



Coalition for the Atlantic Herring Fishery's Orderly, Informed and Responsible Long Term Development

July 16, 2010

Paul Howard, Executive Director
New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Paul,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the undersigned CHOIR supporters to comment on the current status of Amendment 5 to the Atlantic herring Fishery Management Plan.

In November of 2007, the NEFMC voted to make herring a workload priority for 2008. It has now been over two and half years since the Council first prioritized herring yet completion of this work is still two years away. We understand that this work is challenging and that progress has been made, but we strongly encourage the Council to strive to avoid any further delays.

What concerns us more is the direction the amendment appears to be going. The Council started work on this amendment to put in place an effective, new monitoring system and address ongoing bycatch concerns. But as time wears on, it appears that some are willing to take the old system, make some minor changes, and call it a new system.

We urge the Council to remember the primary reason for starting work on this amendment back in 2008: build a new, robust monitoring program that is both accurate and credible, and that provides timely information on all catch in the fishery. Such a system would need to be based on high levels of observer coverage, while eliminating both the reliance on self-reporting that plagues the current system and the unaccountable dumping of unsampled catch. Common sense tells us that this dumping undermines all existing observer data on catch and bycatch (including that of unmarketable herring) and this amendment should solve the problem, not just study it.

Lastly, in terms of how to pay for the new program, we believe that NMFS should allocate money specifically to this new program. The cost of this program will be relatively low given their annual budget and, given the importance of the herring resource to such a wide variety of stakeholders, we feel it would be money well spent. In the meantime, the Council should develop a full range of alternatives and not limit the discussion by questions regarding funding.

The concerns about poor monitoring and ongoing bycatch in this fishery have not gone away and we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to fix the problem.

Thanks for your time,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen B. Weiner".

Steve Weiner, Chair

On behalf of the undersigned groups, businesses, and others:

Commercial Fishing Groups and Organizations:

American Bluefin Tuna Association, Executive Director Rich Ruais, Salem, NH
General Category Tuna Association, Executive Director Peter Weiss, Boston, MA
North Shore Community Tuna Association, Pres. Mark Godfried, Saugus, MA
Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association, CEO John Pappalardo, N. Chatham, MA
Northeast Hook Fishermen's Association, President Marc Stettner, Portsmouth, NH
Midcoast Fishermen's Association, Chairman Glen Libby, Port Clyde, ME
Midcoast Draggermen's Co-Op, President Glen Libby, Port Clyde, ME
Downeast Initiative, Project Director Aaron Dority, Stonington, ME
Northeast Fisheries Sector 3, President Richard Burgess, Gloucester, MA
Martha's Vineyard/Dukes County Fishermen's Association, Martha's Vineyard, MA
Commercial Angler's Association, Executive Director Russ Cleary, Maynard, MA

Charter/Party/Recreational Fishing Groups and Organizations:

Recreational Fishing Alliance, Executive Director Jim Donofrio, New Gretna, NJ
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Maine Association of Charter Captains, Captain Dave Pecci, Bath, ME
Rhode Island Party & Charter Boat Association, President Rick Bellavance, Warwick, RI
Connecticut Charter/Party Boat Association, President Kevin Bentley
Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association, President Steve Medeiros, Coventry, RI
New York Sportfishing Federation, Pres. Jim Hutchinson, Jr., Forest Hills, NY
New Inlet Boating Association, President Skip Cornell
Boston Big Game Fishing Club, President Steven James, Marshfield, MA
Coastal Conservation Association- New Hampshire, President J. Jeffrey Barnum
Northeast Tuna Club, Founder Jeremy Johnson
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Freeport Tuna Club, President Capt. Larry Festa, Freeport, NY
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Nantucket Anglers Club, Pres. Kevin Martin, Nantucket, MA
Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association, President Tom Gagnon
Massachusetts Striped Bass Association, President Jim Dow
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Weymouth Sportsmens Club, Pres. Joe Fee, Weymouth, MA
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Charter/Party/Guide Companies:

Bunny Clark Deep Sea Fishing, Capt. Tim Tower, Ogunquit, ME
Saco Bay Guide Service, Capt. Cal Robinson, Biddeford, ME
Pritnear Heaven Charters, Capt. Dave Johnson, Biddeford, ME
Bass I Charters, Capt. Dean Krah, Newcastle, ME
Dantilu Custom Charters, Capt. Chris Peterson, Portland, ME
Charger Marine, Capt. George Warren, Edgecomb, ME
Super Fly Charters, Capt. George Harris, Warren, ME
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Marsh River Charters, Capt. Hank DeRuiter, Newcastle, ME

