gear. There's an important shrimp fishery in Penobscot Bay. We want to ﬁ gure out how we can stay away from the more productive shrimp areas."

Those involved in the Aqua Ventus project hope it will lead to a bigger commercial wind farm further offshore that ultimately reduces the cost for electricity. Ward said the ﬁ nal location of a large farm 10 to 20 miles offshore would be determined after a study of shipping channels, ﬁ shing areas and whale habitat, among other considerations. Key reasons for developing offshore wind for Maine, said Ward, include producing energy and local jobs, getting energy to the market at competitive prices and not harming the environment.

Murdock continues to have serious concerns about what will be happening off the coast of Maine in future years. "We (Monhegan lobstermen) were left out of the loop," he said. "Other lobstermen should get a good jump on it now because in the next ten years the plan is to have 80 turbines in 64 square miles in prime lobster area in federal waters of the Gulf of Maine."

For more information:
Bristol Matters https://sites.google.com/site/bristolmatters2014/
The Advanced Structures and Composites Center - University of Maine http://composites.umaine.edu
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LOBSTER PROCESSOR EXPANDS CAPACITY

Maine Fair Trade Lobster, the lobster processor that last year took over operations at the former Stinson Seafood and Live Lobster plant in the local village of Prospect Harbor, is expanding its processing capacity. It closed the plant in January in order to do work within the storage and distribution portion of the facility. Maine Fair Trade Lobster said the project is expected to increase capacity at the plant by 50 percent. The Prospect Harbor plant employed more than 130 people and processed more than 4 million pounds of lobster during its first year of operation last year. The company is a joint operation between Connecticut-based Garbo Lobster and East Coast Seafood of Topshiff, Mass.

GAP BETWEEN U.S., CANADA LOBSTER LANDINGS LESSENING

Canadian and American lobstermen have seen rising landings on both sides of the border in recent years. A new report by the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans details this increase and the rate at which U.S. landings have grown relative to Canada’s. Back in 2003, Canada landed 49,837 metric tons of lobsters and the U.S. landed 32,515 tons for a combined catch of 82,352 metric tons. However, by 2012, Canada landed 71,528 metric tons with the U.S. close behind at 67,829 for a record high total of 139,357 metric tons. Based on a 10-year average, 56 percent of total lobster landings come from Canada and 44 percent from the United States. The report noted, however, that the U.S. has been gaining rapidly. By 2012, the percentage had changed to 51 percent of total landings coming from Canada and 49 percent from the U.S.

The background document noted that Nova Scotia accounted for 76 percent of the value of all Canadian live lobster exports in 2012. In terms of value, 81 percent of Canadian lobster exports were shipped in 2012 to the United States, followed by 8 percent to Europe (primarily Belgium, France and Germany), 4 percent to China and 3 percent to Japan.

MARINE PATROL OFFICERS PROMOTED

The Maine Marine Patrol has recently announced the promotion of Matthew Talbot, a 12-year veteran of the bureau, and Tom Hale, a 16-year veteran, each to the rank of Sergeant. Talbot has taken over the position previously held by Lieutenant Marlowe Sonksen and is serving out of Rockland. Hale fills the York County post previously held by Sergeant Rob Beal and is based out of Scarborough.

Sergeant Hale has served as a Marine Patrol Officer since 1997. The majority of his career has been spent in the Portland and western Casco Bay patrol. His new responsibilities as Sergeant include overseeing the five Marine Patrol Officers and Specialists as well as all Marine Patrol assets in Section L, which stretches from Kittery to Portland. Sergeant Hale holds a U.S. Coast Guard Captain license for 50-ton vessels.

Sergeant Talbot began his career as an Officer in the Marine Patrol in 2001 and was promoted to Specialist in 2007. As Sergeant, his responsibilities include overseeing Marine Patrol Officers and assets in Section IV, which extends from Thomaston to the Penobscot River. Sergeant Talbot holds a U.S. Coast Guard Captain license for 100 ton vessels and a Mate license for 200 ton vessels.

VOICES OF THE SEA AT TWO LOCATIONS IN MARCH

Voices of the Sea will hold performances on Friday, March 14, in Bath and on Saturday, March 15, in Portland. Both events begin at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30. Voices of the Sea is a performance event coordinated by Maine Maritime Museum that showcases the talents of Maine poets and musicians whose principal livelihoods are tied to the sea.

“Following the two previous year’s performances feedback from both attendees and performers was extremely positive,” says Jason Morin, the museum’s director of public programs. “A recurring comment we heard was that the event should be expanded to reach a broader audience in more locations. That’s our goal this year and in years to come.”

NEW DIRECTOR AT AQUACULTURE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Paul Anderson, director of Maine Sea Grant, has been appointed the new director of the Aquaculture Research Institute (ARI) at the University of Maine. ARI is a statewide resource for research, faculty expertise and facilities dedicated to informing the development of sustainable aquaculture. Anderson has directed the Maine Sea Grant since 2001, and will continue in that capacity. During his two-year appointment as ARI director, which began December 1, 2013, Anderson will oversee a strategic planning effort and an external review of the institute, and will work to align the faculty, students and facilities that are involved in aquaculture-related research towards common goals. “This is an important time in the evolution of aquaculture in the world and strong science is needed to help ensure that aquaculture is integrated in the working waterfront and into the food systems in an ecologically sustainable manner,” Anderson said. UMaine has aquaculture research facilities in Franklin, at the Darling Marine Center in Walpole, and in Orono.

