



## Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association

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# FISHERIES TRUST CELEBRATES FIRST MILLION POUND FISHING SEASON

Supporters and fishermen to be honored at reception Sept. 2



**NORTH CHATHAM, MA:** The Cape Cod Fisheries Trust will commemorate its first full year of operations next week by honoring all those who have supported the program with special gifts.

A reception will take place September 2, 2010, at 5 p.m., at Fisherman's Daughter in Chatham. Each

donor, fisherman and volunteer will receive a token of appreciation from the Trust, designed and crafted by local businesses [Fisherman's Daughter](#), [Vervaine Design Studio](#) and [SeaCheryl Designs](#).

"Without all of our contributors and participants, this fleet would be struggling," said Trust Founder and Director Paul Parker. "We wanted to do something to really let our supporters know how much their involvement with the Trust means."

Over the past year, the Trust directly aided 108 fishing boat captains and crew members. Over \$3 million has been raised to help the Lower Cape's small-boat commercial fleet.

One million pounds of groundfish and scallop quota has already been distributed through the Trust, a model for similar programs that have sprung up across the country since its founding in 2005.

A dozen foundations have provided grants and loans and more than 50 individual donors have generously stepped up to allow the Trust to buy groundfish and scallop quota and lease it back to qualifying fishermen at affordable rates. The fishermen, in turn, are using sustainable business models to make sure that the investment is worthwhile.

"Our permit bank is helping these fishermen keep their homes, feed their families and do what they need to do to continue to operate," Parker said. "We're well on our way to reaching our goal of raising \$10 million to make this program fully operational."

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## THE CAPE COD FISHERIES TRUST

The Cape Cod Fisheries Trust was created in response to an environmental, social and economic crisis that is threatening fish populations, fishermen and the people of Cape Cod.

Owned by the [Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association](#) and managed by the [Community Development Partnership](#) of Eastham, the Trust buys groundfish and scallop quota and leases it back to local fishermen at affordable rates. The Trust aims to protect the small-boat fishing industry that is vitally important to the Cape Cod community.

To learn more, visit our website at [www.ccchfa.org/trust](http://www.ccchfa.org/trust).

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## CAPE COD COMMERCIAL HOOK FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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

~ Protecting a Resource, a Tradition, and a Way of Life ~

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