Sweet Action Charters, Capt. Dan Wolotsky, Boothbay Harbor, ME
 Full Strike Anglers, Capt. George Lemieux, Wells, ME
 Maine River and Sea Charters, Capt. Mike Jancovic, South Portland, ME
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 Trina Lyn Fishing Charters, Capt. Todd Stewart, Camp Ellis, ME
 Jillian II Fishing Charters, Capt. Richard Crosby Jr., Buxton, ME
 Morning Flight Charters, Capts. Dave and Ryan Paul, South Portland, ME
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 Lethal Weapon Charters, Capt. Bob Liston, Wells Harbor, ME
 Livewire Sportfishing Charters, Capt. Rick Hanlin, Sabattus, ME
 Obsession Sportfishing Charters, Capt. Dave Pecci, Bath, ME
 Offshore Adventures Sportfishing, Capt. John Pappas, Cape Elizabeth, ME
 Bigger N' Better Charters, Capt. Michael Sosik, York, ME
 Shark Six Charters, Capt. Barry Gibson, Boothbay Harbor, ME
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 Sunrise Adventure Charters, Capt. Jim Flanders, Merrimack, NH
 Shoals Fly Fishing and Light Tackle, Capt. Peter Whelan, Portsmouth, NH
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 Relentless Charters, Capt. Dave Waldrip, Green Harbor, MA
 Walsh's Deep Sea Fishing, Bob Walsh Jr., Lynn, MA
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 Instructor Stephen Papows, Gloucester, MA, Rockport, MA, Newbury, MA and Salem, NH
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 Black Hull Charters, Capt. Ronnie Munafo, Quincy, MA
 Rod's Delight Charters, Capt. Rodney Ratcliffe, Newburyport, MA
 Fish Finder Charters, Capt. Frank O'Connor, Newburyport, MA/Salisbury, MA
 Atlantis Charters, Capt. Norm Boucher, Newburyport, MA
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 North Shore Charters, Capt. Dave Pelletier, Beverly, MA
 Rocky Point Fishing Charters, Capt. Bill Jarman, Newburyport, MA
 Tuna Hunter Fishing Charters, Capt. Gary Cannell, Gloucester, MA
 Southside Charters, Capt. Todd Bialas, Bourne, MA
 Rings Island Charters, Capt. Gary Morin, Salisbury, MA
 Yankee Charters, Capt. Jan Waalewyn, Gloucester, MA
 Off-Shore Charters, Capt. Roland Guyette, Millville, MA
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 Rob Green, Greenbush, MA
 White Cap Charters LLC, President Brad White, Scituate, MA
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 Merrimack River Charters, Capt. Robert Bump, Newburyport, MA
 Sigler Guide Service, Randy Sigler, Marblehead, MA
 Shadowcaster Charters, Capt. James Goodhart, Newburyport, MA
 Fishy Bizness Sportfishing, Capt. Ed Cloutier, Newburyport, MA
 Reel Pursuit Charters, Capt. Paul Diggins, Boston, MA
 GoFish Sportfishing Charters, Capt. Patrick Helsingius, Boston, MA
 Crimson Tide Charters, LLC., Capt. Fred Lavitman, Marshfield, MA

