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MarineFisheries Advisory

DMF to Host Offshore Lobster Team Meeting

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries will host a meeting of the Area 3 Lobster Conservation Management Team (LCMT) on Friday April 8 at 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the agency's New Bedford office at 1213 Purchase St. (3^{rd} floor).

The Area 3 LCMT is one of seven teams of fishermen that serve to make recommendations to the American Lobster Board of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. The Commission oversees the interstate management plan for American lobster and the U.S fishery is divided into seven geographic zones. Area 3 is the offshore fishery zone that spans from the Canadian border to North Carolina.

The meeting will serve to update the team on the latest stock assessment and allow team members to discuss and recommend conservation and management strategies, particularly for the southern New England and Mid-Atlantic area where population declines have been observed.

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