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Perspectives of the NGO Community
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GULF OF MAINE LOBSTER FOUNDATION



- Non-profit research organization
- Founded in 2000
- Dedicated to long-term collaboration with the lobster industry
- Geographic Focus on the Gulf of Maine
- Representation from commercial fishermen from Maine, Mass and NH
- Funding from Federal and State agencies as well as private foundations
- Partnerships with several industry associations and other lead science organizations



Overview of GOMLF

- ☛ Collaborative research projects
 - Bottom Line Project: Groundline Exchange Program
 - Ventless Trap Survey: juvenile lobster monitoring in 4 New England states
 - eMOLT: Environmental Monitors on Lobster Traps
 - Effect of Bottom Currents in Eastern Maine
 - Oceanographic studies using surface drifters
 - Sea Sampling program through Maine Dept. Marine Resources
 - Lobster Conference series with state managers, lobster biologists and industry representatives
- ☛ 2 direct staff; project manager & executive director
- ☛ 4-6 field staff

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Marine Renewable Energy Top Four Priorities

- Impact of wind farms on fishing grounds and harvesters' livelihoods
- Effects of noise/vibration on migration of lobsters, Alewife and other species
- Possible short-term or long-term impacts of cable emissions
- Availability of environmental data