

Community Management and Community Quota Ownership

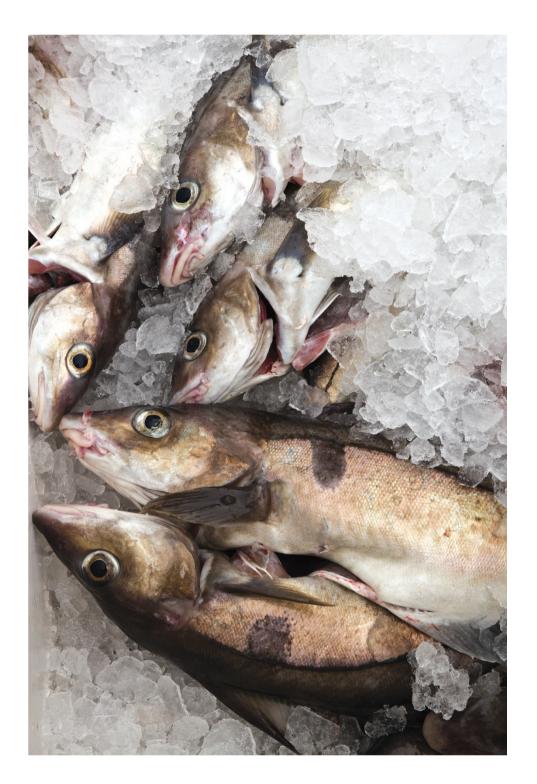
Cape Cod, USA





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Outline

- New England Groundfish Crisis
- Community Management Solution
- Accountability
- Community Quota Ownership
- Next Steps

New England Groundfish Crisis:



- Background of Georges Bank
- 1976 Magnuson Stevens Act
- Replace Foreign Fleet with Domestic
- 1994 Stock Collapse (300M lbs to 60M lbs)
- Failure of Input Controls (Days At Sea)
- Complex Regulations
- Tremendous Bycatch
- Less Profit
- Less Jobs
- Community Collapse
- Infrastructure Loss

Community Based Solution - Sectors



Catch Shares & Sectors

- Started in New England
- Catch Share to individual fishermen
- Fishermen join a "Sector" to pool "shares" for management
- Sectors can be geographic or gear based
- Fish allocated to Sector based on member catch history.
- Sector shares costs, responsibilities with US Government

Sector Management



Sector Description

 Establish community based vision, goals, objectives

Local Governance

- Non-profit, Board of Directors, Manager
- Fishermen Infractions Committee
- Frequent meetings and consensus based decision-making

Local allocation and regulation

- Accountable to each other
- Accountable to government

Cost

Accountability



Reporting

- Fishermen Paper Reports & Dealer
- Manager
 - Weekly reporting, Bycatch Reporting
 - Annual Report

Monitoring

- Satellite tracking
- At-sea Observers
 - Federal, Private, Video
- Dockside

Sector Pros & Cons



Advantages

- Improved Efficiency & Profit
- Increased Flexibility & Stability
- Improved monitoring (local scale).
- Local Governance & Control

Considerations

- Management Cost
- High permit price
- Migration of permits and quota

Implications of Catch Shares



We Are At a Critical Juncture

Retiring and Other Fishermen Exiting the Industry



Local Community Maintains Ownership

 Have a permanent permit allocation and need to be able to capture the fair market value

Large Corporations Purchase Permits

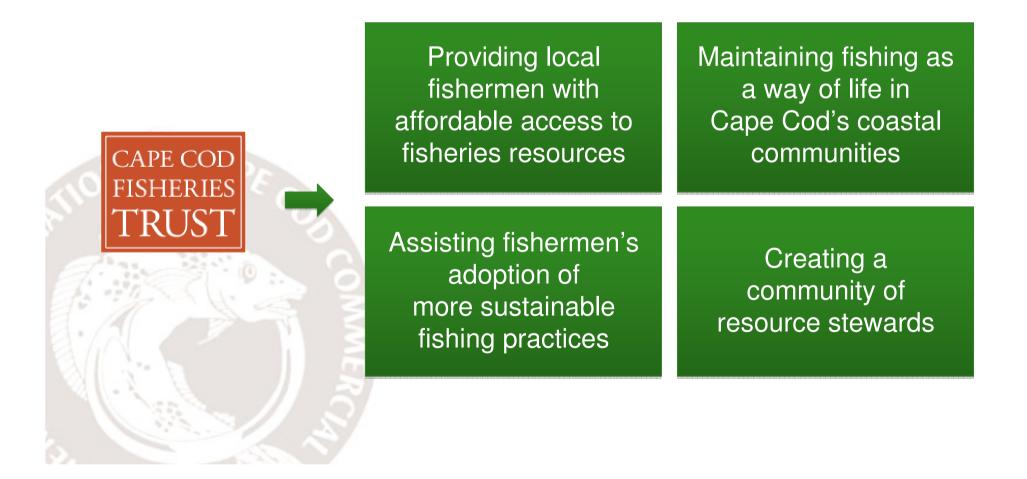
- Existing and aspiring Cape Cod fishermen are shut out of local industry
- Local jobs and access to fisheries decline
- Loss of community lifeblood and culture

