

There are over **30,000 jobs** directly related to the **WORKING WATERFRONT** in Maine, with the fishing industry contributing more than **\$800 million** annually to the state's economy. When last assessed in 2010, working waterfronts covered a mere **20 miles** along Maine's 5,300-mile coastline, yet they supply the lifeblood of many coastal communities, enriching the regional economy and sustaining cherished cultural traditions.

SAVE THE WORKING WATERFRONT

Maine's working waterfronts are the gateways between land and the sustainable marine resources we harvest from the Gulf of Maine. They include the wharves, moorings, and berths required for fishing vessels as well as water-dependent infrastructure that provides fishermen with ice, bait, transportation, and processing. At its core, the working waterfront enables fishermen to operate their businesses efficiently, reliably, and safely.

ABOUT MCFA

Maine Coast Fishermen's Association is an industry based 501(c)3 tax-exempt nonprofit that identifies and fosters ways to restore the fisheries of the Gulf of Maine and sustain Maine's fishing communities for future generations to come.

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Maine's Working Waterfront



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Stay up-to-date by signing up for our newsletter on our website.

Reach out to your elected officials to let them know that the working waterfront is important to Maine's blue economy, culture, and heritage.

Write to your local paper telling them why you feel the working waterfront is important to Maine and you.

Share your story on social media and use hashtag **#SaveTheWorkingWaterfront** and **#TogetherWePersevere**

“The value of a fisherman in a place like Portland or Orr’s Island or Port Clyde, or any place on this coast, is worth saving. It identifies really who you are as a community, and if you don’t know who you are, we’re at risk of losing our heritage forever.”

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OUR WORK

MCFA is striving to ensure that local fishermen continue to have the community infrastructure and environmental resources necessary to maintain Maine’s coastal cultural identity and sustain vibrant working waterfronts.

A healthy working waterfront is integral to fishermen’s safety and success at sea. Protecting access is essential to preserving vibrant fishing communities, the quality of life of its residents, and spurring economic development for the state of Maine.

MCFA continues to work with communities throughout the state to create a sustainable and vibrant fishing future through preserving waterfront access, ensuring fishermen’s voices are heard, and advocating for greater focus statewide on this pressing issue.



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