

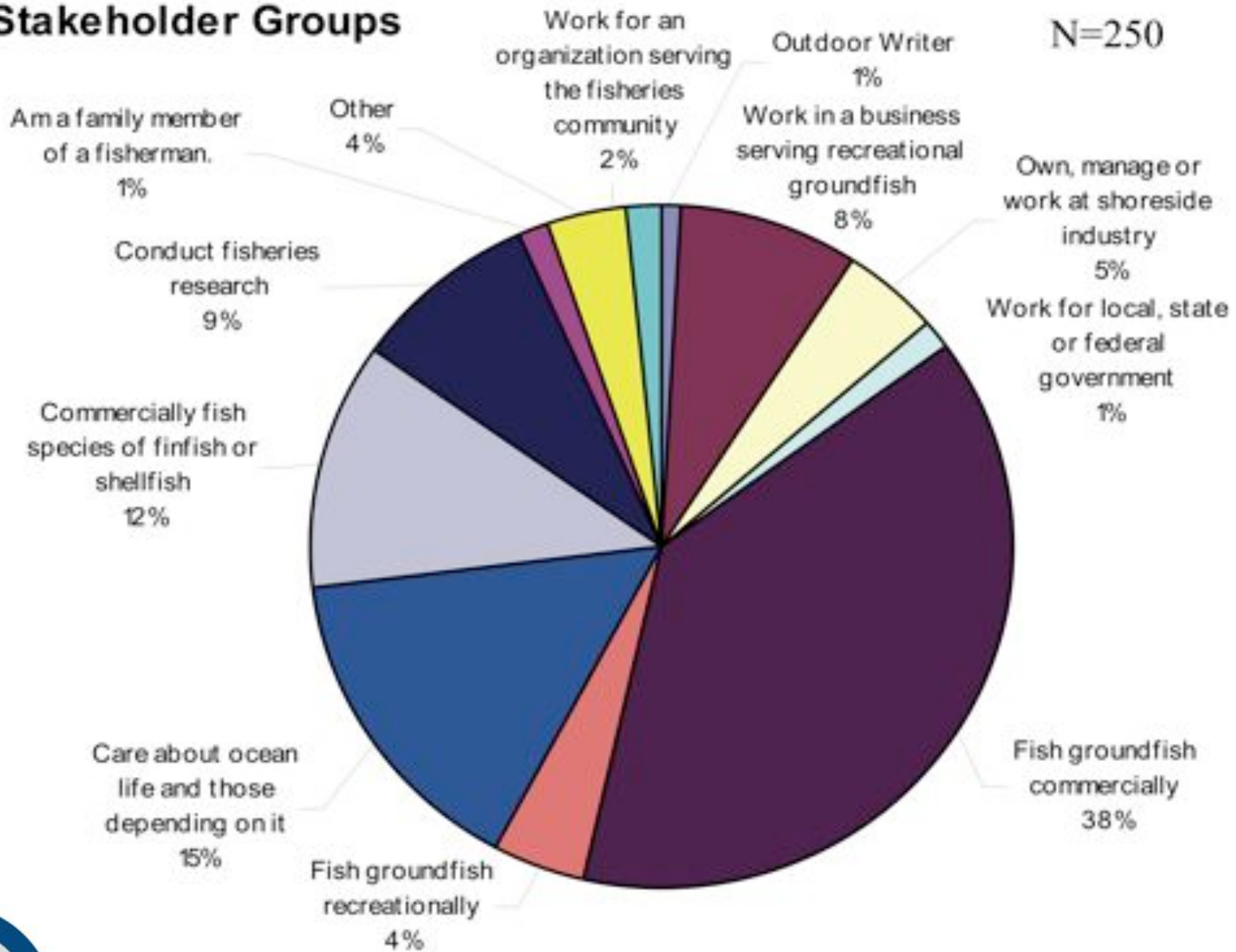
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