CPF Charters, Capt. Mike Pierdinock, Green Harbor, MA
Castafari Charters, Capt. Damon Sacco, Falmouth, MA
CJ Victoria Charters & Rod Builders, Capt. Rob Savino, Boston, MA
Cape Ann Tuna Charter, Capt. Jules Boudreaux, Gloucester, MA
Sheila D Charters, Capt. Artie Caissie, Beverly, MA
Summer Job Charters, Capt. Scott Maguire, Newbury, MA
Mariner Sportfishing, Capt. Tom Scanlon and Stew Holt, Lynn, MA
Black Rose Fishing Charters, Capt. Rich Antonino, Green Harbor, MA
Fin Addiction Charters, Capt. Jeff Smith, Wellfleet, MA
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Striper Charters, Capt. Gary Swanson, South Yarmouth, MA
North Shore Charters, Capt. Scott McDowell, Menemsha, MA
Cape Cod Charter Fishing, Capt. Art Brosnan, South Orleans, MA
Slamdance Charters, Capt. Steve Moore, Barnstable, MA
Laura-Jay Sportfishing, Capt. Don Cianciolo, East Sandwich, MA
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Beth Ann Charters, Capt. Rich Wood, Provincetown, MA
West Wind Charter Fishing, Capt. Robert Rank, Nantucket, MA
Tomahawk Charters, Capt. Buddy Vanderhoop, Marthas Vineyard, MA
Capeshores Charters, Capt. Bruce Peters, East Orleans, MA
Outer Cape Sportfishing, Capt. Jeff Duncan, Provincetown, MA
Bluefin Charters, Capt. Brian Courville, East Falmouth, MA
Big Fish II Charters, Capt. Tom Depersia, Marshfield, MA
Albacore Charters, Capt. Bob DeCosta, Nantucket, MA
Tide Hunter Charters, Capt. Scott Bradley, Buzzards Bay, MA
Monomoy Charters, Capt. Josh Eldridge, Nantucket, MA
Helen H Deep Sea Fishing, Joseph Huckemeyer, Hyannis, MA
Hindsight Sportfishing, Brett Wilson, Brewster, MA
Chatham Charters, Capt. Matt Swenson, Chatham, MA
Herbert T. Sportfishing, Fred Tonkin, Nantucket, MA
Cross Rip Outfitters, Lynne Heyer, Nantucket, MA
Snapper Charters, Capt. Doug Lindley, Nantucket, MA
Topspin Charters, Capt. Karsten Reinemo, Nantucket, MA
Gaffer Charter's, Capt. Adam Rickleff, Nantucket, MA
Absolute Sportfishing, LLC., Capt. Brian Borgeson, Nantucket, MA
Nantucket Sportfishing Co., David Martin, Nantucket, MA
Got Stryper Charters, Capt. Alan Hastbacka, Chatham MA
Bill & Jules Fishing Specialists, Capt Bill Bryant, Brockton, MA
Reel Crazy Sportfishing, LLC., Captain Pat Juliano, West Haven, CT
After You, Too Sportfishing Charters, Capt. Frank Blume, New London, CT
Right Hook Fishing Charters, Capt. Bob Veach, New London, CT
Rock & Roll Charters, Capt. TJ Karbowski, Clinton, CT
White Ghost Guide Services, Ltd., Capt. Jim White, East Greenwich, RI
Busy Line Charters, Capt. Norm Bardell, Woonsocket, RI
Reel to Reel Sportfishing, LLC, Capt. Scott Lundberg, Pt. Judith, RI
Cherry Pepper Sport Fishing, Capt. Linwood Safford, Charlestown, RI
Togfather Fishing, Dennis Cataldo, Famingdale, NY
Double Diamond Charters, Capt. Manual Canales, Brielle, NJ
DJ Muller Surfcasting, DJ Muller, Manasquan, NJ
Spunky II Charters, Capt. Bob Egger, Toms River, NJ
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Fishing Vessels:

