



2023 U.S. – Canada Lobster Town Meeting
February 3 – 4, Portland, Maine

The US-Canadian lobster fishery and the North Atlantic right whale

Friday, February 3, 2023

8:00 Breakfast and registration

9:00 **Welcome**

- Rick Wahle, Director, The Lobster Institute, University of Maine
- Frederic Rondeau, Director, UMaine Canadian-American Center
- Rodger Cuzner, Consul General of Canada in Boston

9:20 **Ground Rules**

- Moderator, Paul Anderson, C2C Consulting

9:30 **Session I - Status of Regulations and New Funding**

Canadian Panelists:

- Brett Gilchrist, Director, National Programs Fisheries and Harbor Management, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Melanie Giffin, Marine Biologist/Program Planner, Prince Edward Island Fishermen's Assn

U.S. Panelists:

- Patrice McCarron, Ex. Director, Maine Lobstermen's Assn
- Molly Ryan, Senator Collins Office

10:30 Break

10:45 **Session I (cont.)- Questions**

12:00 LUNCH

1:00 **Session II - Market Impacts**

U.S. Panelists:

- Marianne LaCroix, Executive Director, Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative
- Curt Brown, Marine Biologist, Ready Seafood
- Christina Ferranti-Clift, Director of Marketing East Coast Seafood Group

Canada Panelists:

- Geoff Irvine, Executive Director, The Lobster Council of Canada
- Owen Kenney, Vice President of Sales, Champlain Seafood
- Adam Morris, General Manager, Lobster Division, Clearwater Seafoods

2:30 Break

2:45 **Session III - Shifting Distributions in a Changing Climate**

U.S. Panelists:

- Nick Record, Senior Research Scientist, Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences
- Andrew Goode, Postdoctoral Fellow, UMaine, School of Marine Sciences

Canadian Panelists:

- Moira Brown, Senior Scientist at the Canadian Whale Institute
- Lydia White, Ph.D. Candidate, University of New Brunswick

4:15 Wrap-Up **Day 1**

- Charlie McGeoghegan, Board Chair, Lobster Fishers of PEI Marketing Board

4:30-6:30 **Seafood Reception & Poster Presentations**

Saturday, February 4, 2023

8:00 Breakfast

8:30 **Welcome back**

8:40 **National Sea Grant American Lobster Initiative - Update** - Amalia Harrington

8:45 **Session IV - Future Technology and Innovations**

U.S. Panelists:

- Kristan Porter - F/V Whitney Ashley, President, MLA, board of directors
- Noah Oppenheim - Homarus Strategies
- Jeremy Willey, F/V Leviathan, Owls Head, ME

Canadian Panelists:

- Pierre Dupuis – Maritime Fishermen’s Union
- Kenneth LeClair – Prince Edward Island Fishermen’s Association
- Bernie Berry - Coldwater Lobster Association

Shared examples of technology in use followed by Q & A

10:15 Break

10:30 Q & A

11:00 **Action and Wrap up**

11:30 **Adjourn**

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