



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Under Secretary of Commerce
for Oceans and Atmosphere
Washington, D.C. 20230

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RE: Maine Sea Grant Omnibus Award (NA240ARX417C0036)

After productive conversations with Senator Susan Collins and her staff, the Department of Commerce is committed to engaging in bilateral negotiations to modify the Year 2 award requirements and related funding of the Maine Sea Grant Omnibus Award (NA240ARX417C0036).

Per the determination memorandum dated, February 28, 2025, the “funding is contingent upon the availability of funds from Congress, satisfactory performance, continued relevance to program objectives, and will be at the sole discretion of the Department of Commerce.”

Through these bilateral negotiations, the Department will ensure that the American people, including hardworking Mainers like lobstermen and fishermen, receive the benefit of the bargain consistent with the Administration’s priorities and continued relevance to program objectives.

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