F/V Nightmare, Gregg Gilliam, Small Point, ME
F/V Belly Filla, Alex Notis, South Portland, ME
F/V Bettina H, Tim Virgin, Perkins Cove, ME
F/V Heather Rose, Eugene Thurston, Southwest Harbor, ME
F/V Eliza B, Neil Cunningham, Boothbay Harbor, ME
F/V Kelly Ann, Keith Landrigan, South Portland, ME
F/V Anticipation, Eric Gilliam, Small Point, ME
F/V Kathleen Jean, Stu Fay, Cape Elizabeth, ME
F/V Western Sea, Glenn Robbins, Eliot, ME
F/V Jay-Keel, John Cotton, St. George, ME
F/V Morningstar, Herb Yeaton, Small Point, ME
F/V Vick, Norman Koehling, Sebasco, ME
F/V A. Maria, Sonny McIntire, Perkins Cove, ME
F/V Underdog, Jeff Douglas, Kennebunkport, ME
F/V Empty Pockets II, Michael Stevens, Five Islands, Maine
F/V Three Bells, Matt Jones, Boothbay Harbor, ME
F/V Ella & Sadie, Colin Yentsche, Boothbay Harbor, ME
F/V Ice Princess, Peter Morse, Cape Elizabeth, ME
F/V Arco Felice, Lexi Krausse, Rockport, ME
F/V Josie B, Stephen Merrill, Wells, ME
F/V Pelican, Brett Gilliam, Small Point, ME
F/V Elizabeth Jane, Clay Gilbert, South Bristol, ME
F/V Claudet C, Gary E. and Gary C. Obrien, South Portland, ME
F/V Julia G III, Bradley Simmons, Boothbay Harbor, ME
F/V Scoot Too, Doug Gerry, Perkins Cove, ME
F/V Olympic Lady, Kurt Moses, Kennebunkport, ME
F/V Jazmataz, Don Page, Boothbay Harbor, ME
F/V Heather Kate, Glen Gilliam, Small Point, ME
F/V Mary E, Jeff Norwood, Boothbay Harbor, ME
F/V Eileen K, Mike Parenteau, Cape Neddick, ME
F/V Miss Alex, Steve Hanson, Cape Porpoise, ME
F/V Michelle Anne, Joel Strunk, Camden, ME
F/V Seldom Seen, Matt Webber, Monhegan Island, ME
F/V All In, Michael Lorusso, Wells, ME
F/V Danny & Chad, Jody Murray, Boothbay Harbor, ME
F/V Allie K, Steve Simmons, Southport, ME
F/V Endeavor, Emile Bussiere, Kittery, ME
F/V Don't Ask, Randy Durgin, Boothbay Harbor, ME
F/V Lady Anne, Dave Sinclair, Wayne, ME
F/V Deborah Ann, Chris Clark, Southwest Harbor, ME
F/V Peregrine, David Linney, York, ME
F/V Emily Rachael, Tony Coleman, Wells, ME
F/V Queen of Peace, Bobby & Shane McIntire, Ogunquit, ME
F/V Lion's Den, John Shostak, Boothbay Harbor, ME
F/V Fortunate, Jeremy Reynolds, Kittery, ME
F/V Sally G, Joe Barrone, Kittery, ME
F/V Sandra E, Allan Vitkus, Vinalhaven, ME
F/V Banshee, John Harmon, South Portland, ME
F/V Allyson, Tom Mansfield, Kennebunkport, ME
F/V Kathryn Giles, Matt Forbes, Ogunquit, ME
F/V Buckwacka, Mike Horning, Cape Neddick, ME
F/V Hunter, Vaughn Clark, Southwest Harbor, ME

