



# OVERVIEW

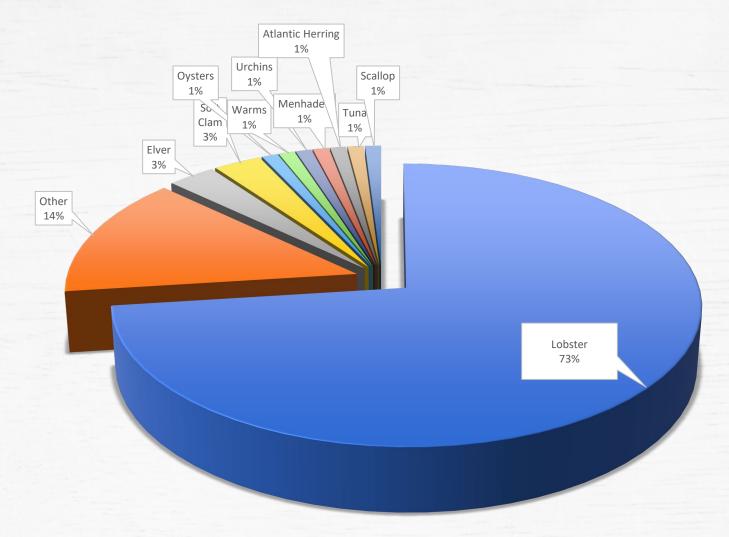
- 1991, the Maine Lobster Promotion Council was created as the first push by the State to unify marketing efforts to support Maine Lobster
- 2012, an early shed drove prices down drastically, highlighting a greater need for marketing
- 2013, Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative (MLMC) was created, marking 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.

