

CAPE COD COMMERCIAL
**FISHERMEN'S
ALLIANCE**

Small Boats. Big Ideas.

MILESTONES

1991 First gathering of fishermen to form the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association to participate in the making of New England fishery regulations.

1994 First executive director Sherrill Smith

1996 The organization sued the federal government because fishing regulations were not doing enough to protect sensitive seafloor habitat.

1996 Recognized as 501c3 charitable organization

1998 Opened office in Nickerson Corner in Chatham to create a consistent place for fishermen to meet and discuss their issues.

2003 Launched cooperative research program to tag cod and haddock, which brought \$1.5M to local fishermen.

2002 John Pappalardo gets appointed to the New England Fishery Management Council to represent Cape Cod hook-and-line fishermen.

2004 Launched the hook "sector," the first harvesting coop approved in New England, allowing the Cape hook fleet to locally manage its own annual allocation of codfish.

2004 We created 75 jobs and \$20M in revenue for local fishermen through a three-year long special access program for hook fishermen to catch haddock.

2006 Received the NOAA Environmental Hero Award

2006 In response to requests from gillnet fishermen to locally manage their cod allocation, we worked with the Council to establish the second "harvesting coop," the Fixed Gear Sector.

2007 We worked with local river herring wardens and towns to restore river herring passages on the Cape and Islands.

2007 We purchased the first of what became a \$4M investment in scallop, cod and flounder fishing quota and began leasing the quota at affordable rates to 120 fishing families on Cape Cod, allowing them to catch an additional \$3M in seafood annually.

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2010 We became the first New England fishing organization to purchase a permanent home, the historic Captain Nathan Harding House and received the Town of Chatham Preservation Award for its restoration.

2013 Expansion of mission to include all Cape fishermen and all fisheries; changed name to Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance.

2013 We launched the Fish for Families program with The Family Pantry of Cape Cod, which has made more than 88,000 locally-caught seafood meals seafood available to more than 20,000 Cape Cod families in need.

2014 The Fishermen's Alliance joined community-based fishing groups from across the country to form the Fishing Communities Coalition, which amplifies the voices of small-boat fishermen who are committed to finding conservation-minded solutions to today's fisheries management issues.

2015 We were the lead investor in rebuilding Cape Cod's only shellfish hatchery, Aquacultural Research Corporation, which supports 1,400 shellfish fishermen and the wild and recreational shellfish programs of all 15 Cape towns.

2016 Received Massachusetts Nonprofit Network Nonprofit Excellence Award for advocacy campaign to increase distribution of disaster funding to include Cape Cod fishermen, who received more than \$660,000 in relief.

2016 Fishermen's Alliance CEO John Pappalardo started his 11th year on the New England Fishery Management Council making sure Cape Cod's fishermen have a voice in federal arena.

2016 A group of fishermen worked with the organization to change a rule that wasted government dollars. This change will save the local monkfish, skate and dogfish fleet \$400,000 a year and protect jobs for more than 60 fishing families.

There is more we can achieve! Be a part of our journey as we navigate the next 25 years. Together, we'll build a better future for fish and our fishing community.

Please make a gift that will support our work of ensuring healthy fish populations in our oceans, local seafood in our markets and sustainable and profitable fishing businesses on Cape Cod.

We need you.

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