F/V Zerlina, David Schalit, Brooklin, ME
F/V Tricia Lee, Luis Tirado, South Portland, ME
F/V Old Mud, Donald Sproule, ME
F/V Moxie, Bill Ganske, Cundy's Harbor, ME
F/V Linda Sea, John Stanley, Mt Desert, ME
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F/V Pamala Jean, Capt. Adam Littell, Kennebunkport, ME
F/V Miss Megan II, Capts. Shawn and Megan Tibbetts, Wells, ME
F/V Sally & Alyson, Joe Jancewicz, Kensington, NH
F/V Michael Kevin, Ralph Pratt, Green Harbor, MA
F/V Perfect C's, F/V Lisa Marie, Mike Pratt, Green Harbor, MA
F/V Scotia Boat Too, F/V Heidi & Heather, F/V Julie Ann,
& F/V Ryan Zackary, Richard Burgess, Gloucester, MA
F/V Hannah G, Steven Getto, Green Harbor, MA
F/V Hit & Run, Jim LeBoeuf, Wenham, MA
F/V Freebird, Gregg Swinson, Gloucester, MA
F/V Katie May, Dean Holt, Newburyport, MA
F/V Jeanne Marie, Mike Blanchard, Gloucester, MA
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F/V Amanda, Peter Atherton, Newburyport, MA
F/V Mary D, Daniel Dumani, Newburyport, MA
F/V Coot, Dana Kangas, Gloucester, MA
F/V Inseine, Mike Lange, New Bedford, MA
F/V Hookin-Up, Capt. Darin DiNucci, Winthrop, MA
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F/V Tobey Ann, Brian Higgins, Gloucester, MA
F/V Coyote, Scott Brady, Provincetown, MA
F/V Suzies Riches, Richard Whiteside, Hyannis, MA
F/V Cityslicker, Capt. John Wallace, Boston, MA
F/V Tuna.com, Capt. Dave Carraro, Gloucester, MA
F/V Lorraine B, Capt. Bob Briggs, Hanover, MA
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F/V Cynthia C, Tyler Macallister, Sandwich, MA
F/V Back Off, Shawn Sullivan, Sesuit, MA
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F/V Gratitude, Eric Swanson, Gloucester, MA
F/V Merganser, Peter Fyrberg, Rowley, MA
F/V The Gov, Mark Godfried, Gloucester, MA
F/V Miss Fitz, John Our, Chatham, MA
F/V Lori-Ann, Dorwin Allen, Hyannis, MA
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F/V Gumrappa, Goerge Ramian Jr., Rock Harbor, Orleans
F/V Sooner or Later, John Nichols, Newburyport, MA
F/V Blue Heron, Jonathan Geary, Chatham, MA
F/V Haywire, Chris Pistel, Harwich, MA
F/V Capt Cook, Brett Wilson, Rock Harbor, MA
F/V Frenzy, Ray Kane, Chatham, MA
F/V Horse Mackerel, David Gelfman, Chatham, MA
F/V Justified, Danny Hunter, Plymouth, MA
F/V Arlie X, Thomas Szado, Harwich, MA
F/V Peggy-B II, Ronald Braun, Harwich, MA
F/V Sea Frog, J. Roger Tessier, Harwich, MA
F/V Sea Hook, Earl Legeyt, Harwich, MA
F/V Sea Holly, Mark Leach, Harwich, MA
F/V Sea Win, Tom Luce, Harwich, MA
F/V Time Bandit, Kurt Martin, Chatham, MA
F/V Zackary T, Nick O'Toole, Harwich, MA
F/V Saga, Ben Bergquist, Chatham, MA
F/V Constance, Mike Woods, Chatham, MA
F/V Ouija, Gerald Miszkin, Chatham, MA
F/V Seabag III, Greg Tomasian, Harwich, MA
F/V Sea Chase, Roscoe Chase, Harwich, MA
F/V Beggars Banquet, Bob Keese, Chatham, MA
F/V Miss Rockville, Andrew Keese, Chatham, MA
F/V Wildwood, Nick Hyora, Chatham, MA
F/V Irish Lady, Chris Ripa, Chatham, MA
F/V Bada Bing, Tye Vecchione, Chatham, MA
F/V Yellowbird, James Eldredge, West Chatham, MA
F/V Riena Marie, Ted Ligenza, South Chatham, MA
F/V Great Pumpkin, Jan Margeson, Brewster, MA
F/V Rug Rats, Bob St. Pierre, West Yarmouth, MA
F/V Never Enough, Bruce Kaminski, Chatham, MA
F/V Taint, Mark Liska, Chatham, MA
F/V Morgan I, Glen Legeyt, West Yarmouth, MA
F/V Cuda John Tuttle, North Chatham, MA
F/V Kelly J, Michael Terrenzi, Harwich, MA
F/V Unicorn, Robert Eldredge, South Chatham, MA
F/V Ann Marie, Jim Nash, Chatham, MA
F/V Dawn T, Stuart Tolley, Chatham, MA
F/V Cuda Crew, William Barabe, Chatham, MA
F/V Jack Tar, Dave Murdoch, Chatham, MA
F/V Fishy Business, Dave Maher, Plymouth, MA
F/V Blue Heron, Jonathan Geary, Chatham, MA
F/V Lori B, Matt Linnel, Chatham, MA
F/V Capt Cook, Brett Wilson, Rock Harbor, MA
F/V Angler, Jason Alger, Hyannis, MA
F/V Isabella H, Patrick Radford, Hyannis, MA
F/V Sea Hawk, Carol Ann Huckemeyer, Hyannis, MA
F/V Machaca, Willy Hatch, North Falmouth, MA
F/V Mudshark, Craig Poosikian, Orleans, MA
F/V Predatuna II, Paul van Steensel, Harwich, MA
F/V Althea K, Pete Kaizer, Nantucket, MA
F/V Monomoy, Capt. Josh Eldredge, Nantucket, MA
F/V Shalako, Jonas Baker, Nantucket, MA

F/V Just Do It Too, Capt. Marc Genthner, Nantucket, MA
F/V Tracey T, Lou Statzer, Nantucket, MA
F/V Bedalia, Mark Williams, Nantucket, MA
F/V Carol Anne, Patrick Taaffe, Nantucket, MA
F/V Starfish Enterprise, Donald Russell, Nantucket, MA
F/V Diggin It II, Dan Zawisza, Old Saybrook, CT
F/V Tuna Tangler Too, Paul Stern, Montauk, NY
F/V Hot Tuna, Timothy Ott, Broad Channel, NY
F/V Lucky Lady, Walter Harmstead, Manasquan, NJ
F/V Susan H, Eric Herbst, Newport, RI
F/V Proud Mary, Chris Brown, Pt. Judith, RI
F/V Mary Kay, Andrew Ditch, Bokeelia, FL