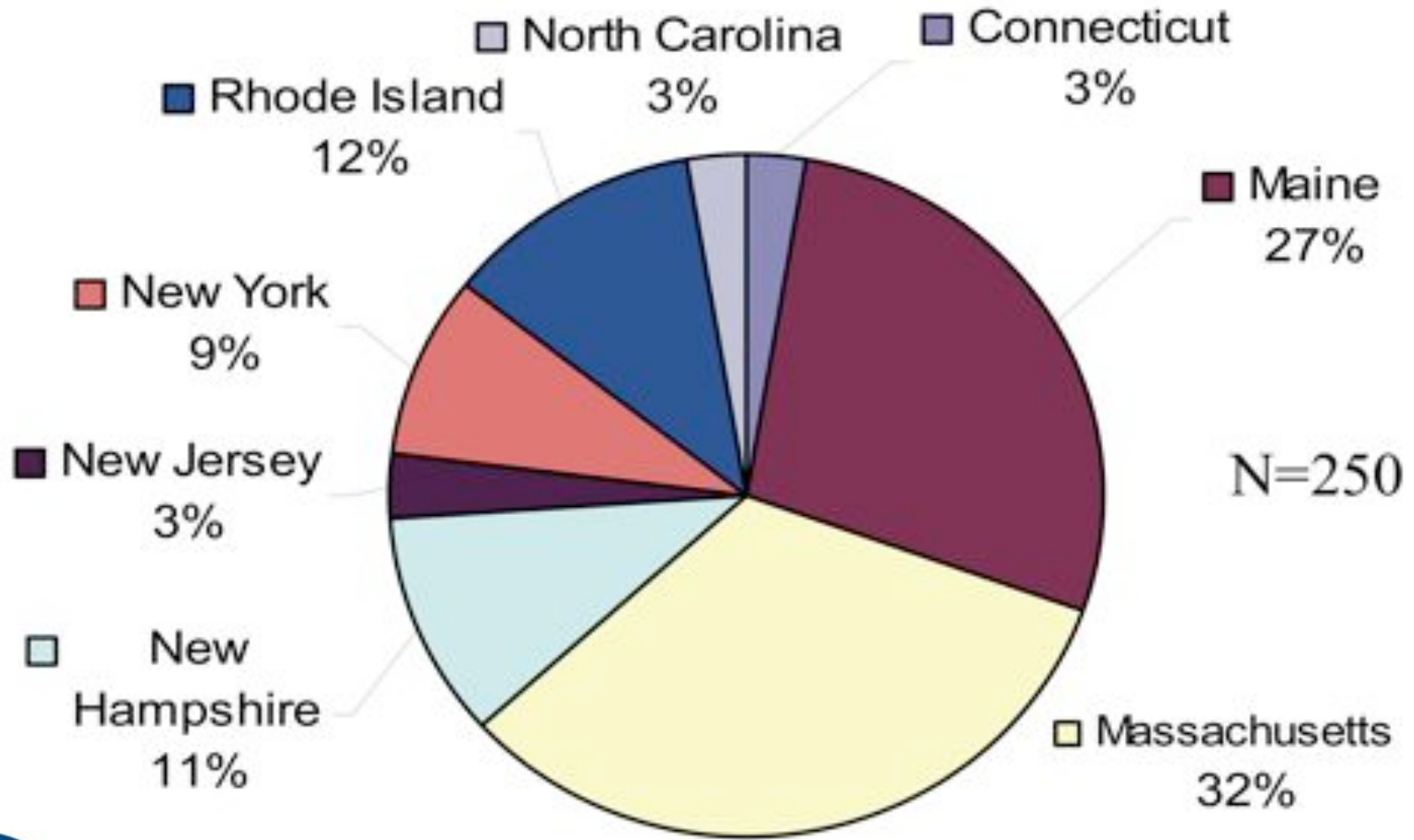
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# Stakeholder Groups

