What is a commercial fisherman?
Fishermen of Cape Cod

FISHING METHODS
Dredging • Gillnetting • Longlining • Seining • Trapping
• Trawling • Trolling • Weir Fishing

Def: [Fish•er•man]
(noun): man or woman who catches fish for a living
Syn: neighbor, community member, business owner, parent, sibling, student, friend

Def: [Comm•er•cial•fish•ing]
(verb): The act of catching fish by various methods to sell to the public for profit.
Syn: profession, livelihood, culture, heritage

Fishermen in MA
Barnstable County 1,867 Fishermen

30%
Total Fishermen in MA = 6,207

Age of Fishermen
Barnstable County
Under 40 32%
1,391

32%
1,391

Massachusetts
Under 40 28%
1,369

4,838

40+

WINTER
Skate, Scallops (Sea and Bay)
Pollock, Oyster, Mussels, Monkfish, Lobster, Haddock, Flounder, Cod, Clams (Steamers and Quahogs), Sea Clams

FALL
Black Sea Bass,
Bluefin Tuna, Flounder, Butterfish, Clams (Quahogs, Razor, and Steamers), Sea Clams, Cod, Conch, Dogfish, Haddock, Lobster, Mackerel, Monkfish, Mussels, Oysters, Pollock, Scallops (Sea), Scup (Porgy), Skate, Striped Bass, White Hake, Whiting

Cape Cod Seafood Availability*

SPRING
Butterfish,
Clams (Quahogs, Razor, and Steamers), Cod, Conch, Flounder, Lobster, Mackerel, Monkfish, Mussels, Oysters, Pollock, Scallops (Sea), Scup (Porgy), Skate, Striped Bass, White Hake, Squid

SUMMER

* Types of Flounder: American Plaice (Dabs), Witch Flounder (Grey Sole), Winter (Blackbacks), Summer (Fluke)
** Fish and shellfish seasonality subject to change depending on weather patterns, fishery regulation and what the ocean provides.

FISHING INDUSTRY OF CAPE COD

61,539,535
Live Pounds 2017 Barnstable County Landings

$73,779,709
Total Value in dollars of the live pounds for 2017 (ex-vessel)

1,867
Commercial Fishermen

57,546
Total recorded trips made in 2017

2017 Barnstable County Landings, Value and Effort
LIVE_POUNDS TOTAL_VALUE_TRIP_COUNT
61,539,535 73,779,709 57,546
SOURCE: SAFIS Dealer Database
Commercial fishing is at the heart of Cape Cod’s heritage.

It supports our local economy, sustains our connection to the ocean and our waterfront. It takes incredible dedication and skill to catch the seafood we enjoy on our dinner plates from the wild and unpredictable waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

Whether you are a seafood lover, a fisherman, a chef, a local business owner, a year-round or seasonal resident of the Cape, fish recreationally, or simply care about the marine environment, the Fishermen’s Alliance is working on your behalf to ensure there is a future for fish and fishing on Cape Cod.

Your gift to the Fishermen’s Alliance helps provide the resources necessary for our work to succeed by training fishermen to engage with the complex issues and policymaking processes that impact their businesses, protecting our community and ocean environment, promoting and marketing local seafood, and piloting sustainable fishing practices. Your support allows us to uphold the rich heritage of commercial fishing and its significant impact on the working life of our neighbors and cultural fabric of Cape Cod.

Please donate today so the commercial fishing industry survives on Cape Cod for generations to come.
We are fortunate to have the support of the **Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation**, which is challenging our donors to increase their giving by matching 100% of certain donations! This match is a great opportunity to double your impact.

**Your donation will be doubled if**

- You are a first-time donor with the Fishermen’s Alliance,
- You join our Fishermen Friends Monthly Giving Program (at any monthly amount!),
- You made a donation in 2017 and double that amount in 2018 (i.e. you gave $50 in 2017 and contribute $100 in 2018), or
- You made a donation in the past and forgot to give in the last year or more, but are giving now!

Not sure if you fall in to one of the above categories? Please call Molly Ogren at 508-945-2432 x107 to find out!

**Every dollar counts (twice!)** and will support our work advocating for the future of fishing and fishermen on Cape Cod.

**DONATE TODAY:**

www.capecodfishermen.org/donate
The Fishermen’s Alliance helps us do a lot of things we couldn’t do ourselves. They are instrumental in the policy process, so we know what is coming at us. We’re a bunch of independent fishermen, and the Alliance helps us create a unified front. We wouldn’t be where we are without them.

— CAPTAIN CHARLIE DODGE, F/V STRANGLEHOLD, CHATHAM, MA.