



North Pacific Fishermen

Apply now to the upcoming Marine Resource Education Program (MREP)! A workshop designed by and for fishery users, MREP is an objective education program outside of the regulatory process. It will equip you with tools and knowledge to engage in collaborative federal water fisheries science and management at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

The workshop is free to participants. In addition, through grant funding, MREP pays for your travel to/from the workshop, and your meals and accommodation during travel as well as at the workshop. **Apply by November 1, 2024.**

2025 MREP North Pacific Workshop Series

Federal Fisheries Science & Management Workshop

April 28 - May 2, 2025

Kodiak, AK

Apply and learn more!

Scan the QR code or visit:

mrep.gmri.org/apply



MREP provides fishermen involved in and impacted by federal fisheries an opportunity to gain insight into how fisheries health and potential are assessed, and how that information leads to regulations within the current federal Fishery Management Council system. Participants can expect to learn about:

Fisheries science

- Data collection (dependent & independent)
- Local and traditional knowledge
- Fishermen's science & collaborative research
- Scientific uncertainty and how it is handled
- Survey methodology
- Oceanography
- Stock assessment overview and other scientific understandings of ecosystem/ population health
- Lab tour for hands-on learning

Fisheries management

- Magnuson-Stevens Act and other laws that pertain to Council decision-making
- Council process overview
- Sovereign Tribal relationship with fisheries mgmt
- Federal fisheries management (bodies, how they integrate)
- Robert's Rules (the "language" used at the Council)
- A mock council exercise
- How to get involved - *bringing it all together!*

Each year, MREP brings together a diversity of fishery users including commercial, charter, recreational, and subsistence fishermen with scientists, managers, and other marine resource professionals in the North Pacific fisheries region to learn and network in an objective and casual yet professional setting. Our goal is to bring together a group representing a variety of perspectives across the region. The program managers at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI) will facilitate a collaborative applicant review call with the MREP North Pacific Steering Committee (QR code below to see list) to determine which applicants will be accepted into the 2025 workshop.

Seats are limited, as our funding to pay for all participants' travel, meals, and accommodation is limited. If not accepted this year, we will ask if you wish to be considered for MREP in 2026 (dates not yet set), and we will carry your application forward for next year's applicant review.

Our MREP North Pacific Steering Committee Members:



Regional industry and community leaders involved in shaping this workshop are available to respond to inquiries about the workshop:
mrep.gmri.org/mrep-industryleaders/north-pacific

MREP is managed by a neutral facilitator at GMRI. General questions about the program should be directed to staff member Lauren O'Brien, (207) 228-1684 or lobrien@gmri.org.