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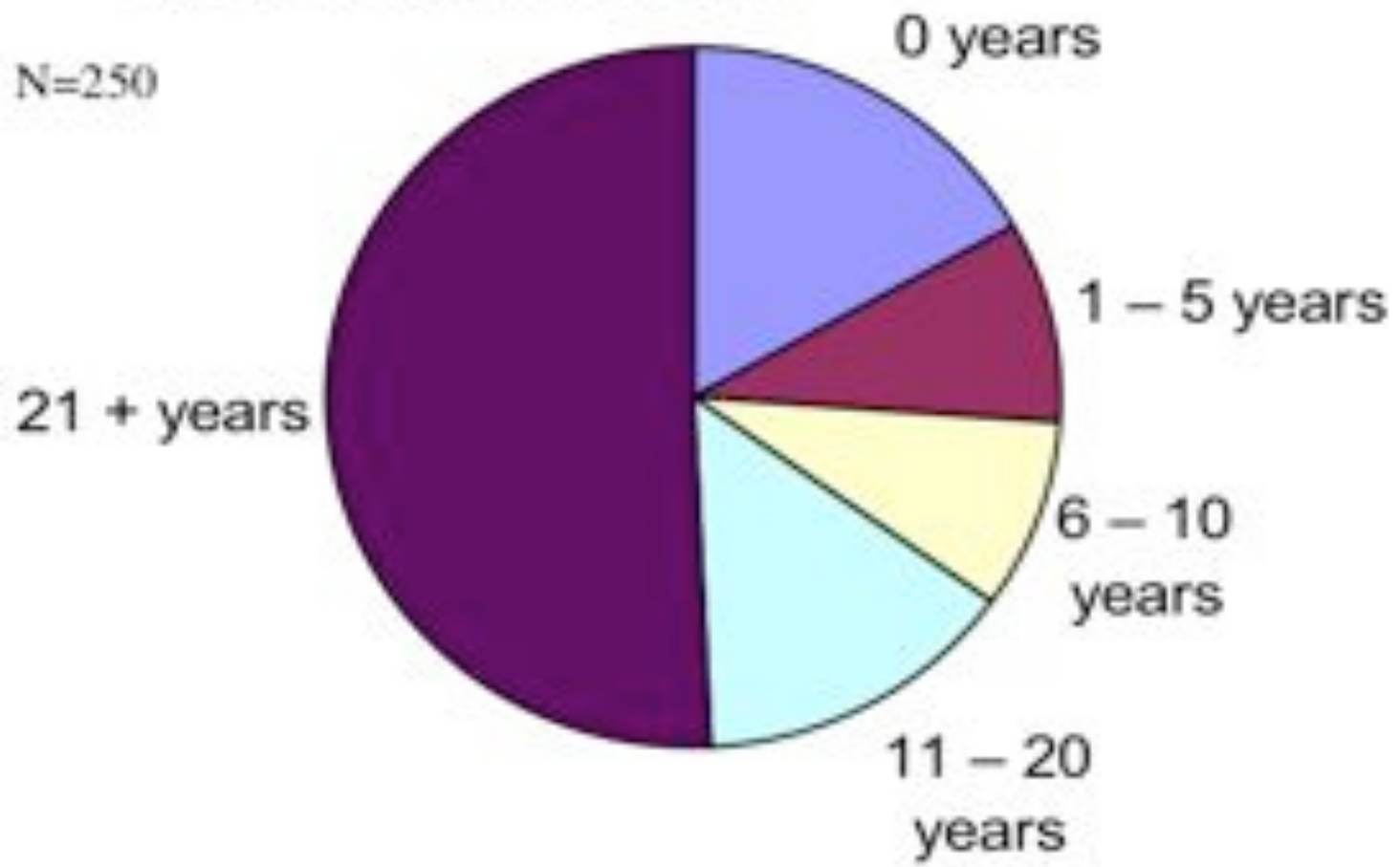


