



**Key People in Lobster Institute History
The First Twenty Years
1987-2007**

David Aiken, Ph.D. – one of the first researchers from Canada to affiliate with the Lobster Institute. He was a charter member of the Board of Advisors

William Adler – Bill is the second and current chairman of the Lobster Institute Board of Advisors. He is a lobsterman from Green Harbor, Massachusetts and also serves as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association.

W. William Anderson – a lobsterman from Trescott, and one of only three volunteer members of the Lobster Institute Board of Advisors who has served on the Board all twenty years.

Robert C. Bayer, Ph.D. – one of the first University of Maine researchers to work with the Lobster Institute. He became only the second executive director of the Lobster Institute in 1995. He has been involved in lobster research for nearly 30 years and also is a tenured professor in the UM Animal & Veterinary Sciences Department. When the Lobster Institute became a reality, he was quoted as saying, "It's exciting to see the lobster industry join together and support the institute... but what is more important is their actual involvement in much of the research that needs to be done. The individuals in the industry, through their existing knowledge of the resource and the lobster business overall, will multiply by many times our faculty's ability to identify the important questions and generate much needed answers."

Edward Blackmore – one of the original organizers and first chairman of the Lobster Institute. Blackmore is a former lobsterman from Stonington, Maine. Was president of the Maine Lobstermen's Association at the time the Institute was formed. When the formation of the Institute was first discussed he noted, "The idea behind the Institute is to get more people involved in lobster problem solving, and to keep them talking to one another. The University [of Maine] the industry, the [Maine] Department of Marine Resources, the Canadian maritimes, and the rest of New England. We all need each other and Lord knows there's plenty for all of us to do." He chaired the Institute's Board of Advisors from 1987 - 1997

Robert (Bob) Brown – a lobsterman and one of the original organizers of the Lobster Institute. Was executive director of the Maine Import/Export Lobster Dealers Association at the time. As the plan for the Lobster Institute was coming together, he remarked, "Maine's lobster industry has slowly but surely realized the value and importance of the University in conducting research, teaching, and public service programs to meet the economic needs of Maine's citizens." He was a long-time member of the Lobster Institute's Board of Advisors.

Jean Day – the staff member with the longest standing with the Lobster Institute. Jean has been with the Institute since its inception, and today serves as the Special Projects Coordinator.

David J. Dow, Ph.D. – one of the early organizers and first executive director of the Lobster Institute. A Presque Isle, Maine native. He was serving as the Director for Marine Outreach at the University of Maine at the time of his appointment. He worked for 13 years as a commercial

fisherman and joined the University of Maine in 1975 as a commercial fisheries specialist with the UM Cooperative Extension Service. He became a program leader for the University's Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program in 1980. When the concept of the Lobster Institute was being formulated, he was quoted as saying it "could be the greatest thing to happen to the lobster industry in 100 years, in terms of enhancement and conservation."

Herbert Hodgkins – a lobsterman and one of the original organizers of the Lobster Institute. Was executive director of the Maine Lobster Pound Association at the time the Institute was formed, and still holds that position today. He was elected the first Vice Chairman of the Lobster Institute's Board of Advisors – a position he also still holds today. He is one of three volunteer members of the original Board of Advisors to serve continuously through to the present day. At the formation of the Lobster Institute, he was quoted as saying, "The Maine Lobster Institute is a milestone for the industry; never before have so many individuals from as many factions of the industry been behind something so good for the whole industry."

James M. Knott, Sr. – was the first to give a 'Pacesetter' gift to the Institute's C.O.R.E. Campaign – in the form of the \$100,000 Riverdale Challenge. Riverdale Mills and the Knott family have supported the Lobster Institute's annual fund since the Institute's inception in 1987.

Dale W. Lick, Ph.D. – president of the University of Maine, who approved submitting the concept plan for the Lobster Institute for authorization by the University of Maine System Board of Trustees. Following its official authorization he said, "Because of its unique cultural value and significant economic importance, the Maine lobster – its conservation and enhancement – is of special interest to a wide variety of people in Maine, New England, and the Canadian maritimes. Recently these people have formed an association to more clearly focus the efforts of all those who share a common concern about the future of the lobster industry....We at the University of Maine are proud to be a part of this new research and education effort."

John L. Merrill, III – a lobsterman from Isleboro, and one of only three volunteer members of the Lobster Institute Board of Advisors who has served on the Board all twenty years. As Merrill puts it, "When the Institute was formed it was not just lobstermen. It was not just scientists. It was lobstermen, dealers, poundkeepers, and scientists. And not just in Maine where it started, but we wanted to encompass everybody, and as far as I know, it's the best and only forum where all those groups get together and talk and it's very important."

Dana Rice – long time member of the Board of Advisors, conceived of and chaired the first Lobster Institute Canadian/U.S. Lobstermen's Town Meeting. Current chair of the Lobster Institute's C.O.R.E. Campaign. Dana is a fisherman and lobster dealer (owner of D.B. Rice Fisheries) from Birch Harbor, Maine

Joseph Vachon – a former lobsterman and one of the original organizers of the Lobster Institute. Was the Institute's first Assistant Director of Development

The First Lobster Institute Board of Advisors – 1987

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