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Atlantic Lobster Sustainability Foundation:

What Research is Missing ?

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Background

30 Years of worry.....

If we don't protect our resource we have nothing....
absolutely nothing.

But there are two aspects of sustainability :

- Resource Sustainability
- Economic Sustainability

These are the pillars of the entire industry



‘ The Best Managed Fishery ’

Glowing praise to be sure
But is it really ? Or do we give
ourselves too much credit ?

Are we simply the beneficiaries
of the demise of groundfish ?
Or of global warming ?
Or of something completely beyond our control ?

The Solution ::::

We desperately need to embark upon
Third Party Eco Certification
It is a way to resolve these questions
to the satisfaction of the international
Marketplace And ourselves

Target Areas for Research :

1. Fishing Effort

The horsepower of the industry/

Should we limit the catch at certain times ?

Less volume/higher price ?

2. Fishing Patterns

Further and further offshore/

Are we impacting breed stock ?

Is Quality a real concern ?

Who really wants a softshell or weak lobster ?

3. Open Net Pen Fish Farming ...

Compatibility issues ...

Pesticide issues ...

Government policy and subsidy .



Conclusion

We can never ever rest on our laurels

A commodity business has changing variables every day ...
quality, catch, cost, and demand.

Things are always in flux ...

We had better find some mechanisms that can respond
quickly and effectivelysuccess and sustainability of the
entire Industry may depend upon it .