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Press Release

UPDATED

On Thursday, 12/31/2009, at approximately 06:33 hours; Cumberland County Sheriff's Deputies and The Maine Marine Patrol responded to Webber and Son's Lobster, located at #8 Hirims Drive, in the Town of Harpswell, on a reported drowning call.

According to witnesses at the scene, a lobster fishing vessel with two men aboard had just left the dock to haul fishing gear. The vessel was approximately 1/4 mile from the dock in Quohog Bay when the Captain noticed that his stern man was missing from the boat. The Captain was able to locate the stern man now unconscious in the water a short distance away. The Captain radioed for assistance from nearby fisherman as he was unable to pull the stern man from the water. Nearby fisherman arrived at the scene and assisted the Captain with bringing the stern man back onto the boat.

CPR was initiated on scene by the fisherman while he was transported back to Webber and Sons dock. The victim was then transported by EMS personnel to Mid Coast Hospital in Brunswick where the stern man was pronounced deceased. At this time the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and the Maine Marine Patrol are investigating the incident to determine a cause.

The names of the fishing vessel and the victim are not being released pending notification of next of kin.

Any further inquires can be addressed to Captain Jeff Davis at 774-1444 ext. 2222 or Captain Don Goulet at ext. 2110.

UPDATE

The name of the deceased in the "Witnessed Drowning" is, Christopher M. Hanna, 27yrs. Old, of Bath, ME. He was working on the Emily & Logan Lobster vessel Captained by, Mark Merrill of Brunswick

In addition to the Maine Marine Patrol, the U.S Coast Guard is also assisting in the investigation.