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Paul Anderson began a two-year term in December as director of Maine’s Aquaculture Research Institute. Photo courtesy of Maine Sea Grant.
February 3
Questions and Answers about the Affordable Care Act, 6 - 8 p.m., Massabesic Adult Education, Waterboro

February 4
MLA Directors Meeting, noon, Darby’s Restaurant, Belfast. FMI: 967-4555.

February 4-6
ASSMF winter meeting, Alexandria, VA.

Feb. 5-7
Scientific Review Group for Marine Mammals, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, MA.

February 6
Public hearing on LD 1678, An Act to Protect Maine’s Lobster Fishery, 1 p.m. Room 214 .Cross Office Building, Augusta.

Health Insurance Marketplace Application Support, 6:30-8 p.m., Gardiner Adult Education Center.

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February 14-15

February 27-March 1
Maine Fishermen’s Forum, Rockport, ME.

Health Insurance enrollment workshops, 9 a.m. –5 p.m., Samoset Resort, Rockport.

February 28
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Seafood Expo North America (formerly Boston Seafood Show), Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Maine Lobster Pavilion at Booth #2033.

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U.S./Canadian Lobster Town Meeting, the Regency Hotel, Portland, ME. FMI: 581-1443.

March 26-27
Lobster Value Recover Summit, Halifax, NS.

March 31
Open enrollment for Health Insurance Marketplace ends.

NEXT MLMC MEETING ON FEB. 7
The next meeting of the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative Board of Directors will be on February 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rockland Ferry Terminal in Rockland. The MLMC was established in 2013, replacing the Maine Lobster Promotion Council. The Collaborative is funded by Maine lobster harvesters, dealers and processors to provide for the effective marketing and promotion of Maine lobster. For more details or directions please contact the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative via email at info@lobsterfrommaine.com or telephone: 207.241.9310.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TERMINATE MAINE LOBSTERMEN’S ASSOCIATION FINAL JUDGMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Maine Lobstermen’s Association, Inc. (“MLA”), as successor in interest to one of the original defendants in the Final Judgment entered in United States v. Maine Lobstermen’s Association and Leslie Dyer, Antitrust & Trade Reg. Rep. (BNA) ¶ 69,114; at 74,373 (Aug. 5, 1958), (the “Final Judgment”), intends to petition the United States District Court for the District of Maine to enter an Order terminating the Final Judgment. The MLA still would be subject to all outreach aimed at sustaining the Maine lobster fishery. The MLA still would be subject to all fishery management measures and educational programs to enhance the Maine lobster fishery. The MLA still would be subject to the terms of the conspiracy charged, to induce and compel all Maine lobstermen to adhere to the terms of the conspiracy charged, in violation of the Section 1 of the Sherman Act. After an indictment was returned but before a trial on the merits, the United States District Court for the District of Maine entered the Final Judgment which permanently enjoined the Maine Lobstermen’s Association or any of its members from entering into or adhering to any agreement or understanding to fix or maintain the price for sale of live Maine lobsters, or to reduce, curtail or limit the catch of live Maine lobsters. If the Final Judgment is terminated, the MLA would not be precluded from participating in ongoing fisheries management measures and educational outreach aimed at sustaining the Maine lobster fishery. The MLA still would be subject to all applicable antitrust laws.

Before determining whether it should join a motion to terminate the Final Judgment, the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice invites interested persons to provide the Division with any information or comments relevant to the proposed termination. Interested persons may submit information or comments to William Stallings, Chief, Transportation, Energy & Agriculture Section, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Suite 8000, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

MLA 60TH ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, February 28, 2014
9:00am to 10:15am at the Samoset Resort

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF MAINE LOBSTERMEN’S ASSOCIATION, INC.
Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of the Maine Lobstermen’s Association, Inc. will be held at the Samoset Resort, Rockport, Maine on February 28, 2014 at 9:00 in the morning.

Dated at Damariscotta, Maine this 31st day of December 2013.

MAINE LOBSTERMEN’S ASSOCIATION, INC.

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NOMINATIONS
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Sherm: Yeah, yeah, he was out fishin’ this mornin’.
David: When did you start fishing?
Sherm: Oh, when I was about ten years old, I guess. With a little outboard and about ten traps. I just fooled around with ‘em in spring.
David: What do you like about lobster fishing?
Sherm: Nothing.
David: Nothing at all? (The two men laugh) What do you do it for?
Sherm: Just to make a living, I guess. Oh yeah, well, if you live on the water, I guess you get attached to it, like anything else. I wouldn’t be comfortable doing anything else.
David: Do you go by yourself, or do you have a man go out with you?
Sherm: No, I go by myself. My cousin goes with me just for the fun of it, sometimes, but I go by myself most of the time.

David: What style of traps do you fish usually?
Sherm: Round ones.
David: I know there’s a pretty good mixture of round and square traps.
Sherm: Yeah. I got some of those wire ones too.
David: How do those fish?
Sherm: They fish pretty good. They’re light and easy to handle.
David: Easy to haul?
Sherm: Yeah. Get banged up pretty easy though.

David: Why do you think it is that people think fishermen are so independent that they can’t get together on anything for the good of the fishery?
Sherm: Oh boy, I don’t know, it’s a really difficult thing to answer. I don’t know, they’re doing quite a lot now with these co-operatives, in Boothbay and New Harbor and Port Clyde and Stonington. They form these co-ops and they’re makin’ a lot of progress. I think it’s benefiting everyone. There’s just a few old stragglers, you know, that won’t go along with it, but, you find that anywhere.

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Sherm Stanley Jr. of Monhegan. Photo courtesy of fromthebowseat.org.

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