

WHO FISHES MATTERS

PROTECT FLEET DIVERSITY

WHAT WE FACE

- Consolidation is hurting communities and driving the distribution of quota in one direction: towards the large-scale.
- Lack of protections is leading toward a less diverse fleet which hurts infrastructure as well as access to local fish.
- The fishery is becoming unaffordable for independent fishermen.
- There were inherent inequities with the initial allocation that have not been addressed.

WHAT WE WANT

To ensure diversity of the fishing fleet and prevent excessive consolidation for the well being of the marine ecosystem, our fishing communities and our source of seafood.

"If you honestly care about fish stocks and future of our greatly diverse fishing fleet, we must consider some form of safety measures to ensure its survival."

- *Fisherman testimony at June 2010 NEFMC meeting*

NEW ENGLAND CAN LEAD THE WAY

WHERE WE WANT TO GO

- A fishery that is more affordable.
- A fishery where owner-operators have more freedom and opportunity.
- A fishery where active fishing remains more attractive than leasing.
- A fishery that is more diverse.

HOW WE GET THERE

- Anchor fishing access and privileges to fishing communities.
- Limit share of the catch of any one fisherman or fishing operation.
- Incentivize and reward owner operators.
- Ensure affordable access for new fishermen looking to enter the fishery.
- Foster and promote affordability for access to the rights to fish.

TO THE NEW ENGLAND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL,

The Council discussion related to Fleet Diversity and Excessive Consolidation is an opportunity to make the Groundfish fishery more fair and equitable for New England fishermen and coastal communities. I urge you to consider the principals above and take action as soon as possible.

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