

CAPE COD COMMERCIAL  
**FISHERMEN'S  
ALLIANCE**

**Small Boats. Big Ideas.**

**Dear neighbor,**

**As a long-time Chatham fisherman, let me tell you a story. It's about a local organization that does terrific work for me and my fellow fishermen.**

I was one of the fishermen who started the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance in 1991. Back then, a few of us met down on the docks in Chatham and decided we needed to change the regulations that were going to put us out of business. With our years of experience on the water pooled together, we could make a difference that could keep us fishing and help other fishermen in the future. I've been a proud member ever since those early days.

No matter what the Fishermen's Alliance is working on, it is all about the fishermen. For over 50 years, I've spent days at sea catching codfish, scallops, tuna and striped bass. The fishing industry is totally different from when I first started out. There were more boats in Chatham's harbor back then, and we were mostly hook fishing or lobstering. Now, the boats have different gear types, much better electronics and great safety gear. And it's not just about catching fish anymore; we have to adapt to changing regulations and think ahead about business planning. That's why we always turn to the Fishermen's Alliance for guidance.

I know that my life as a fisherman wouldn't have been as successful without this organization. Now that two of my grandsons are starting up their own boats, I know the Fishermen's Alliance will be there to keep all of our best interests, advocate for fair regulations, both at the federal and state levels, and help us keep our catch on Cape Cod. I'd imagine you'd rather eat seafood caught from a local fisherman, right?

Chatham just wouldn't be Chatham without fishing and fishermen. I'm confident that the Fishermen's Alliance will help make sure to keep it that way, but we need your support. **In order to keep our fishing heritage intact, please make a donation to the Fishermen's Alliance.** It will make a huge impact on the future of not only my grandsons, but for all the family fishermen of Cape Cod. And you'll continue to eat local fish—it's a win, win.

Hope to see you down at the Chatham Fish Pier this summer!



**Fred Bennett**

Pier Host, Active Fisherman Member and Former Board Member  
Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance



**“This is me, back in the day, catching striped bass. Now, you can find me scratching for quahogs at Stage Harbor or down at the Chatham Fish Pier as a Pier Host.”**

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