

American Lobster and Jonah Crab TC Task List

Activity level: High

Committee Overlap Score: Low

Committee Task List

Lobster TC

- Conduct analysis to evaluate results of changes to the lobster minimum and maximum gauge size for Addendum XXVII (aiming to be completed in 2018)
- 2020 Benchmark Stock Assessment
 - Data Workshop scheduled for May 14-17
- Annual state compliance reports are due August 1

Jonah Crab TC

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Jonah Crab: None



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RE: LCMA 4 Latent effort proposals/Lobster Board

Dear Megan-

Belford Seafood Co-op would like to bring to your attention that we are opposed of any lobster pot licenses being taken away. I'm sure you are aware of the many hardships fishermen are facing when regulation after regulation shuts down and limits the ability to thrive and continue to live a prosperous lifestyle for our families.

How are we to pass the torch to the next generation knowing that this career choice may become obsolete with its ongoing regulation and license take backs.

With this being said we have generations of fishermen holding onto their lobster pot licenses for area 4 because we been told "Leave the small lobsters alone and in time there will be plenty of lobsters" Well that has not happened as of late.

Fishing is our livelihood, we have no 401k no pension plan, what we have is our Boats and our licenses they go together- you take away the license the boat becomes worthless.

In closing my question to you is- Is anyone really listening to Today's fishermen?

We appreciate your time and are hoping for a response back Thank you.

Sincerely-

*Home of the
"Pirate's Cove Restaurant"*