Maine AgrAbility: Supporting Our Rural Economy

Maine has a strong agricultural heritage that is part of our quality of place. Agricultural goods and services contribute millions of dollars each year to the local economy. Maine agriculture takes many forms including:

- Fishing the water
- Farming the land
- Working the forest

To support employment in agriculture, Maine AgrAbility addresses health, safety and the prevention of injuries on the water, on the farm and in the forest.

FishAbility supports fishermen and women who experience barriers to employment such as aging, injury, or chronic illness.

Maine joins over 20 other state AgrAbility projects and works in coordination with the National AgrAbility Project. Funded by the USDA, Maine AgrAbility is a collaborative partnership between:

- University of Maine Cooperative Extension,
- Alpha One,
- and

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FishAbility is part of the Maine AgrAbility Program. The mission is to work with fishermen whose productivity has been impacted by chronic illness or injury. We offer resources and information to help them remain successfully employed.

We work with owners, operators, managers, employees and family members of fishing businesses who experience barriers of aging, injury and chronic illness such as:

- Arthritis
- PTSD
- Head injury
- Limb loss
- Heart conditions and stroke
- Spinal cord injury
- Hearing and vision related issues
- Back pain and injury
- Mental health issues
- PTSD

What Is Maine FishAbility?

Who Can Use FishAbility?

How Can FishAbility Help?

We offer practical solutions to help fishermen work safely and productively.

Consultation services include:

- On-site assessment
- Education and training
- Equipment modification ideas
- Community connections
- Support advocacy
- Safety planning
- Consultation to business planning
- On-the-assessment
- Connection services available for fishermen with chronic illnesses such as, but not limited to: aging, injury and chronic illnesses such as, but

We network with agricultural professionals, providers to connect fishermen and their

Department specialists, and health care

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