Alting Collaboratives



OVERVIEW

- 1991, the Maine Lobster Promotion Council was created as the first push by the State to unify marketing efforts to support Maine Lobster
- 2012, an early shed drove prices down drastically, highlighting a greater need for marketing
- 2013, Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative (MLMC) was created, marking the first substantial effort to unify marketing efforts in support of the industry – ultimately driving awareness for its beloved American seafood.

Today, the MLMC brings together the voices of hundreds of local fisherman, dealers and suppliers to create one unified and powerful voice for the industry, to ensure that Maine Lobster is positioned as the best lobster in the world.

LANDINGS AND BOAT PRICE



MAINE LOBSTER VALUE



Maine lobster generated \$485 million at the boat in 2019, plus an estimated \$1 billion contribution to the Maine economy through the dealer network

OUR FUNDING



2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

COMMODITY MARKETING

\$120,000,000									
\$100,000,000									
\$80,000,000									-
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	Popcorn Maine Lobster	Cherries Lamb	Watermelon Cranberries	Mango Honey	Peanuts Alaska Seafood	Beef Alr	nonds Pork	Hass Avocado	Dairy

OUR TEAM

ESTABLISHING NEW LEADERSHIP

Marianne LaCroix, Executive Director
Kara Morrison, Business & Marketing Manager

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HARVESTERS

DEALERS

- Dustin Delano Ben Conniff, Luke's Lobster
- Katie Werner
- Bruce Fernald

Sonny Beal

Annie Tselikis, MLDA

PUBLIC

Brian Langley, Chair Maile Buker, Hannaford

COMMISSIONERS

- Patrick Keliher, DMR
 - Jeff Bennett, DECD Designee

AGENCY PARTNER - WEBER SHANDWICK

- Selected to support the MLMC in 2014
- Competitive agency search resulted in a renewed partnership in 2019

Tom Adams, Maine Coast



The Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative, established in Title 5, section 12004-H, subsection 14 and referred to in this subchapter as the "collaborative," IS CREATED TO PROMOTE AND MARKET ACTIVELY MAINE LOBSTERS IN STATE, REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS. The collaborative shall draw upon the expertise of the Maine lobster industry and established private marketing firms to IDENTIFY MARKET AREAS THAT WILL PROVIDE THE GREATEST RETURN ON THE INVESTMENTS made by lobster license holders and undertake those media or promotional efforts that represent the most cost-effective use of a limited promotional budget

Source: Maine State Constitution. Title 12, part 9, subpart 2, chapter 619, sub-chapter 3-A





- Consumers in U.S. markets are craving an American-made, trap-to-table story
- Majority of influential chefs and media are U.S. based.

CENTRAL MESSAGES

Position Maine Lobster as the best lobster in the world



SWEET

SEASONAL



HOW WE'LL DO THAT



INNOVATE

new ways to get Maine Lobster products into customers hands EDUCATE RETAILERS & WHOLESALERS about our wide range of offerings

Stay the course to **PUSH CONSUMER DEMAND** higher and higher

FIRECELY PROTECT OUR REPUTATION

(and our people) to drown out the naysayers

REMAIN NIMBLE AND (RE)PLAN IN REAL-TIME TO ADDRESS THE EVOLVING AND UNPREDICTABLE LANDSCAPE

MEASURING SUCCESS



STAY TOP-OF-MIND DURING KEY SEASONS

with paid advertising that educates and highlights our range of products

GENERATE A STEADY STREAM OF MEDIA COVERAGE elevating our focus on Maine, sweet, sustainable, seasonal messages

TARGET HIGHLY RELEVANT, QUALIFIED AUDIENCES to deliver sales enabling materials in value-adding formats

DIFFERENTIATE THE PRODUCT AND INSPIRE USAGE via consumer activations and content

DRIVE INCREASES IN VOLUME AND VALUE

via consumer, wholesale and grocery/retail channels

PROPEL PURCHASE INTENT AND HIGH VALUE ACTIONS by growing and engaging our list of qualified contacts

CONSIDERATION

UNDERSTAND MAINE LOBSTER

ACTION CHOOSE MAINE LOBSTER

Thank you