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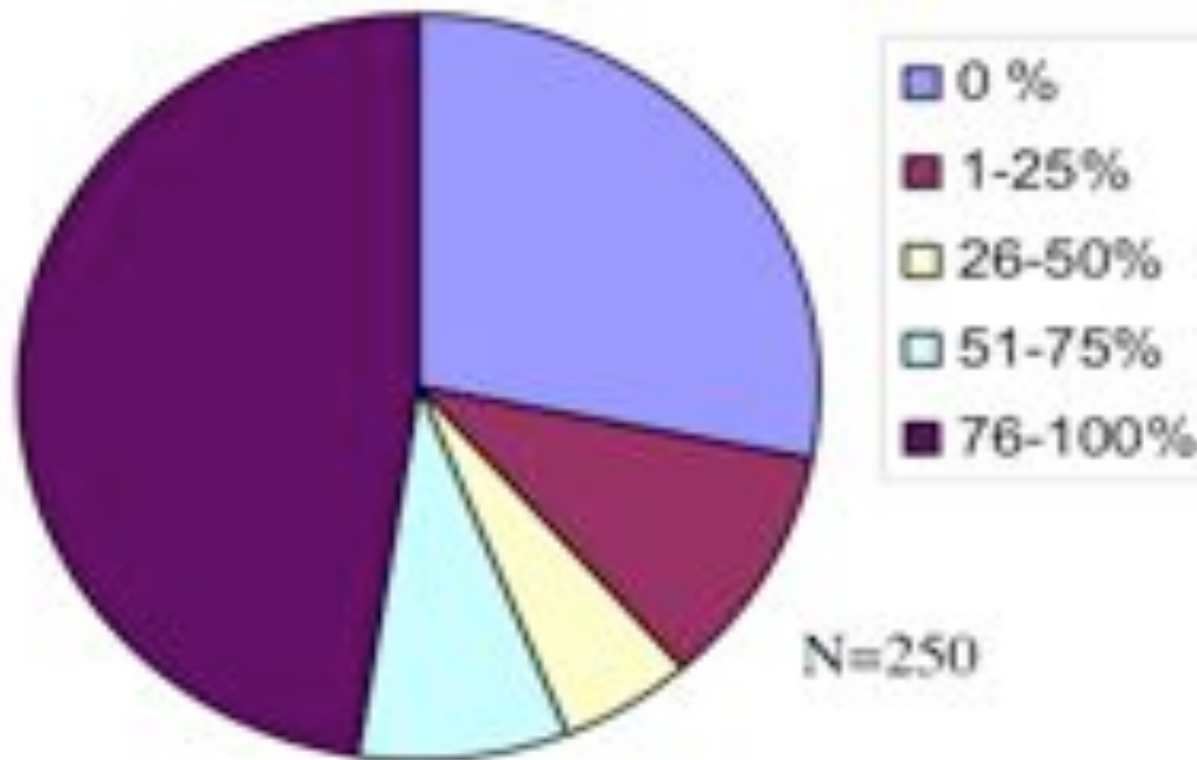