Tackle/Bait Shops & Companies

Hiltons Sport Dock, George Hilton, Newburyport, MA
Tightlines Tackle, Dave Mason, Walpole, ME
Saco Bay Tackle, Peter Mourmouras, Saco, ME
Offshore Marine Outfitters, Tim Greer, York, ME
White Anchor Bait & Tackle Shop, Carl Jordan, Boothbay, ME
Eldredge Bros. Fly Shop, Jim Bernstein, Cape Neddick, ME
Webhannet River Boatyard and Tackle Shop, Wells, ME
First Light Anglers, Nat Moody, Derek Spingler, Chris Comb,
Peter Yukins and Trent Gaffney, Rowley, MA
Fisherman's Outfitter, John White, Gloucester, MA
Offshore Pursuits Premium Tackle, David Dodsworth, MA
Nelson's Bait and Tackle, Rich Wood, Provincetown, MA
Bucko's Parts & Tackle, Michael J. Bucko, Fall River, MA
Offshore Innovations Inc., Pres. Kevin Glynn, Falmouth, MA
Green Harbor Bait and Tackle, Bob Pronk, Marshfield, MA
Belsan Bait and Tackle, Jerry and Pete Belsan, Scituate, MA
Fishing Finatics, Pete Santini, Everett, MA
Rock On Products, Manchester, MA
Sunrise Bait & Tackle, Gerald Armstrong, Harwich Port, MA
Sportsman's Landing, Carl Coppenrath, Dennis, MA
Riverview Bait & Tackle, Lee Boisuert, Yarmouth, MA
Nantucket Tackle, Arthur Quinn, Nantucket, MA
Fore River Bait & Tackle, Rick Newcomb, Quincy, MA
Antique Lures, Marty McGovern, Whitman, MA
The Hook-Up Bait and Tackle, Capt. Eric Stewart, Orleans, MA
RonZ Mfg. Co., Ron Poirier, Brewster, MA
Arthur's Custom Rods, Arthur Kaplan, Quincy, MA
Bigfish Tackle Co., Lawrence Wentworth, Hanover, MA
Got Stryper Lure Company, Capt. Alan Hastbacka, Chatham, MA
Line Stretcher Tackle Company, Ray Jussaume, Somerville, MA
The Fisherman's Line, Bob Rogers, Assonet, MA
Powerhorn Outfitters, Hyannis, MA
Wally's Wood Lures, Walt Morris, Sandwich, MA
Point Jude Lures, Joe Martins, Newport, RI
RI Poppers, Armand Tetreault, Woonscket, RI
Surfcasting Rhode Island, Joe Lyons, Narragansett, RI
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Backlash Sportfishing USA, Capt. Bob Bott, Suffolk, NJ
BFG Tackle, Capt. Chuck Fisher, Dundalk, MD

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Bar Harbor Whale Watch Co., Naturalist Zack Klyver, Bar Harbor, ME
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Cape Ann Whale Watch, Jim Douglass, Gloucester, MA
Capt. Bill & Sons Whale Watching, Mark Cunningham, Gloucester, MA
Atlantic Fleet Whale Watch, Capt Brad Cook, Rye Harbor, NH
Granite State Whale Watch, Pete Reynolds, Rye Harbor, NH
Boothbay Whale Watch, Naturalist Mechele Vanderlaan, Boothbay Harbor, ME
Odyssey Whale Watch, Christopher Cutshall, Portland, ME
First Chance Whale Watch, Capt. Gary Grenier, Kennebunk, ME

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Old Quarry Ocean Adventures, Capt Bill Baker, Stonington, ME
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Passenger Vessel 'Belle', Capt. Tim Healy, Gloucester, MA
Acadian Nature & New Horizons Tour Company, Captain/Owner Gary Fagan, Bar Harbor, ME
Bar Harbor Whale Watch Co., Naturalist Zack Klyver, Bar Harbor, ME
Ardea Ecoexpeditions, Owner/Guide Darrin Kelly, Gouldsboro, ME
Coastal Kayaking Tours, Owner/Guide Glenn Tucker, Bar Harbor, ME
Downeast Nature Tours, Owner/Guide Michael Good, Bar Harbor, ME
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Marine Research, Education and Conservation Organizations:

