

Take the Fleet Diversity pledge to support a healthy ocean!

HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW AND THESE ARE THE FACTS:

- Fleet consolidation and affordable access are major threats to the future of New England's groundfish fishery.
- The top three entities in Massachusetts control 41% of George's Bank Winter Flounder.
- Last year the New England groundfish fleet lost 458 crew positions.
- Last year vessels > 50 ft. had landings up 8.4% and revenue up 21.5%.
- Last year vessels < 50 ft. had landings down 51.7% and revenue down 34.2%.
- Who fishes matters to the health of our ocean and our communities.

BY SIGNING THE PLEDGE I PROMISE TO:

- Support officials and politicians who promote fleet diversity and an affordable fishery.
- Support policies that anchor fishing privileges to fishing communities, limit the share of the catch of any one fisherman or fishing operation, incentivize and reward owner operators, and ensure affordable access for new fishermen.
- Stand opposed to any decision-makers that seek to further consolidate the fleet and squeeze out the independent community based fishermen.
- We, in order to support a healthy ocean, fishing communities and our local food system, make this pledge and invite our fellow community members to join us in exerting our influence to do the right thing – end industrial consolidation of our ocean.

TO SIGN: Email Brett Tolley with your name and info. at brett@namanet.org

Local Fishermen. Local Seafood. Local Control. Local Communities.

Who Fishes Matters.