



ABOUT THE NORTHEAST SEAFOOD COALITION

Established in 2002, the Northeast Seafood Coalition (“NSC” or “Coalition”) is a membership organization of commercial fishing and fishery-dependent small businesses in the Northeast region of the United States. NSC represents our membership on political and policy issues affecting their interests as participants in the groundfish fishery and the Sector program in the Northeast multispecies groundfish fishery. The work of NSC is geared toward crafting real, creative and effective solutions to complex fishery problems. We work to rebuild fish stocks while preserving family-owned fishing businesses and a diverse groundfish fleet.

The work of NSC is unique because it is based upon an understanding that members of the organization are a functioning part of a greater whole, and, therefore, developing a strong and healthy fishery requires a holistic and integrated approach to management. Today, the NSC is widely-known and highly respected in the complex fisheries management process for crafting innovative solutions for the entire groundfish fishery that promote sustainable fishing, fairness and equity, and strong fishing communities.

NORTHEAST SEAFOOD COALITION MEMBERSHIP

NSC members are small, independent, entrepreneurial businesses that fish for – and support fishing for – cod, haddock, flounders, and other groundfish species along the northeast coast. NSC’s fishing business members fish from small and large ports all along the Northeast coast. They fish small, medium, and large vessels, and they deploy, among them, all groundfish gear types (trawl, longline, gillnet, and others).

NSC members fish from small and large ports all along the northeast coast line—from southern Maine to New Jersey. Our members concentrate fishing efforts in the Gulf of Maine, Georges Bank and Southern New England; therefore NSC concentrates its efforts on northeast fisheries management. However, we’re constantly working with colleagues and partners across the country and world to effectively represent our members.

THE MISSION OF THE NORTHEAST SEAFOOD COALITION

The Northeast Seafood Coalition is dedicated to working with government regulations and environmental concerns to preserve the long-term health of fishery resources, fishing communities and the fishing industry.