



2025 U.S. – Canada Lobster Town Meeting January 29-30, Bar Harbor, ME

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

2 - 5:00 Arrival and Registration
6:00 Banquet Dinner

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

7:30 Breakfast and registration
8:30 Welcome
8:40 Ground rule setting- Moderator, Carla Guenther
9:00 Session I - Sector updates

Brief reports from:

- Patrice McCarron, Maine Lobstermen's Association
- Dustin Delano, New England Fishermen's Stewardship Alliance
- Jack Merrill, F/V Bottom Dollar, Islesford
- Ginny Olsen, Maine 207
- Hank Soule, American Offshore Lobstermen's Association
- Mel Giffin, Prince Edward Island Fishermen's Association
- Luc LeBlanc, Maritime Fishermen's Union
- Owen Kenney, Downeast/Champlain Seafood
- Kris Vascotto, Nova Scotia Seafood Alliance
- Hugh Reynolds, Greenhead Lobster
- Mark Ring, Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association delegate Gloucester
- Mike Rego, F/V Miss Lilly, Provincetown
- Bernie Barry, Cold Water Lobster Association

10:30 Session II- Ecosystem change - What is going on in the ocean?

Panelists:

- Tom Shyka - NERACOOS
- Nick Record, Bigelow Laboratory
- Mel Giffin, PEIFA
- Glen Gawarkiewicz, WHOI

Noon Lunch

1:00 Session III - Types of data collected in both countries from government Agencies and fishery organizations

Panelists:

- Natalie Asselin, DFO Science, Gulf Region
- Mel Giffin, PEIFA
- Kathleen Reardon, Maine Dept. of Marine Resources
- Tracy Pugh, Massachusetts Dept. of Marine Fisheries

2:30 Break

2:45 Session IV - Comparing the assessment and management approaches in Canada and the U.S.

Panelists:

- Verna Doherty, DFO Policy Maritime Region
- Tracy Pugh, MA DMF
- Toni Kerns, ASMFC
- Pat Keliher, ME DMR
- Dan McKiernan, MA DMF
- Bernie Barry, Coldwater Lobster Assc.

4:45 Closing remarks Day 1

5:00 Social Hour - Hors d'oeuvres and drinks

6:00 Banquet Dinner

Thursday, January 30, 2025

7:30 Breakfast

8:30 Recap Day One - Moderator, Carla Guenther

9:00 Session V - Trade issues: short and long-term

Panelists:

- Spiros Tourkakis, East Coast Seafood
- Geoff Irvine, The Lobster Council of Canada
- Kris Vascotta, Nova Scotia Seafood Alliance
- Nat Richard, Lobster Processors Association
- Owen Kenney, Downeast/Champlain Seafood
- Curt Brown, Ready Seafood
- Hugh Reynolds, Greenhead Lobster

10 a.m. Morning Break

10:15 Session V cont.

Noon - Final words and Departure