Penobscot East Resource Center, Director Robin Alden, Stonington, ME
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Blue Ocean Society, Director Jen Kennedy, Portsmouth, NH
Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance, Exec. Director Niaz Dorry, Gloucester, MA
Coastal Research and Education Society of Long Island, Pres. Arthur Kopelman
Downeast Salmon Federation, Exec. Director Dwayne Shaw, Columbia Falls, ME
Allied Whale, Director Sean Todd, Bar Harbor, ME
Bar Harbor Whale Museum, Curator Toby Stephenson, Bar Harbor, ME
CETOS Research Organization, Executive Director Ann Zoidis, Bar Harbor, ME
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Businesses, publications and others:

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Marine Systems Custom Boats, Eric Clark, Southwest Harbor, ME
Barnacle Billy's Inc., Bill Tower, Ogunquit, ME
D&J Fuels, North Berwick, ME
Kittery Point Boatbuilders, LLC., Elliot, ME
MGX, LLC., Kittery Point, ME
Maguro America, Inc., Robert Fitzpatrick, Chatham, MA
Nantucket Fish Co., Inc., President Andrew Baler, South Dennis, MA
North Atlantic Traders, Ltd., Bob Kliss, Lynn, MA

Compass Seafoods, Patrick Mead, Charlestown, RI
Blunas, Inc., Chris and Ben Weiner, Perkins Cove, ME
Poon Harpoons, Kevin Glynn and Chris Godina, West Newton, MA
JC Boat, Jack Cadario, Brookline, NH
Lodestar Water Taxi, Robert Cicerrell, Nantucket, MA
Cap'n Tobey's Native Water Taxi, Tobey Leske, Nantucket, MA
Fred C Church, Inc., Lowell, MA
Bluewater Fish Co., Bob DeCosta, South Norwalk, CT
Navtronics, Tim Greer, York, ME
Redman Marine Fabricators, Noell Redman, York, ME
Blue Sea Fisheries, Inc. Dave Pelletier, Beverly, MA
Sarah-Kate Fisheries Inc., Fave Fyrberg, West Newbury, MA
North Atlantic Marine Service, Steve McNally, Amesbury, MA
On The Water Magazine, Publisher Chris Megan, East Falmouth, MA
NH Precision Metal Fabricators, Mark Poirier, Londonderry, NH
Offshore Pursuits, LLC, David Dodsworth, MA
NewEnglandSharks.com, Capt. Tom King, Scituate, MA
New England Farm Union, President Annie Cheatham, Shelburn Falls, MA
Momomoy Fuel Co., Andy Blanco, Chatham, MA
Cape Island Boats, Eric Johnson, Brewster, MA
Funktional Steel Art, Faye Swenson, Chatham, MA
Roger Carroll Boat Carpenters, Roger Carroll, Chatham, MA
Richardson Marine, Kent Richardson, North Chatham, MA
Radiotelephone Service Co., James Eteson, Orleans, MA
Commercial Marine Co., John Avellar, Orleans, MA
Whiteley Fuel Oil, David Peters, North Chatham, MA
Massachusetts Freedivers Club, Faye Anderson, Chatham, MA
Glyn's Marine, Inc., Roger Stolte, Nantucket, MA
Brant Point Marine, Bill Davidson, Nantucket, MA
Nantucket Ship Chandelry, Ellen Tonkin, Nantucket, MA
Forelle, LLC., Steven Leinbach, Nantucket, MA
Souza's Seafood, Shirley Souza, Nantucket, MA
Nantucket Seafoods, Dan Lemaitre, Nantucket, MA
Nantucket Boat Basin, George Bassett, Jr., Nantucket, MA
Larry Ray Marine, Larry Ray, Nantucket, MA
B&D Enterprises, Bernie Wilson, Ware, MA
Off The Hook Fishing, Roy Leyva, Plymouth, MA
Tri State Fishing Tournaments, Steve Mantia, President, Carver, MA
Fly Rod Striped Bass, Ted Demopoulos, Dover, NH
Stripersonline.com, Tim Surgent, Wall, NJ
DMC Executive Planning, Dennis Cataldo, Farmingdale, NY
www.Striped-Bass.com, John Redmond, Warwick, RI