



Online Meeting
December 17, 2020
4-5:30 PM

Thank you for showing up



The **greatness of a community** is most accurately measured by the **compassionate actions** of its members.

—— Coretta Scott King ——

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Purpose of the Working Group

Collaboratively address pressing issues facing the shellfish community, sharing expertise and best practices for management, conservation, research, and monitoring across towns and stakeholders in Casco Bay.

Agenda

- Meeting logistics
- WG accomplishments 19/20
- Town sharing
- Group discussion
 - Planning for 2021
- Announcements
- Next steps
- Adjourn by 5:30



Meeting logistics - Zoom

- Everyone is muted, and we will unmute individuals during the town sharing and Q &A session.
- If you have a question or comment:
 - On your computer/app, please use the chat box (hover over the bottom of the window and click the 'chat' icon, which will open a side panel). We will either read your question or unmute your line.
 - Or you can open up the 'participant panel' and raise your hand.
 - Speaker view – default
 - This meeting is recorded

Working Group

Accomplishments – 2019/2020

- Four Steering Committee meetings
- Three Working Group meetings
 - 77 attendees
 - 7.5 conservation hrs offered
- Communications:
 - Launched webpage
 - Newsletters



Working Group

Accomplishments – 2019/2020

1. Guidance documents on management and conservation
 - A. Multispecies shellfish management
 - B. Quahog restoration guidance document
 - C. Milky ribbon worm mitigation literature review
2. Outreach resources to inform town council/board of selectmen
3. Started needs assessment for the Casco Bay Community Shellfish Database project

Town Sharing

- What is the current focus of your committee?
- What are the obstacles to addressing the shellfish community's needs?
- What is one *shared* topic or issue you would like the WG to consider focusing on in 2021 that meet the criteria?

Group Discussion

1. What are potential regional projects for 2021?
2. What speakers, training topics or field demos would you like to include?
3. What shared equipment would your town like to utilize?

Announcements

- Funding available- Maine Shellfish Restoration and Resilience Fund (Due January 19th):
 - <https://umaine.edu/shellfish-restoration/>
- Maine Climate Council – adopted the draft Maine Climate Action Plan in November + delivered the final plan to the Governor and legislature on December 1.
 - <https://www.maine.gov/future/initiatives/climate/climate-council/reports>
- University of Maine – themudflat.org

Next Steps

- Presentations to town council/board of selectmen
- Shellfish database needs assessment survey
- We will prepare and distribute a meeting summary and post the webinar online
- Next meeting is TBA

THANK YOU!