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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Vessel whose owner identified you as a crew member (Captain or Mate, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

What is this Vessel's Multispecies Groundfish Permit Number?

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### Instructions

**Please enter the Multispecies Groundfish Permit number of the vessel whose owner identified you as a crew member in the space provided at the bottom of each answer page.**

**Please return all of the answered pages which contain that permit number. Please use the stamped and addressed envelope - thank you!**

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- 12b. If yes, could such a question be improved by:
- a.  Providing an explanation such as the one above
  - b.  Wording the question in a different way. Please give an example of a question you would feel comfortable with \_\_\_\_\_
  - c.  Deleting the question entirely
  - d.  Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

13. How long have you lived in the town you live in now? \_\_\_\_\_ years

14a. Do you consider this town a fishing community?      a.  N      b.  Y

14b. Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

15a. Do you consider this town a community which is dependent on the fishing industry?  
a.  N      b.  Y

15b. Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Would you have to move out of your town if fishing became more difficult because of more regulations?    a.  N      b.  Y

17. What else might you be able to do in your town if you were not fishing? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Do you or any household members participate in community organizations?  
a.  N      b.  Y      If yes, can you describe them and what you do with them?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. We would like to know if the questions above gave you a chance to identify your community and describe its relation to the fishing industry. Are there other questions we should have asked?  
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## Expenditure Impacts of Fishing Industry in New England

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The fishing industry is not isolated from the rest of the New England economy. How fishermen and coastal communities are impacted by fishery regulation requires information about where captain and crew income is spent.

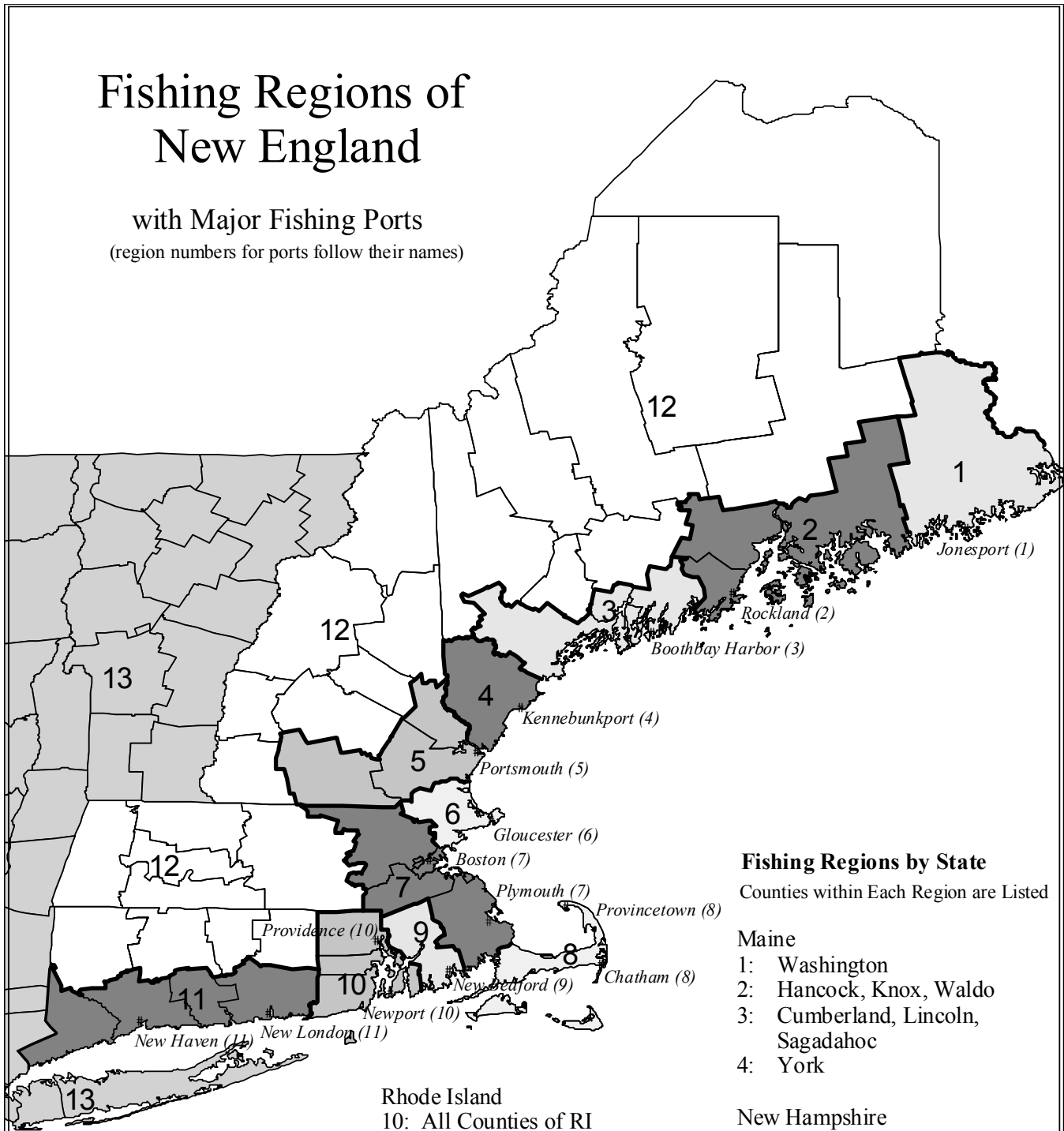
Information on what fishing businesses buy helps us understand what other types of shore-side businesses may be affected when fishing conditions change. Knowing where these businesses are located and where captain and crew live helps us understand how economic impacts are spread throughout the New England coastal region.

