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Background: My Capstone is a plan to build a website listing Licensed Seafood Harvester's Contact Information and Availability so that anyone can have access to fresh Lobster, Clams, Mussel, Scallops, Crabs, Conks and Salmon.

"Computerless Cait"

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Twelve days have passed: all computer systems are down. Stores and Banks are closed, no trucks to bring food, no cell phones, and no internet.

Temperatures are expected to drop tomorrow, and soon winter is on us. Five more months and we can start seed for a garden. Here on Mount Desert Island, Seafood Harvester's will continue to work as long as light wind permits. Each day we wonder when connections will return, or if they ever will. Food supply might wear thin, one thing is for sure, the shore will provide sustenance all winter long.

This is the Plan: Heel Toe Express and Word of Mouth Dependant.

My Father and I plan to buy the dinghy sailboat from the guy down the road. On nice days, when the wind is right I will travel up and down the coast. Finding Lobsterfishermen and Women, Clam Diggers, Mussel and Salmon Farmers willing to participate.

I ask each Harvester to place four 3lb. bags of their product in a cooler at their mailbox. Accompanied by a sign I've made for the Harvester:

1. Species they Harvest _____
2. Day(s) of the week to expect Product _____
3. Time of Day__:__:__ to __:__:__
4. Price per Pound \$___.__

*Seafood is best kept cool, and Shellfish can survive up to a week in the cooler, as long as the temperature inside does not drop below 37.5 degrees Fahrenheit. So I recommend they dig a hole and bury the cooler so that the temperature within does not fluctuate drastically.)

*Each sign has a blue flag, and when a portion of their harvest is up for grabs, they can flip the flag up. This way a buyer can recognize the option while passing through.

After a bit of practice, I would travel building a weekly route, collecting the sign information, and draw a calendar that is filled with seafood, like a fish market. Each week I would sail to the mainland and complete my route. Then on foot, place a hand-drawn copy of the weekly seafood options at the Public Library and doors of each gas station (now closed).

The purpose is to sustain a market that produces year-round, encourage people to meet new people and educate Maine folks on how to use seafood as a light and healthy fare.

The policy is that if you come for seafood and have room to take some back with you, you are encouraged to bring an order back with you for a person who cannot make it to the coast. The chain of sharing reverts us to the original computer system, human understanding, cooperation and collaboration in order to share a common result.

-Bullet of 'Computerlessness' Rhetoric-

- **Sail** to replace my vehicle and my remove the need for fuels and computers.
- **Improve Communications:** Word of mouth to replace the phones and machines that send and receive our messages throughout the day.
- **Promote Trade** and study the true value of goods and services alike. Indirectly replacing our dependency on calculators, banks and government issued currency.