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Collaborative science in action:

Over the last two years, our staff and member fishermen collected biological samples from nearly 250 halibut – more than the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s trawl survey collected in over a decade. We continue to work with scientists at NOAA and the Division of Marine Fisheries to analyze those samples and provide better data about this valuable stock to fisheries managers.

We are currently working with oceanographers at NOAA to provide on the dock support for their new effort to use fishing boats to monitor changing ocean conditions. Participating Cape Cod fishermen deploy environmental sensors on their gear to help validate NOAA's ocean weather models.

Managing the complexities of our local fisheries extends beyond the business of catching and selling fish for food and profit. It also includes understanding how to be good stewards of our environmental resources. Often, there is a disconnect between fishermen's on-the-water knowledge and what scientists report.

The Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance works to ensure that these interconnected factors are identified and addressed in ways that benefit the people, the environment and our local economy.

We partner with Cape Cod fishermen to incorporate their on-the-water knowledge into collaborative research. This research informs the government's science, resulting in a more complete picture of the health of our ocean and ensuring better fisheries management and policy innovation in the future.

Your support will allow us to continue to partner with local fishermen to develop and execute collaborative research projects that are both practical for the fishing industry and supportive of the ecosystem.

Thank you for your commitment to protecting the resources that sustain us.

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