# Years Engaged with the Groundfish Industry

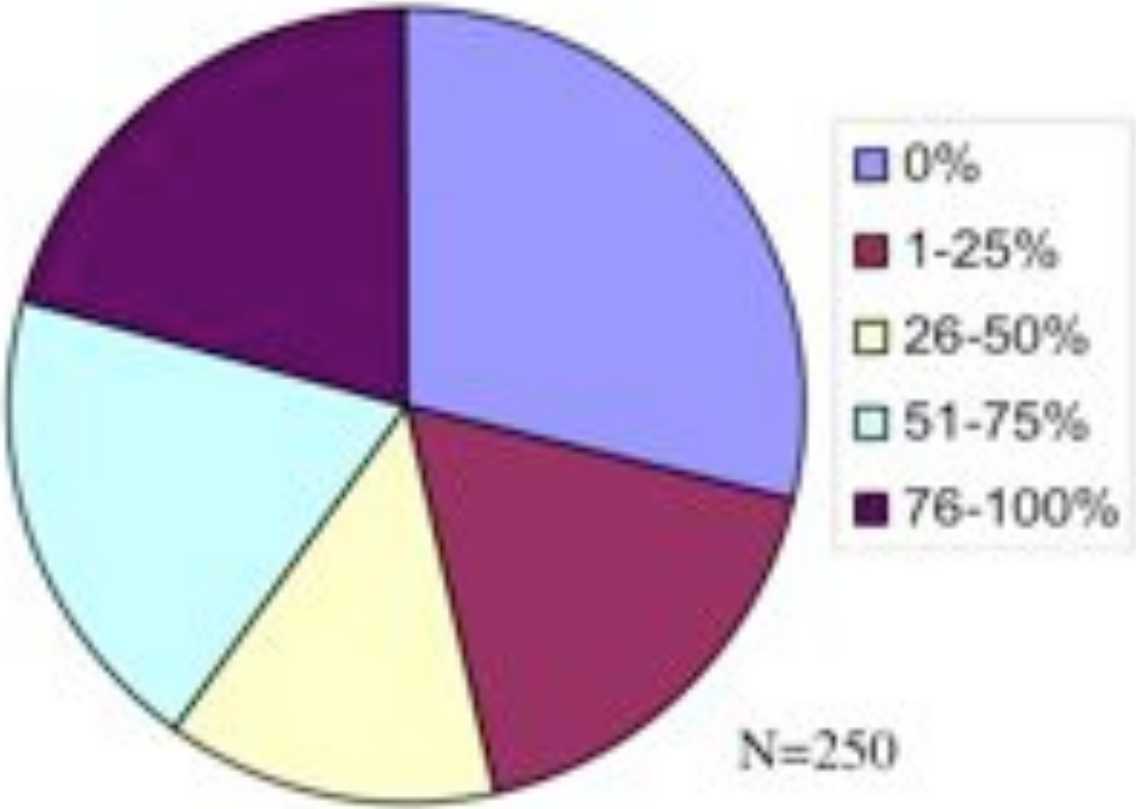
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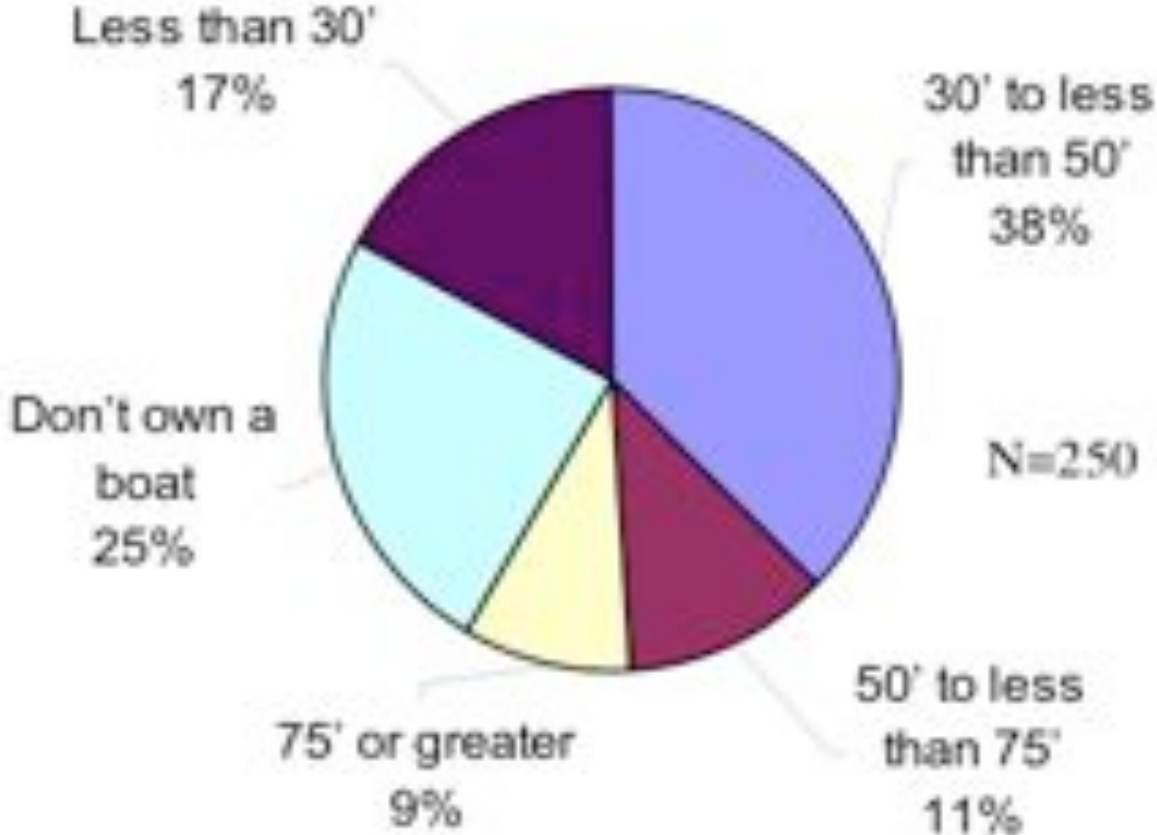
