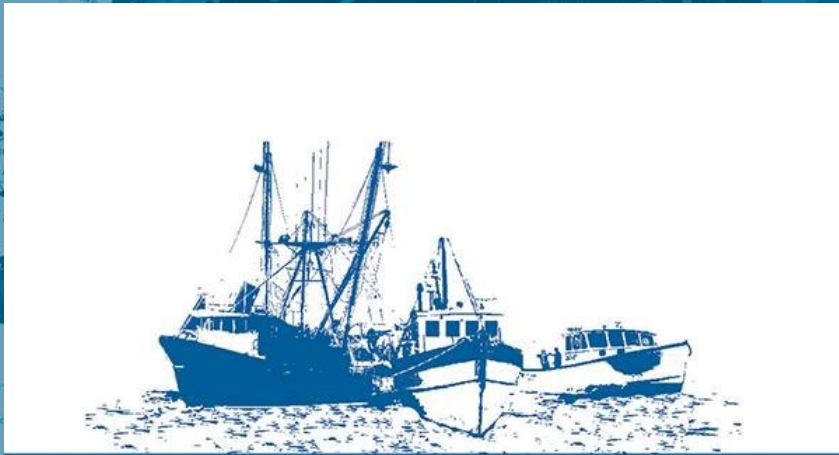


Marine Resource Education Program (MREP)

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Bridging the gap between fishermen, scientists & managers since 2001



**Marine Resource
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New England Fishery Management
Council Meeting

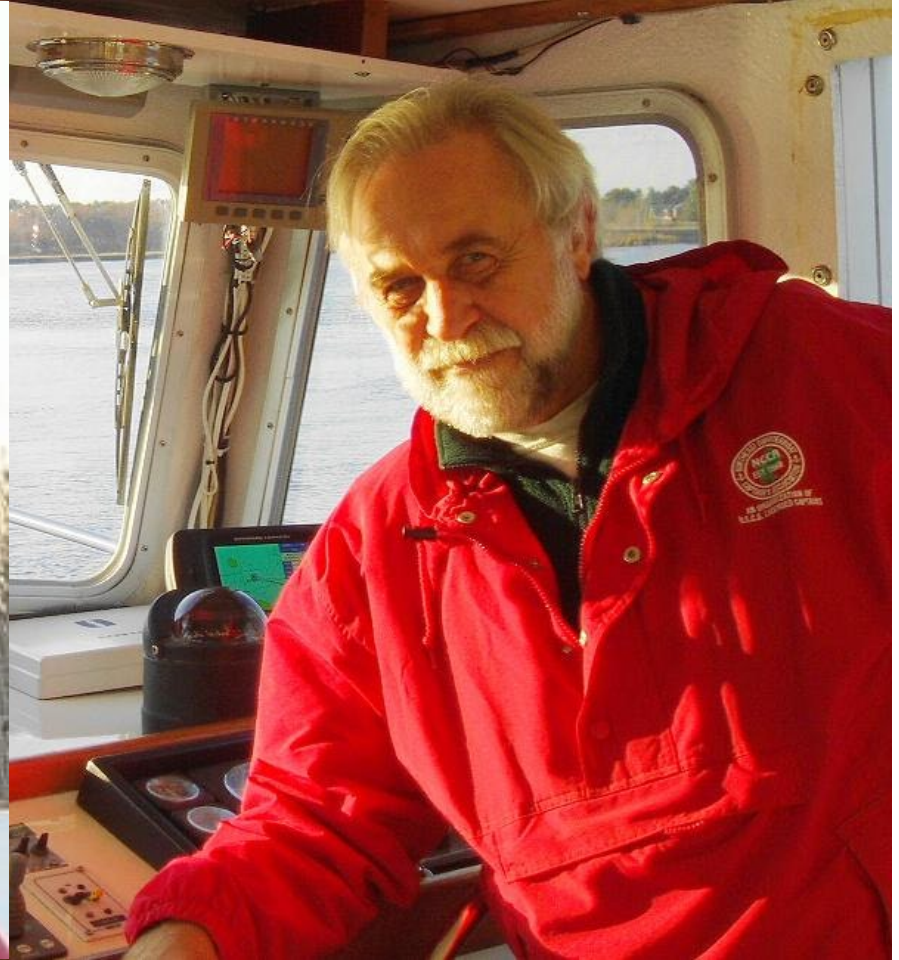
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Science. Education. Community.

In 2001, Two fishermen in New England came together...



Mary Beth Tooley, future Council member &
John Williamson, Council member at the time

From Industry Members who attended MREP



Facilitated and Managed by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, since 2003, in partnership with regional fishermen



Value of MREP to Fishermen

- Council empowerment
- Networking
- Leadership development



So what is MREP?

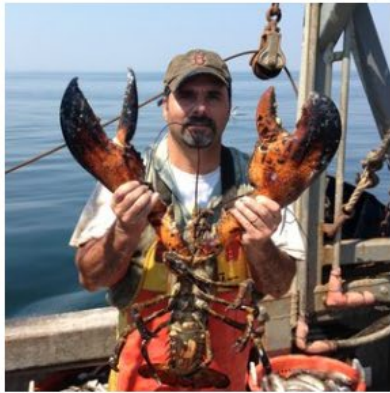
“A program by fishermen for fishermen”

- By fishermen, for fishermen
- Collaborative development
- Education first
- Neutral



**Marine Resource
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Steering Committees ensures that MREP remains “By Fishermen”



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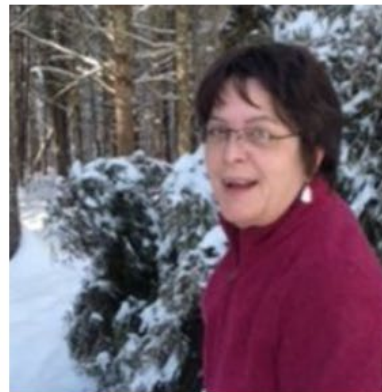
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The curricula is designed specifically **for fishermen**

- Federal water fishermen, and some associated industry
- All gear types, sectors, vessel sizes, and geographies
- ***Leaders and future leaders who want to make a difference***

“All fishermen who give a damn ought to take this seminar.”

– MREP participant

MREP is first and foremost about Education

A **neutral 2-part educational** workshop series

- **Fishery Science Workshop (3 days):**
Science concepts and processes essential to fishery management
- **Fishery Management Workshop (3 days):**
How to effectively engage in fisheries management; the process & people, tips & tools

Knowledge, tools, and connections

So **you** can effectively play a role in federal-water fisheries science and management processes

Fisheries Science Workshop

(typically January)

Topics Include:

- Fisheries independent & dependent data collection
- Cooperative research
- How a stock assessment works
- Economics
- Oceanography & ecosystem based management
- Hands-on activities and site visits



Fisheries Management Workshop

(typically March)

Topics Include:

- Magnuson Stevens Overview & federal laws
- Council Process
- Bridging Science and Management
- Negotiation tips
- Hands on activity (mock council process)
- Role of Law Enforcement



MREP Greater Atlantic Workshops

- Held once per year
- **Free** for participants to attend (we pay for travel, hotel costs, and food during the workshop)
- **Next series: Winter 2024**

We accept rolling applications.

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Thank You



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What do participants have to say about the program...