On the next page you will find a map of New England with several different coastal subregions identified along with towns and cities for reference. Each subregion has been identified with a number and a name. For example, subregion 2 has been called the “Upper Mid-Coast region of Maine.” Altogether there are 11 coastal subregions for New England, one non-coastal region for the entire inshore part of New England (region 12), and one region for everything outside New England (region 13).

Following the map is a table for recording the home region of your vessel, where you live, and where you spent whatever you didn't save of your 1999 income. If you spent your money in several regions, try to give approximately what percent you spent in each. For example, if you operate out of Portland, Maine, then in 1999, 50% of whatever you spent of your income may have been spent within the Lower Mid-Coast region, 25% in Southern Maine, 15 % in the Gloucester/North Shore region and 10% perhaps in Culebra, Puerto Rico (the percentages should sum to 100). **Please use a best guess.**

# Fishing Regions of New England

with Major Fishing Ports  
(region numbers for ports follow their names)



### Fishing Regions by State

Counties within Each Region are Listed

#### Maine

- 1: Washington
- 2: Hancock, Knox, Waldo
- 3: Cumberland, Lincoln, Sagadahoc
- 4: York

#### New Hampshire

- 5: Hillsborough, Rockingham, Strafford

#### Massachusetts

- 6: Essex
- 7: Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk
- 8: Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket
- 9: Bristol

#### Rhode Island

- 10: All Counties of RI

#### Connecticut

- 11: Fairfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London

#### Other regions

- 12: Near Coastal New England
- 13: Other US Regions





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## Fishing Business Practices

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Over the past five years fishery regulations have significantly impacted fishing practices. This section seeks to find out what adjustments fishermen have made. Some questions look at how these changes impact the family as well. *Please use check marks and fill in with more information if appropriate.*

1. Please **list** the most significant changes in your household finances that you have seen over the last five years because of regulations. Some examples are: Cut back on life and or health insurance, Cut back on family vacations, Cut back on new clothes, Cut back on savings, Postpone new car, truck, house, etc.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ e. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ f. \_\_\_\_\_

2. What percentage of the fishermen that you know well work on or own vessels which have all of the required safety equipment in good operating order on board their vessels? \_\_\_\_\_ %.

3. How many boats did you worked on in 1999? \_\_\_\_\_ boats

4a. Is this about the same number of boats you usually work on in a year?

- a. \_\_\_ Same
- b. \_\_\_ More than usual. Up by \_\_\_\_\_ (please fill in)
- c. \_\_\_ Went down by \_\_\_\_\_ (please fill in)

4b. Are you considered a regular crew member of one boat? a. \_\_\_ N b. \_\_\_ Y

5. Are you usually able to get on the boat that you want to crew on? a. \_\_\_ N b. \_\_\_ Y

6. How did you get your site on this boat? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. What makes a boat the kind you would like to work for (e.g. one that catches a particular species of fish, one where you know the captain or owner, one with a good safety record etc.)?

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8a. Looking at a typical boat you have worked on, do you think the crew generally stays about the same for the whole year?

a. \_\_\_ N (If not, what causes the crew to change?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

b. \_\_\_ Y (If so, what accounts for the loyalty of crew to that particular boat?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

8b. Do you think crew members generally come from families with a history of fishing?

a. \_\_\_ N (If not, why?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

b. \_\_\_ Y (If so, why?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

8c. Do you think that crew members ought to come from families with a history of fishing?

a. \_\_\_ N (If not, why?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

b. \_\_\_ Y (If so, why?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

9. Is your experience of other crew members changing (for example, do you see them getting older or younger than they used to be, are they coming from different ethnic groups or nationalities now, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10a. How often are you away from home on a fishing trip, and for how long at a time?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10b. Do you have any say in how long your boat stays out fishing?

a. \_\_\_ N                      b. \_\_\_ Y

10c. Is this amount of time away from home different than it was five years ago?

a. \_\_\_ N b. \_\_\_ Y (If so, please indicate whether time away from home has increased or decreased, and the impact on you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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11. How have you been affected by regulations such as Days at Sea?

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12a. How are you paid for your work on the boat (for example, lay system, hourly wages, piece rate)?

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12b. Has this changed at all from the way it was five years ago? a. \_\_\_ N b. \_\_\_ Y (If so, how has it changed?)

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13a. Do you want to own your own boat in the future? a. \_\_\_ Y b. \_\_\_ N

13b. Do you think you would be able to own your own boat if you wanted to? a. \_\_\_ Y b. \_\_\_ N. If no, why not?

