Preparations are underway for the Blue Lobster Bowl at MIT on Saturday, March 5, 2016, with Sunday 3/6/16 as the snow postponement competition day.

The Blue Lobster Bowl competition (which includes lunch, snacks, swag, and prizes) is free for all competing teams.

To apply to participate in this year’s bowl, please complete a Team Intent Form for each of your school’s A, B, and/or C teams. One form per team is due via e-mail (Lori@pmd.org) by December 15, 2015. Team Intent Forms are critical for the planning process.

Up to 24 student teams can compete in the Blue Lobster Bowl each year. If we have more teams than we can accommodate, we will accept one team (the “A Team”) from every school that has applied. If sufficient space remains, we will then accept all secondary teams (“B Teams”), and then tertiary teams (“C Teams”). If we cannot accommodate all of the teams in a class (A, B, or C), we will determine competing schools from that class by the earliest intent forms received.

Team coaches will be notified of their respective teams’ statuses (competing or waitlisted to compete in case there are cancellations) via email by December 17, 2015.

Complete online registration, as well as postmarked original student and coach consent/releases and medical forms, by coaches will be required by January 29, 2016. We encourage waitlisted teams to register online and postmark their hardcopy medical and consent/release forms also by 1/29/16, and to plan to attend in case there are last-minute cancellations like we had in 2015 when all waitlisted teams competed.

Teams that fail to fully register online by 1/29/16, or that submit incomplete and/or inaccurate student and coach consent and medical forms postmarked by 1/29/16, will not be allowed to compete in 2016. Since these deadlines have been set several weeks later than usual, NO DEADLINE EXTENSIONS will be granted, and so we strongly encourage coaches to collect, carefully check for completeness, and enter all of this data and submit these forms early, in case anything required is missing.

Coaches of teams who must cancel their participation should do so as soon as possible, and no later than January 29, 2016. If a team cancels after 1/29/16, or fails to show up for the 3/5/16 competition, it will reduce other schools’ teams opportunities to compete (against them) since it will likely be too late to recruit an additional team to compete in their place.

Coaches should direct their questions to the 2016 Blue Lobster Bowl Regional Co-Coordinator Lori Tsuruda at Lori@pmd.org and (*82)1-781-963-0373.

About the Blue Lobster Bowl
The Blue Lobster Bowl is an annual academic competition run by the MIT Sea Grant College Program that encourages high school students to learn about the ocean. Each year, students from high schools throughout Massachusetts travel to MIT to compete and test their knowledge. Teams of high school students are quizzed on their knowledge of ocean science subjects including chemistry, biology, engineering, history, ecology, climate change, and weather, as part of a fun, national quiz bowl program. Learn more from our website: http://seagrant.mit.edu/blb.php

The winning 2016 Blue Lobster Bowl high school team will represent Massachusetts in the National Finals Competition, April 21-24, 2016, on the East Coast barrier islands in Morehead City, North Carolina.
**Blue Lobster Bowl 2016: Team Intent Form – Due 12/15/15**

| **High School Name:** |  
| **Complete High School Address:** |  
| **Principal’s Name:** |  
| **% students in poverty/enrolled in federal free and reduced lunch programs in 2014:** |  


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Each team must have a single, unique, designated coach. This coach must be a teacher or official from the team’s school, a school designee, or an employee or official with an education or science program that is sponsoring a team. Coaches can NOT be students who are also competing.

**Coach** First and Last Names:  

Email Address(es):  

Work Phone Number:  

Cell Phone Number:  

Available for 3/6/16 Snow Postponement Competition Day?  

Yes  No  Unsure  

Number of Years Coaching Experience:  

As this team’s coach, I agree to  

___ initials  Comply with the official competition rules.  

___ initials  Serve as the point of contact between my students and BLB staff.  

___ initials  Collect all student data and forms, keep their contents confidential, and send these original hardcopies, postmarked 1/29/16 or earlier.  

___ initials  Personally enter all required student data online, or cancel, by 1/29/16.  

___ initials  Prohibit my team’s students and their families from attending other regional bowls from 2/6/16 to 3/5/16.  

___ initials  Check in and designate my team’s 4-5 competitors, 9:30-10:00am on 3/5/16.  

**Coach’s Signature**  

**Principal’s Signature**  

**Date**  

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