

MLA ANNUAL WEEKEND SEMINAR SCHEDULE – 2012

Please note: Room locations for the seminars
Will be posted at the event

FRIDAY SEMINARS – JANUARY 20th

9:30 AM

THE COMMONWEALTH QUALITY PROGRAM

Commonwealth Quality, a brand designed by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, serves to identify locally sourced products that are grown, harvested and processed right here in Massachusetts using practices that are safe, sustainable and don't harm the environment.

This seminar will be conducted by Michael Botelho, its requirements and how you can sign up. Mike Botelho is from the Mass. Dept. of Agricultural Resources.



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The New Fishing Partnership, Offering No Cost Benefits to Fishermen

Introducing the FP Employee Assistance Program (EAP) which makes benefits & services available to fishermen and their families that are normally offered to employees of billion-dollar corporations. MLA is offering its members enrollment in these cost free Fishing Partnership benefits. Attend this seminar to learn about the new EAP and the unlimited resources it has to offer along with other things the FP is working on for you. Presenters will be David Bergeron of the Fishing Partnership and Susan Goldstein of ESI Employee Assistance Group.

1:00 PM

WHALES, WHALES, WHALES!

What are the latest issues and what does it mean for you. Discussions will be on what took the place at the Whale Take Reduction Team meeting. What are we to expect. The participants on this seminar will include DMF's Deputy Director, Dan McKiernan, and DMF's Erin Burke.

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2:30 PM

THE LOBSTER FOUNDATION OF MASSACHUSETTS

Please join me for a 30 minute workshop during the MLA annual weekend, I will:

- Update MLA members and guests on the status of the Lobster Foundation of Massachusetts
- Discuss the status of existing research projects and our plan for further development
- Outline the first educational programs & new research initiatives on our docket
- Discuss our fundraising initiatives for 2011
- Address your questions about the Lobster Foundation of Massachusetts

The seminar will be conducted by Linda Rutherford-Grindle Executive Director of the LFoM

3:15 PM

AUTOTETHER

We all have ideas of things we would like to invent. The story of why and how AUTOTETHER came about is interesting, a combination of engineering, determination and innovation. All of it very relative to the risks a Lobsterman faces every time they go out on the water.



SATURDAY SEMINARS- JANUARY 21st

9:30 A.M.

BOAT OPERATION AND BOAT INSURANCE

What are the rules of the road that you probably violate everyday and could affect you in the event of a claim by a second party, big and little things that happen everyday and could be eliminated with a little effort and cost. How about some general safety tips. This seminar will be conducted by MLA Fishermen Services Claims Adjuster, Laddie Dexter.

10:45 – Bass River Alcove

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Come and see and taste what Master Chef Doug Casavant will create for you this year. Chef Casavant has been creating dishes that please for many years. This year he will create a seafood dish that is sure to please the taste buds. You can't miss this so get there early and get ready to be dazzled.

11:00 AM

IT'S ALL ABOUT BAIT

At a time when supplies are tight and prices are rising – it's time to talk about bait. How much is enough: are you over-baiting your traps? What about "imported" bait: what's safe and what's not? Join Dr. Bob Bayer of the Lobster Institute to talk about recent studies on these issues and to share your thoughts and concern about bait.

12:00 – 12:45 - Grand Foyer

SILENT AUCTION

This was held last year and was a great success. Don't miss your chance to bid on some great items to help the scholarship fund.

The silent auction will be held in the foyer (same location as last year) and there will only be 3/4 hour to get your bids in!!!

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1:00 PM

LOBSTER MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT

How about the Southern New England lobster issues? What now? What about other lobster issues elsewhere-anything cooking? How about enforcement in Area 1 – what is a V notch. This seminar will be conducted by DMF’s Deputy Director Dan McKiernan, with input from the office Law Enforcement.

2:00 PM – Barnstable III

BINGO

Bingo has always been a great time! Come by and have some fun and laughs with friends. Who knows, you just might get the chance to yell “B-I-N-G-O”! Space is limited so make sure you get there early enough to have a seat. 1, 2, 3, gets you BINGO on!!!!

2:30 PM

Creating Habitat for Lobsters

Research has shown that approximately 15% of lobsters have no home shelter and are therefore constantly ranging in search of protected habitat, exposing them to predators and disrupting vital life cycle behavior. New ways are emerging to provide this much needed shelter. Learn about the dual-purpose Habitat Mooring System as well as DFO’s artificial reef project and other techniques to create habitat. Chris Roy from the University of Maine and Dr. Bob Bayer from the Lobster Institute will present this seminar.