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13c. Have your expectations about owning a boat in the future changed over the past 5 years?

a. \_\_\_ N b. \_\_\_ Y If yes, why?

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14. What other questions should crew be asked to get at how regulations have affected them?

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15. What other questions should crew members be asked to show the differences between being a crew member and being a vessel owner?

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16. Do you think crew members should be licensed? a. \_\_\_ N b. \_\_\_ Y. If yes, what requirements would you make for getting a license?

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8. Do you think you know how economic information is used in the management process?  
a. \_\_\_ N      b. \_\_\_ Y

9. What do you think fishermen want to know about how economic information is used?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you know how social/cultural information is used in the management process?  
a. \_\_\_ N      b. \_\_\_ Y

11. What questions do fishermen have about how social/cultural information is used?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. Do you think fishermen generally want to comply with regulations? a. \_\_\_ N b. \_\_\_ Y

13. Do you think most fishermen know how to improve enforcement? a. \_\_\_ N b. \_\_\_ Y

14. What questions should be asked to fishermen to give them a chance to tell how to improve enforcement?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. Do you feel there is adequate fisheries enforcement at sea in the areas where you fish?  
a. \_\_\_ N      b. \_\_\_ Y

16. Do you feel there is adequate fisheries enforcement at the dock where you land your catch?  
a. \_\_\_ N      b. \_\_\_ Y

17. What percentage of the enforcement in the groundfish fishery is carried out by fishermen themselves without the help or knowledge of enforcement officers? **(Check the one that most applies)**  
a. \_\_\_ None      b. \_\_\_ 1 - 25%      c. \_\_\_ 26 - 50%  
d. \_\_\_ 51 - 75%      e. \_\_\_ 76 - 100%

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## Capacity and the Future

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These questions ask for your views on fishing capacity and its impact and ask for your ideas about the future of fishing. *Please use check marks and fill in with more information.*

1. Do you think the current permit system reduces flexibility for fishermen? a. \_\_\_ N b. \_\_\_ Y

2. Do you think the permit system could be changed to increase flexibility without increasing the pressure on stocks? a. \_\_\_ N b. \_\_\_ Y If Yes, how do you think it could be done?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you see advantages to more local control of fishing capacity and/or effort such as with lobster management by zones in Maine? a. \_\_\_ N (go to #4) b. \_\_\_ Y If yes, what are the advantages? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. If no, why do you think there would be no advantage? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Can you think of any existing groups or organizations that could play that kind of role, or would new groups or organizations need to be started? a. \_\_\_ Existing group(go to #6)  
b. \_\_\_ Need new group (please go to #7) c. \_\_\_ Won't work anyway.

6. What group or kind of group? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. If you answered (b) a new group, what would it look like? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Can you think of a way to "bank" capacity until stocks recover? a. \_\_\_ N b. \_\_\_ Y If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you think there is too much active capacity now for stocks to recover without more regulations? a. \_\_\_ N b. \_\_\_ Y

10. Do you think there will be too much active capacity for stocks to stay recovered when they do come back? a. \_\_\_ N b. \_\_\_ Y

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## Fishing Family Assistance

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These questions ask about your involvement and views on Fishing Family Assistance Programs in general and about other programs aimed at helping fishermen and their families. Your suggestions for making these programs as useful as possible is invited. *Please use check marks and fill in with more information if appropriate.*

1. Are you aware of Fishing Family Assistance type Programs?

a. \_\_\_ N      b. \_\_\_ Y

2. If yes, how did you become aware? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you ever used any of these programs?

a. \_\_\_ N      b. \_\_\_ Y

4. If yes, what is your opinion of them? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. If no, why haven't you used them? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. What do you think are the best ways to inform fishermen about the kinds of job training programs available to them? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. What type of training/services would you like to see offered through these centers to fishermen experiencing a decline in fishing activity/income? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. What kind of employment/career would interest you if fishing couldn't support you and your family? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. What services could Centers like this offer to fishermen who want to continue to fish? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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10. Would you use a Center that provided free Internet access, free computer use for resumes, and want ads, etc?

- a. \_\_\_ N      b. \_\_\_ Y

11. Are you planning to stay in fishing?

- a. \_\_\_ N      b. \_\_\_ Y

12. How many generations of your family have been involved in the fishing industry? \_\_\_

13. Were you fishing in 1994?

- a. \_\_\_ N      b. \_\_\_ Y

14. Would you be interested in participating in a fishermen's round-table (discussion group, meeting) on gear conflict, new gear and technology, or some other topic?

- a. \_\_\_ N      b. \_\_\_ Y

15. If yes, what topics? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

16. Would you be interested in attending a career orientation workshop?

- a. \_\_\_ N      b. \_\_\_ Y

17. Do you have health insurance?

- a. \_\_\_ N      b. \_\_\_ Y

18. Do you need assistance in preparing any of the following? **Check any that apply**

- a. \_\_\_ Loans or credit availability      c. \_\_\_ Setting up a new business  
b. \_\_\_ Bankruptcy/ foreclosure      d. \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

19. What other kinds of assistance or training programs do you think fishermen should be asked about? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Thank you very much for your time and effort!**  
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