



# Call for Seminar Proposals

## 2024 Maine Fishermen's Forum

February 29 — March 2, 2024 | Samoset Resort | Rockport, Maine

Founded in 1976, the mission of the Maine Fishermen's Forum is to provide opportunities on a continuous basis to educate the public and the fishing industry about fisheries and marine resource issues, and to provide a neutral platform for constructive discussion and decision making.

### YOUR APPLICATION MUST CONTAIN THIS INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Applicant Name, Title, Organization (if applicable)
2. Brief Seminar Topic Summary (250 words suggested) to include:
  - a. How the session addresses issues of current interest to the fishing or aquaculture industry;
  - b. How the seminar will engage the audience; and
  - c. Proposed speakers/panelists and organizations, if known.
3. Preference for which day the seminar is scheduled: Thursday is set as Shellfish-related, Friday or Saturday for other. Please provide information about panelist availability, if limited to one day or the other.

### PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

*We welcome proposals that:*

- Address new or hot issues facing the wild harvest fishing or aquaculture industry
- Promote information sharing among industry, scientists and managers
- Promote audience engagement and interaction
- Bring contrasting perspectives and encourage respectful dialogue among participants
- Strengthen networks and collaboration
- Provide replicable models for success

### PROPOSAL SELECTION CRITERIA AND QUALITY OF INFORMATION PRESENTED

The Forum Board will seek to create an overall seminar schedule which addresses a diversity of both state and federal fisheries, wild caught and aquaculture issues, and reflects participation of a range of organiza-


- Demonstrated interest from and involvement of industry partners in session development and potential to draw a significant audience of industry members
- Degree to which the information is practical in light of the current social, environmental and economic climate
- Association meetings will also be evaluated based on the expected attendance, so please include number of members in an application for an association meeting.

**Please note: Proposals containing commercial or promotional content will not be accepted.**

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND NOTIFICATION DATE


**Proposals must be submitted by December 1, 2023.** Please email proposals to [forum@mainefishermensforum.org](mailto:forum@mainefishermensforum.org)

You will be notified as to the status of your proposal before December 31, 2023, **final session details required by Jan 15.**

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<b>Descriptive Seminar Title</b>	
<b>Lead Proposer Contact Information</b> (name, organization, address, telephone, email, web site)	
Name	
Organization	
Address	
City, ST, ZIP	
Telephone	
Email	
Web site	
<b>Names of Other Potential Seminar Participating Organizations, if any</b>	
<b>Name and Organization/Affiliation of Potential/Expected Panelists</b>	
<b>Host Director (if known):</b>	
<b>Preferred Seminar Day:</b>	Fri: <input type="checkbox"/> Sat: <input type="checkbox"/> No preference: <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Travel support costs, if any, requested</b> (estimated amount & brief description)	
<b>Other Potential Requests/Notes</b> (e.g. A/V equipment, space requirements, etc.)	

Please see page 2 for seminar description

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**Seminar Description, to include:**

- How the session addresses issues of current interest to the fishing or aquaculture industry.
- How the seminar will engage the audience.

Please limit to this page. If the request is for an industry group meeting, please indicate below, along with estimated attendance numbers.