

Dustin W. Delano

Professional Summary

A passionate 4th-generation commercial fisherman and fisheries advocate, Dustin Delano is dedicated to protecting fishing communities and ensuring sustainable marine resources. He champions practical, science-based solutions and policies that preserve America's maritime traditions, ensuring commercial fishermen's voices are heard and their contributions recognized.

Professional Experience

Chief Operating Officer

New England Fishermen's Stewardship Association | South Portland, ME | 2023–Present

Oversees daily operations, employee management, and finances while advocating for New England's commercial fishermen. Engages with media platforms like Fox News and collaborates with leaders to address regulatory challenges.

Key accomplishments:

- Led opposition to offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine, emphasizing environmental impacts on fisheries.
- Authored opinion pieces supporting local fisheries management and critiquing harmful regulations.
- Prevented a detrimental gauge size change for lobsters by advocating against an Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission rule change.

Founder & President

New England Fishermen's Foundation | South Portland, ME | 2023–Present

Founded the organization to support New England's fishing communities, promote sustainable fisheries, and preserve maritime culture. Currently developing a scholarship program for students from fishing families.

Board of Directors

Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative | Portland, ME | 2020–Present

Serves as a Maine Lobster spokesperson, educating culinary professionals and conducting media interviews with outlets like Good Morning Texas, Eating Well Magazine, and BBC. Provides fishermen's insights to shape national marketing strategies and budgets.

Board of Directors

Maine Lobstermen's Association | Kennebunk, ME | 2015–2023

Held officer roles, including Treasurer and Vice President. Played a key role in opposing NOAA's risk reduction plan for North Atlantic Right Whales. Helped secure a court victory in *MLA v. Raimondo*, challenging inaccurate assessments by NMFS.

President

Knotty Lady Lobster Inc. | Friendship, ME | 2002–2022

Led a sustainable lobster harvesting operation, employing multiple fishermen and preserving Maine's fishing heritage through environmentally responsible practices.