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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Parker
FROM: Mr. Comproni
DATE: October 8, 1981
SUBJ: New Bedford Harbor Lobster Sampling Program

A meeting was held in this office to establish an ongoing lobster sampling program for New Bedford Harbor.

The following people were present:

E. M. Comproni DPH
Dr. John Cutler DPH
Elaine Krueger DPH
James Fair DMF
Drew Koleck DMF

The available lobster sampling sites in Area #3 were reviewed at this time. It was concluded that eleven sites should be sampled in this area. The rest of the designated sites were either fin fish sites that had no rocky ledge and unsuitable for lobster sampling, or were so close together as to virtually represent one site.

Four additional sites were selected in Area #4 along the closure line. These sites are representative of most of Area #4 adjacent to the closure line.

The sites selected are tabulated below:

<u>Area #3</u>	<u>Area #4</u>
SS	PPP
TT	SSS
UU	222
VV	NNN
JJJ	
ZZ	
MMM	
RR	
LLL	
KKK	

It was agreed that a minimum of two lobsters would be taken from each sampling station. This will provide for averaging two animals and enough sample for quality control by a second laboratory on a limited number of samples.

The sampling program will commence during the week of October 13, 1981 and will be repeated three times a year. The periods will be Oct. - Dec., April - June, and July - Sept. The same sites will be sampled during each sampling period.

Drew Kolech, DMF agreed to notify us on a weekly basis on the location and number of sites sampled during the sampling period.

EC/ch