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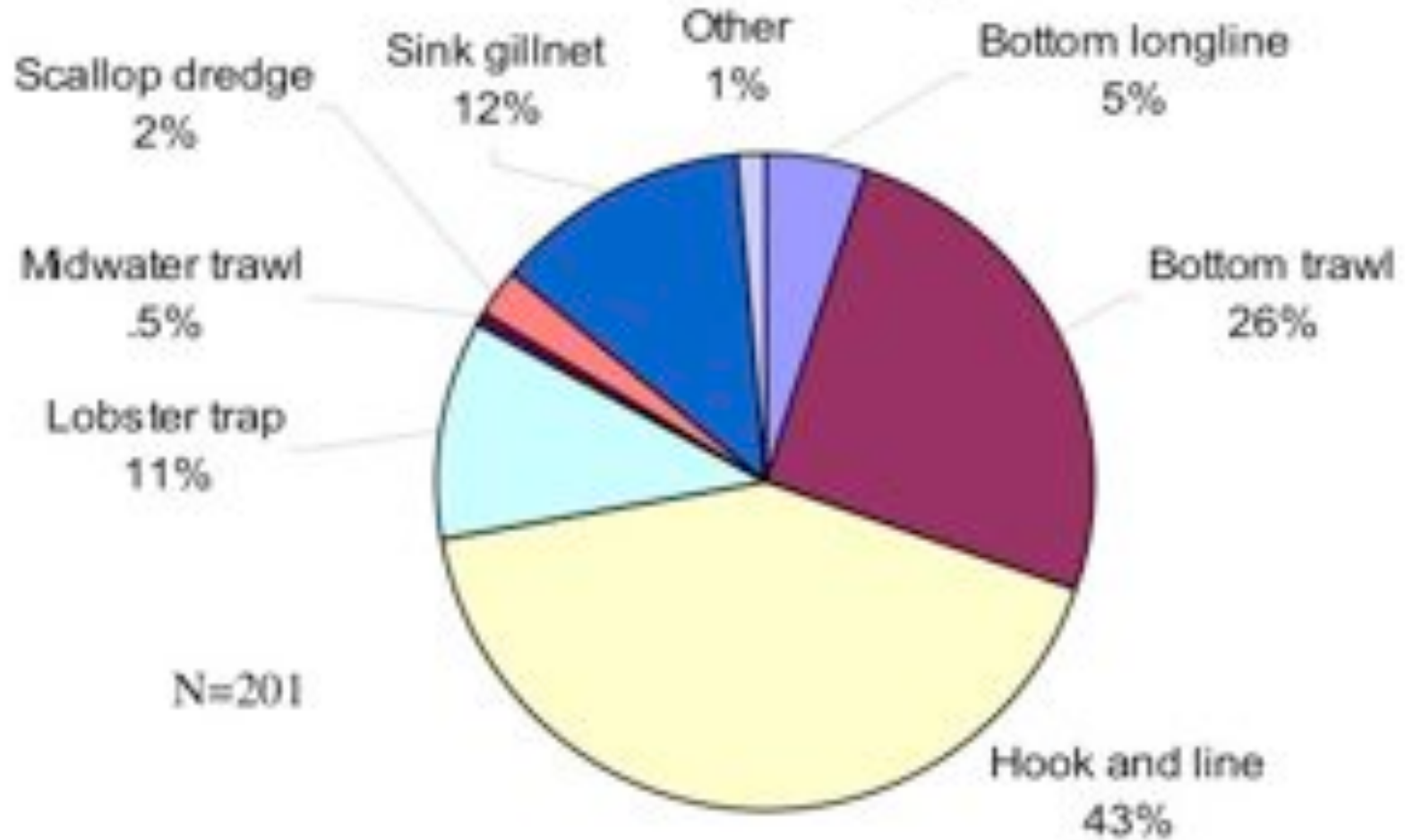
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# Boat Size



