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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