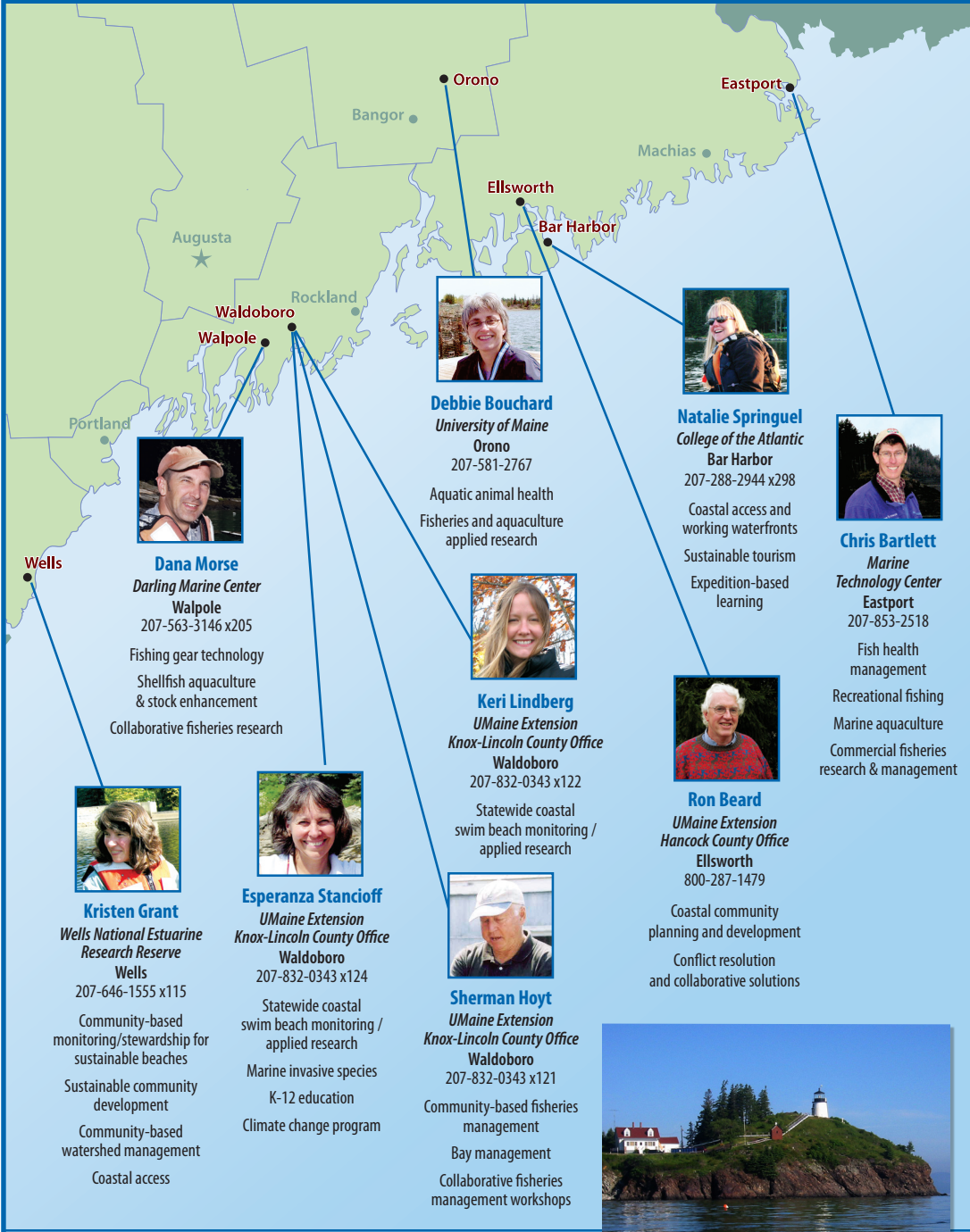


# Marine Extension Team



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A memorandum of understanding between the Maine Sea Grant College Program and University of Maine Cooperative Extension created the Marine Extension Team (MET) in 2000. Based all along the coast from Wells to Eastport, the team includes four Sea Grant extension associates, five Cooperative Extension faculty & professional staff, and the marine extension program leader.

MET members conduct informal education and extension programs, bringing science to users in the community and relaying their scientific needs back to the University. Team members have individualized skills and have developed focus areas based on their experiences and the needs of their constituents. However, since the MET uses a team approach, members work together on issues that have statewide application.

Team members are involved in applied research projects, conduct informal and formal educational programs, and have broad participation on boards and committees throughout the state. Because team members interact with diverse audiences on timely issues, they are often called upon to provide unbiased support in convening and facilitating meetings on difficult issues.

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## CONNECTION TO RESEARCH

Each marine extension staff member is formally linked to several Sea Grant-funded research projects. The nature of the link varies, but it may involve participation in the research, facilitating the conduct of research with stakeholders, or assisting with the outreach component of the research. In this way, each of our Sea Grant-funded projects receives additional support for outreach and education, to add value to the research investment and to help achieve greater success and impacts.

## FUNDING

MET members are funded in several ways: either solely by Sea Grant (2), jointly by Sea Grant and Cooperative Extension (3), solely by Cooperative Extension (5), and frequently through partnerships.