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Memo

To: Zone A Lobster Zone Council Members

From: Sarah Cotnoir

Date: January 5, 2020

Re: Zone A Lobster Zone Council Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the Zone A Lobster Zone Council will be on**: Tuesday, January 14, 2020** **at 5:00 p.m. at the Washington Academy – Library, East Machias.**

The primary agenda items for this round of lobster zone council meetings is to discuss Maine’s Whale Proposal and to vote on the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative (MLMC) Board nominations.

This past summer we asked the Lobster Zone Council members to provide nominees for the MLMC Board Harvester seats.  We are asking the Council members to provide those names at the January 14th Zone A Meeting for discussion.  The law states that each lobster zone council shall submit up to three harvester seat nominees from its zone for consideration.  As a reminder, a harvester nominee does not need to be a harvester but should represent the interests of the lobster management zones.  There are four appointed harvester representatives on the MLMC Board.

The hope is that the Lobster Zone Council members will be able to make Harvester seat recommendations at the January/February round of lobster zone council meetings.

Please see the draft agenda below and enclosed meeting notice for district representatives to distribute or post.

**Council Members - please notify Sarah Cotnoir (624-6596) by Friday, January 10, 2020 whether you will be available to attend the meeting.**

**LOBSTER ZONE A COUNCIL**

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introduction of New Members
2. Election of Officers
3. New Business - Maine’s Whale Proposal

* Zone Specific Concerns

- Vote on Recommendations for the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative Board – Harvester Seat Nominations

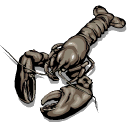
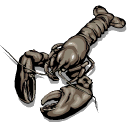
- Sign Bylaws

1. Reports & Updates - Lobster Advisory Council Update
   * New Gear Marking Requirements for Vertical Lines
   * Marine Patrol Update
   * District Representatives

5. Old Business

6. Open Discussion

7. Next Meeting Date Set

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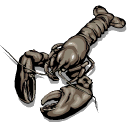
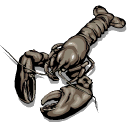
**Lobster Zone Council Meeting**

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Washington Academy – Library

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