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Herring boats exceed catch in Cape waters by 40 percent

Poor monitoring leads to enormous overage



The midwater trawlers fishing for herring in federal waters from Chatham to Provincetown went over their catch limit by 40 percent this year, according to NOAA Fishery's Atlantic Herring Weekly Landing Report.

By greatly exceeding their quota in Area 1B, a sensitive habitat located a mere three miles from shore, the

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herring boats are taking even more fish away from the striped bass, cod, pollock and tuna that Cape Cod fishermen depend on for their businesses.

"If observers had been on board the boats to track their catch, this area could have been shut down when it should have been and those herring would be there for stripers and tuna," said Darren Saletta, a commercial striped bass fisherman from Chatham.

The New England Fishery Management Council is working on a plan to enhance monitoring on these boats, but has delayed a vote on the issue until at least January.

- [SEE](#) the weekly landing report for Atlantic Herring.
- [FIND OUT](#) about the New England Fishery Management Council's discussion about herring monitoring at its September meeting.
- [READ MORE](#) about this issue.

Tuna fishermen go the distance

Cape fishermen this fall are traveling farther than ever before to find bluefin tuna. But, for most, the extra time and expense is proving worthwhile.

At 120 to 130 miles east of the Cape - practically closer to Canada than to home - the fishermen are quickly and easily catching their three fish a day. Prices are fluctuating anywhere from \$2 to \$15 a pound.

"It's a very good bite," fisherman John Our said. "But it's a long ways."



Sector steps up to finish barn



Work will soon begin on renovating the barn at the Captain Nathan Harding House thanks to a generous donation from the Georges Bank Hook Sector. The sector board voted at its last meeting to donate \$55,000 to make the Hook's vision for an expanded education and outreach center a reality.

"We can't thank the sector enough for helping us get this done," Hook CEO John Pappalardo said. "Because of the fishermen, we'll be able to start on this project much earlier than we had hoped."

Pilot CSF nearly full



There are only a few chances left to participate in the Hook Association's **Community Supported Fishery pilot**. Barnstable subscriptions sold out in less than 24 hours and only a handful of Chatham subscriptions remain.

"The response has been overwhelming," said Amy Morris, who is working on the pilot. "We can't wait to

get started."

The CSF will kick off **October 15** and is scheduled to run through **November 20**. Weekly pickups will take place at the **Cape Cod Organic Farm** in Barnstable Village and the **Hook Office** in Chatham. A variety of packages are available.

- [VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#) for more information and to secure one of these last remaining spots TODAY!

John Pappalardo reelected chairman of NEFMC

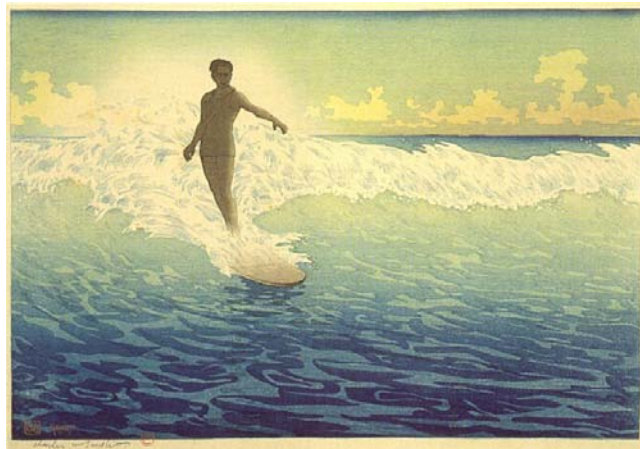


For a fifth consecutive year, Hook CEO John Pappalardo will be heading up the New England Fishery Management Council.

John was reelected chairman by his fellow councilors at their September meeting.

The council - made up of stakeholders from all over New England - oversees fisheries policy for the region.

- [FIND OUT](#) about John and his work at the Hook.
- [LEARN MORE](#) about the New England Fishery Management Council.



Surfrider meeting TONIGHT

Do you have a passion for the environment? Do you want to do more to protect Cape beaches? Attend the inaugural meeting of the Cape & Island Surfrider chapter.

- When: Wednesday, Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m.
- Where: Hook Office, 1566 Main St., Chatham
- Who: Contact Lindsay Downing, 508.945.2432, lindsay@ccchfa.org

Upcoming Events:

Halloween at the Hook

Want to see the restored Captain Nathan Harding House? Want one more excuse to wear your Halloween costume? Please join us for a **HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE** at our new office!



Wednesday, Oct. 27, 3 to 6 p.m.
1566 Main Street, Chatham

Wellfleet OysterFest

Come see our **CRITTER TUB** for the last time this season at the Wellfleet OysterFest!



Saturday, Oct. 16 and Sunday, Oct. 17
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wellfleet, MA



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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