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Sea Grant Announces 2022 American Lobster Research Program Projects



Image of American lobster in a bucket from Tim Briggs | New Hampshire Sea Grant.

Sea Grant announces \$1.2 million in support of the [American Lobster Research Program](#) to continue addressing emergent needs and priorities associated with this important fishery. Sea Grant's fourth year of research funding supports partnerships and collaborative approaches to address technological questions impacting the fishery, pursuant to congressional direction.

Two extramural projects were chosen through a competitive process. Kevin Staples from the Maine Department of Marine Resources will lead the testing and evaluation of various gear modification technologies aboard commercial vessels, thereby producing information on gear system viability, compliance with federal regulations and feasibility of use by fishermen. Erin Pelletier from the Gulf of Maine Lobster Foundation will lead the testing of data imaging tools and various ship-to-shore communication modes for providing lobstermen with real-time information that they can use to inform their fishing activities.

Sea Grant continues to holistically support the American lobster fishery through the [American Lobster Initiative](#), which, in parallel with the research program, executes a [Northeast Regional Lobster Extension Program](#) to provide technical assistance and build bridges among the fishing communities, resource managers and researchers in the region.

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