

Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, March 1, 2025

1:00-2:30 pm

Maine Marine Patrol Office Conference Room

Field Office: Rockland Ferry Terminal

517A Maine Street, Rockland, ME 207-596-2267

Public Meeting – All are welcome

AGENDA

- I. Welcome - Janine Drouin, Chair, CFSC
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting, December 11, 2024
- III. Update from Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner TBA
 - A. The CFSC will have a web presence on the DMR website
 - B. Response to request of Commissioner for Channel 16 education for Advisory and Zone Councils
- IV. Formation of Nominating Committee for CFSC Officers of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Voting at June meeting.
- V. Planning the compilation of Safety Videos and Resources website - Ann
 - A. List of videos and resources
 - B. Process for Updates
- VI. De-brief on Fishermen's Forum Booth and Workshop – Janine and others
- VII. Plans for reaching out to small harbors to include safety education in their 2025 summer festivals - Janine
 - A. List of 2025 Summer Festivals (towns, dates, contact persons)
 - B. Discussion of outreach strategies
 - C. Contact persons for different sections of coast?
- VIII. Update on Wind Energy-recent BOEM meeting (standing agenda item) – Ann

IX. Draft of Best practices guide FYI: [Commercial Fishing Industry Vessels Best Practice Safety Practices Guide.pdf \(uscg.mil\)](#) (April 2024 version, draft)

A. Safety practices to reinforce include.

1. Section II. Lifesaving equipment: recovery equipment, reboarding ladder, PLB
2. Section III. Communication Equipment: PLB, GPS-enabled EPIRB, Mayday placard
3. Section IV. Deck Safety Equipment: Slip-reduction materials, PFD worn, PLB, hazard guards, hard hat when under overhead equipment
4. Section V. Fire Safety: insulation not saturated with oil, proper storage and ventilation of flammables, smoke detectors in regularly manned spaces and in accommodation spaces, CO detectors in accommodation spaces adjacent to engines and exhaust stacks.
5. Section VI: Machinery and Electrical Safety: exhaust systems free of leaks, requirements for wiring, cabling, and hard-wired permanent electrical equipment.
6. Section VII: Material Condition: weathertight/watertight closures, shut-off valves for through-hull fittings, surveys by a qualified marine surveyor at least every three years or as required by insurance underwriter.
7. Section VIII: Flooding Prevention: damage control kit, portable dewatering pump (conditions apply), policy re watertight/weathertight closures – maintenance/integrity, pre-departure check.
8. Section IX: Periodic Testing of Equipment and Systems: alarms, generators, pumps, and detectors.

B. Which of the above safety practices need to be reinforced? What strategies could we use? Commercial Fisheries News? Summer Festival workshops/demonstrations/dockside exams?

X. New Business

XI. Next meetings

A. Working group – Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 7:00-8:00 pm (virtual via Teams) and, May 14, 2025, 7:00-8:00 pm (virtual via Teams)

B. Quarterly meeting, Wednesday, June 18, 2025 (virtual via Teams)

XII. Adjournment

NOTE: Please RSVP to this meeting announcement (abackus@hsph.harvard.edu) so that we know you have been excused from the meeting if you cannot attend.