



Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association

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Hook Welcomes John Pappalardo as Chief Executive Officer



He helped to build the Hook Association from the ground up, soliciting funds, hiring staff and defining a mission. Now, John Pappalardo is officially at its helm.

After more than a decade of working with Cape Cod fishermen, John has been appointed to serve as Chief Executive Officer of CCCHFA.

"I feel like it's my turn to step up and work inside the community and the

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organization to further our objectives," said John, who is serving his final year on the New England Fishery Management Council. "I have a sense of obligation to the people who have given me the space to become who I am."

Since becoming a Cape "washashore," John has seen all sides of the fishing industry, from crewing and clamming to serving on state, regional, federal and international boards to promote fishing interests.

He replaces Susan Nickerson, who resigned her position as Executive Director last month.

"I'm proud of what we've been able to accomplish during my time with CCCHFA," Sue said upon her departure. "The fishing industry is so critical to Cape Cod, and I'm honored that I was able to help preserve it."

Changes in store for skate trip limits



New catch limits for skate approved by the National Marine Fisheries Service last month will go into effect July 16.

New England fishermen will now be limited to 5,000 pounds of skate per trip, down from the 10,000-pound limit currently in place.

While still a substantial reduction, the move is far less damaging than the 1,900-pound limit initially discussed. It is believed that the 5,000-pound allotment will actually benefit local skate fishermen through an increase in market prices stemming from a decrease in product.

"The most recent science tells us that the skate stocks are much better than the agency thought," said Dave Murdoch, one of Chatham's youngest commercial captains, who traveled to Washington to raise awareness about the issue. "NMFS made the right move by changing the limit. The 1,900-pound trip limit would have put me and plenty of other guys here out of business."

- [READ MORE](#) about the new skate regulations.

Hook to launch CSF market survey

We need to hear from you!

Aimed at gauging community interest in a Community Supported Fishery, **look out for our Consumer Survey, which will be coming to your e-mail inbox next week.**

We'll be looking for feedback from you - the what, when, where and hows to make it happen locally.

The Hook Association wants to help you get Fresh Seafood while also strengthening the connection between the community and local fishermen!



Meet our summer staff:

Mary Falwell, a Hookers Ball volunteer for the past two years, is taking the reigns this summer as ball coordinator. A summer resident of Chatham, Mary worked for many years as the vice president of marketing for the Travelers Insurance Company. She is replacing Katie Tower, who took a new job with In The Pink.



Lindsay Downing, a graduate student at New York University, is interning this summer in our policy department, taking a comprehensive look at our views on habitat management. Originally from Vermont, Lindsay spent summers on the Cape her entire life. She received a bachelor's degree in environmental anthropology in 2008 from the University of California at Santa Barbara and is pursuing her master's degree in environmental conservation policy.

Katherine McMahon, a student at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I., is interning this summer helping to plan the Hookers Ball. Katherine has lived in Chatham her whole life and graduated from Chatham High School in 2009. She is studying management and finance at Bryant and wants to run her own non-profit one day.



Get your tickets now for the *2010 Hookers Ball!*



**Saturday, August 14, 6 to 11 p.m.
Under the tents at the Chatham VFW**

\$200 for premium tickets

**(including a VIP champagne reception, exclusive check-in, reserved seating
and a special gift)**

\$125 for general admission

\$75 for industry members

To purchase your tickets:

**Stop by our office at
210-E Orleans Road, North Chatham**

Call 508.945.2432

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**Visit www.hookersball10.com for more information about the
Ball.**

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hook in its efforts to support fish and
fishermen in the local community.



**The Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association is a nationally
recognized, non-profit organization that aligns protection of the oceans with
the interests of our historic fishing community. We support stewardship of
coastal ecosystems through education, research, and policy programs. Started
in 1991 by the local fishing fleet, the Hook Association has become the leading**



**community fisheries organization in the region. We're taking action now to
make sure there are fish for future generations.**

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