# Primary Gear Types





# Fleet Vision Project's Outcomes

- **Diversity of the Fleet**
- **Economic Viability**
- **Participatory Governance**
- **Environmental Resilience**



# Fleet Vision Project's Questions

If Anything Were Possible...

***What*** is your vision for  
the future of the  
groundfishing fleet?



# Fleet Vision Project's Questions

*How* can your vision of the groundfishing fleet be most effectively implement, and what might you do to help?



# Fleet Vision Project's Questions

*Why* is the future of the  
groundfishing fleet  
important to you?



# Fleet Vision Project's Outcomes

## Environmental Resilience

Fishery stakeholders who exhibit stewardship of resources that is consistent with the long-term health and restoration of the marine ecosystem.



# Fleet Vision Project's Outcomes

## Governance

Participatory, accountable, and decentralized governance structures at various scales that include local involvement in decision-making and maintain an adaptive regulatory environment.



# Fleet Vision Project's Outcomes

## Economic Viability

An economically viable, safe, and sustainable fleet that works with shoreside infrastructure to supply seafood and job opportunities for coastal communities.



# Fleet Vision Project's Outcomes

## Diversity

A geographically distributed  
commercial and recreational fleet  
that includes all gear types  
And boat sizes.



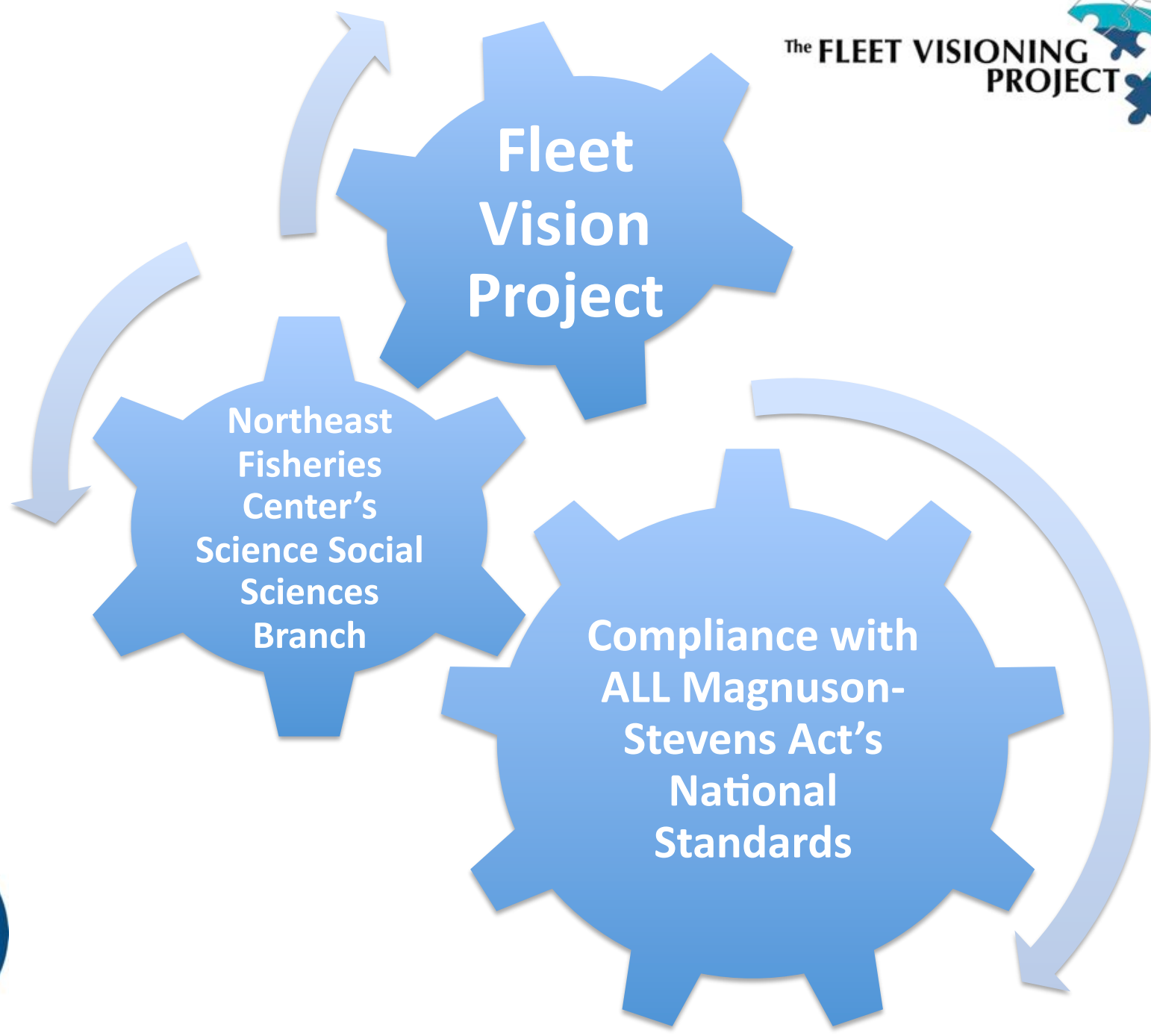


“Going Slow in  
Order  
to go Fast.”





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## Sources of Guidance/Information

- National Standards
- Reauthorized MSA
- NOAA LAPP Guidance Document
- FMP Goals and Objectives
- Academic literature
- Grey literature (newspapers, ENGO reports, etc..., unpublished reports)

All things to all people...diverse expectations



## MSA National Standards

- **Allocation** fair and equitable (NS 4)
- Promote **efficiency** (NS 5)
- Minimize **costs** (NS 7)
- Minimize impacts to fishing **communities** (NS 8)
- Minimize **bycatch** (NS 9)
- Promote **Safety** (NS 10)



## MSA Limited Access Privilege Programs

Section 303A, Part (c)