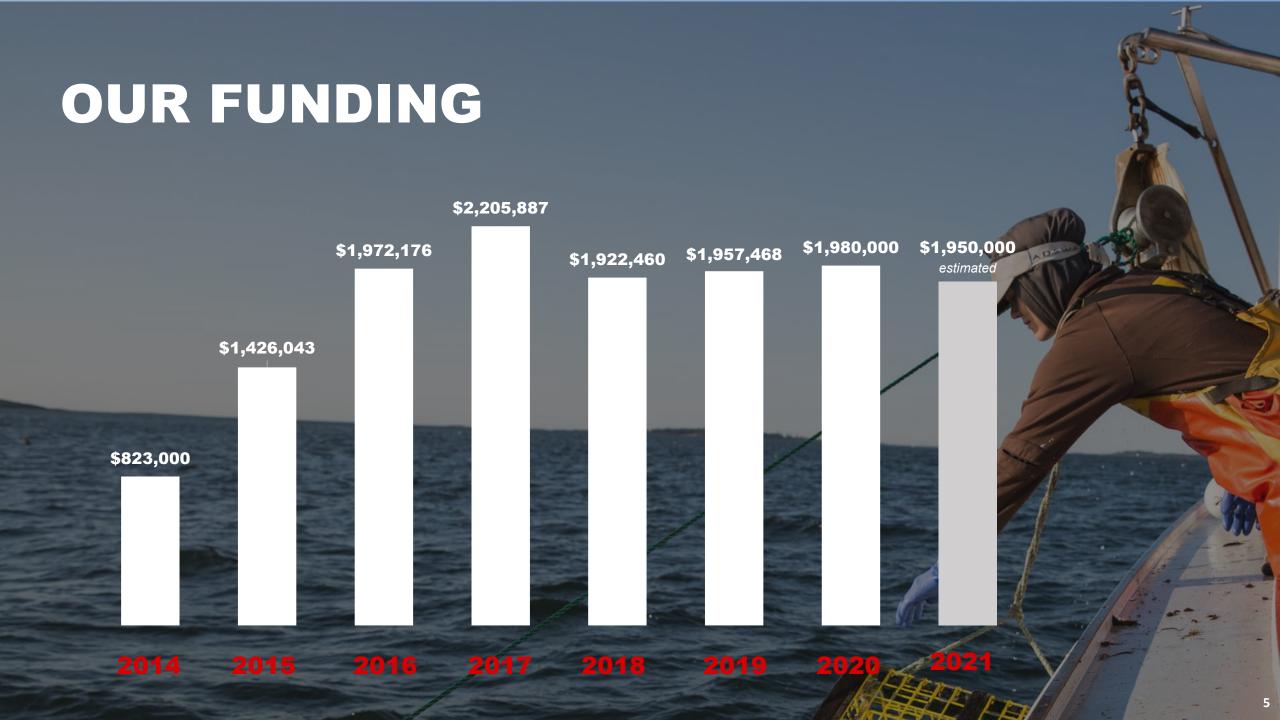
# LANDINGS AND BOAT PRICE



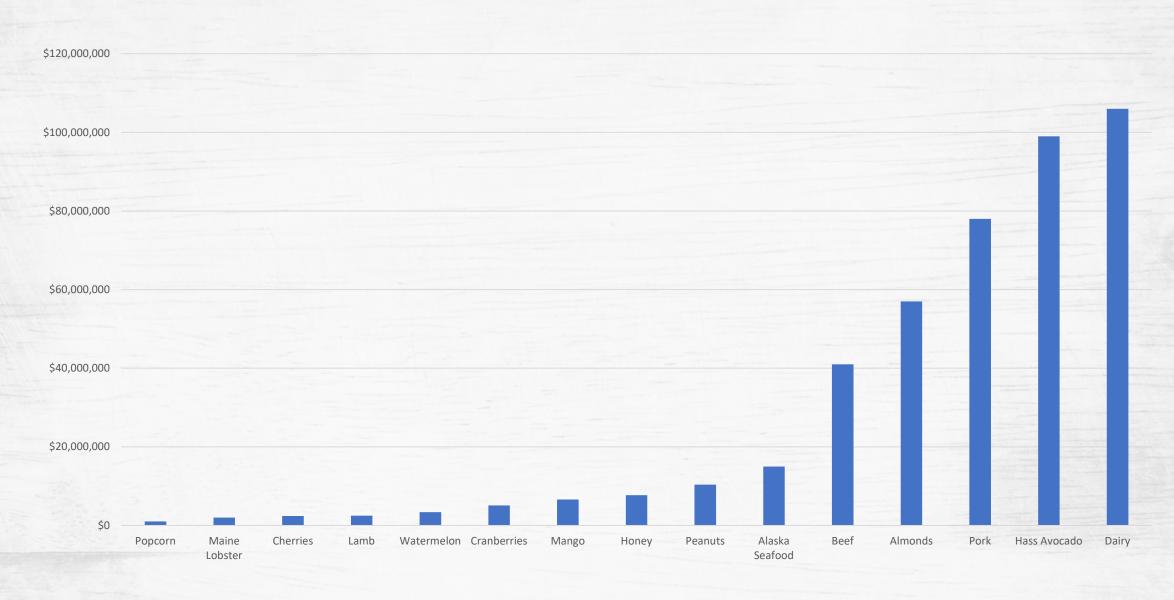
### MAINE LOBSTER VALUE



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



## **COMMODITY MARKETING**



### **OUR TEAM**

### **ESTABLISHING NEW LEADERSHIP**

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

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **HARVESTERS**

- Dustin Delano
- Katie Werner
- Bruce Fernald
- Sonny Beal

### **DEALERS**

- Ben Conniff, Luke's Lobster
- Tom Adams, Maine Coast
- 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



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





- Focus on U.S. markets is a more efficient use of dollars
- 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





3 SEASONAL



# HOW WE'LL DO THAT



**PARTNER** 



**PROMOTE** 



PROTECT

### **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

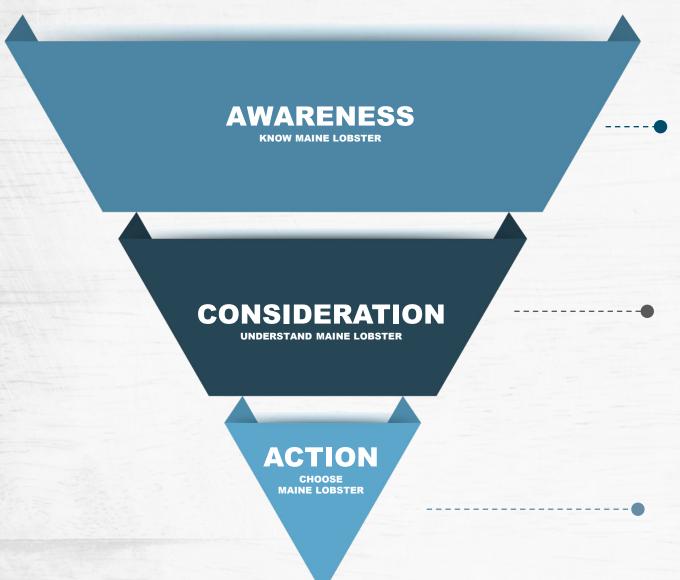
# FIRECELY PROTECT OUR REPUTATION

(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