- Fishing heritage is protected and remains a profitable and significant part of the coastal economy
- Local jobs are maintained
- Local fishermen are supported and a means of entry for future generations of fishermen is ensured

Cape Cod's fishing legacy will be lost if we do not take action.

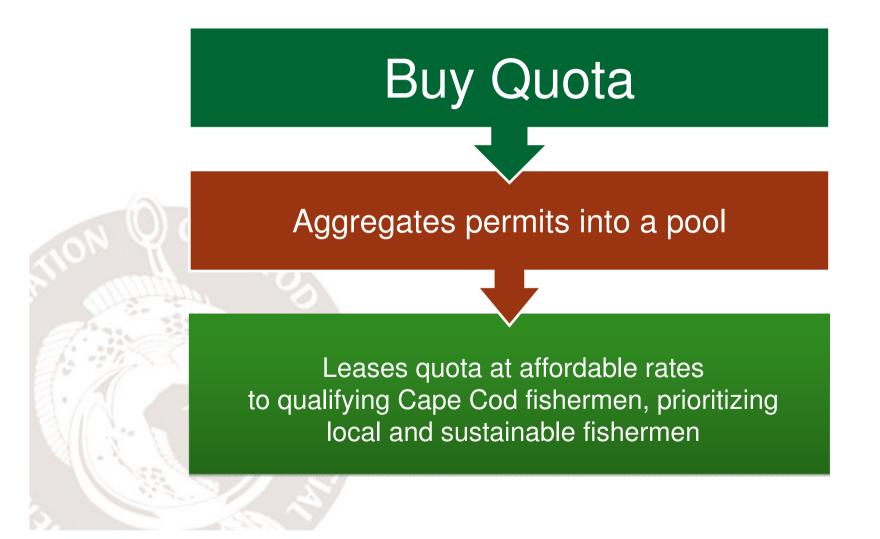
What CCFT Will Do

CCFT is developing a community ownership model that will benefit the local community and improve marine fish conservation by:



How We Will Do It

CCFT will run a permit leasing operation that:



Who's Eligible?



- Cape Cod resident
- Use Cape Cod ports
- Use Sustainable Fishing Practices
- Owner-operator fishermen
- Comply with monitoring
- Comply with regulations
- Timely lease payment

CCFT's community model promotes the ability to implement healthy fishing practices for the environment and local economy

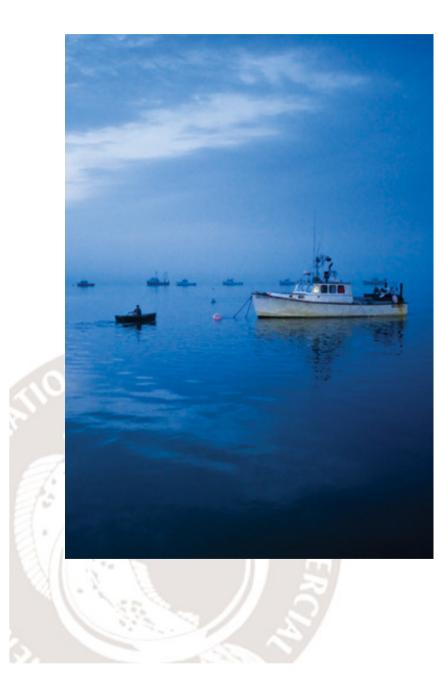
Local Impact of CCFT's Work

Benefits

- Affordable Access & Succession Plan
- Protect a \$30 million seafood industry on Cape Cod
- Including 75 fishing vessels and 175 fishermen
- Succession plan
- Restore traditional diversified access to <u>adjacent</u> natural resources
- Fair distribution of economic and social benefits to active working fishermen
- Stability and reinvestment in local fishing infrastructure
- Implement the Trust to empower local fishermen to be more involved in management decisions at a scope and scale that is relevant to the community

Summary

- Days at Sea have been a costly failure
- Quotas are new management paradigm
- Community Quota Management allows local focus.
 - New England Groundfish Sectors
 - Community Ownership allows prioritization of local social, economic and environmental goals.
 - Cape Cod Fisheries Trust is a successful community ownership solution.
 - Success relies on accountability and monitoring







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