- LAPP must reduce **capacity** if over-capacity exists
- LAPP must promote **safety** and **social and economic benefits**



## MSA Limited Access Privilege Programs

Section 303A, Part (d)(5)

- Promote the sustained participation of **small owner-operated** fishing vessels and **fishing communities**
- Address excessive **consolidation**
- Quota set-asides for **entry-level** and small vessel owner-operators, **captains**, **crew**, and fishing communities
- No **excessive shares**



## FMP Goals/Objectives

### Groundfish Amendment 16

- Control **capacity** to achieve economic **efficiency**
- Encourage **diversity** of the fishing fleet
- Minimize adverse impacts on fishing **communities** and **shoreside infrastructure**
- Promote **stewardship**
- Minimize **bycatch**



## FMP Goals/Objectives

### Scallop Amendment 11

- Control **capacity** and mortality

### Tilefish Amendment 1

- Prevent **overcapitalization** and limit new entrants to achieve OY

### Surf clam/ocean quahog Amendment 8

- Economic **efficiency**
- Control **capacity**
- Simplifying **management**
- Allow for regulatory **flexibility and adaptation.**





## Policy Statements

Rebuilding our fisheries is essential to preserving the **livelihoods** of fishermen, the vibrancy of our coastal **communities**, a sustainable supply of healthy seafood, and restoring ocean ecosystems to a healthy state. Catch share programs give fishermen a **stake in the benefits** of a well-managed fishery and, therefore, greater **incentive** to ensure effective management.

– *Dr. Jane Lubchenco*  
*NOAA Administrator*



## **Emerging themes/Draft Performance Measures**

- 1. Financial viability**
- 2. Distributional outcomes**
- 3. Well-being**
- 4. Governance**
- 5. Stewardship**

*“I think that it is critical that we begin to take a hard look at this change in our fishing fleet and engage in an open discussion on its future. Otherwise, we run the risk of forcing our fishermen to constantly react to changes in fisheries rules, rather than incorporating a vision for the fleet into these regulations.”*

- Senator Olympia Snowe



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