



**MAINE FISHERMEN'S FORUM ANNOUNCES THE RETIREMENT OF CHILLOA YOUNG
AND WELCOMES KATHLEEN GILBERT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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The Board of Directors of the Maine Fishermen's Forum announces the retirement of Chilloa Young after 25 years of service as the coordinator of the Maine Fishermen's Forum.

Chilloa came to the position of coordinator after serving on the Forum's Board of Directors. Her experience with the Forum and her knowledge of and dedication to the well-being of the commercial fishing and aquaculture industries made her a natural for the position.

President Train said, "Chilloa has, with distinction, managed the complicated job of organizing one of the largest fishing industry trade shows in New England, staffing the Board of Directors, and assuring that the annual event runs smoothly. Her organizational skills and dedication to excellence are extraordinary. She will be missed."

The Forum has hired Kathleen Gilbert as the new Executive Director. Kathleen joins the Forum with solid experience in event planning and marketing.

President Train said, "We're fortunate to have Kathleen's strong background in event planning and implementation and we're confident she will guide us through a smooth transition. We encourage everyone attending the 2023 Forum to say a warm goodbye to Chilloa and a warm welcome to Kathleen."

For 47 years the Maine Fishermen's Forum has brought together members of the fishing and aquaculture communities, scientists, fisheries managers, and other stakeholders for constructive dialogue about the importance of maintaining and improving the fishing industry in Maine and New England.

The Maine Fishermen's Forum will hold a live event March 2-4, 2023 after a two-year hiatus due to Covid.