

# \$740,183,000.00

## That's How Big Fishing Is In Maine.

Check out the value of Maine's fishing industry. For the eighth year in a row, Maine produced more fish and shellfish than any other state in the Northeast. Portland ranked second in the Northeast and fifteenth in the nation in the value of product landed.

- There are 10,300 full or part-time fishermen in the state of Maine.

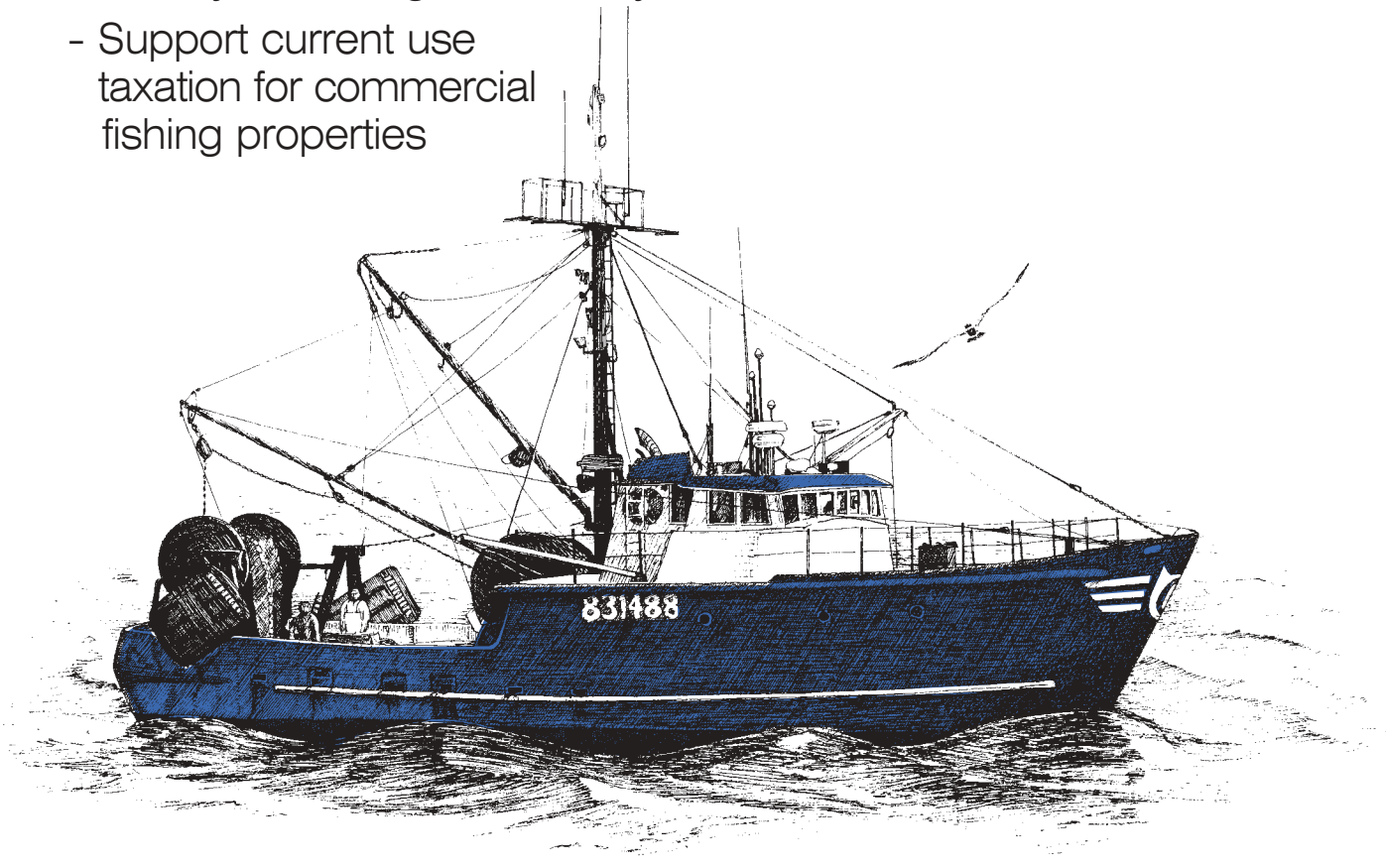
All totaled, the industry is worth over \$740 million.  
Commercial fishing in Maine generates 26,000 jobs.

Fishermen and fishing businesses depend on roughly 25 miles of Maine's coastal waterfront and 53 fishing ports to get their fish to market.

- 75% of the access to the waterfront is provided by private working residential and commercial wharfs.
- 25% is achieved through public piers.
- The top threats to commercial fishing access in Maine are higher property taxes, increasing competition from tourism and recreational use, and development pressure.
- The loss of commercial fishing access takes many forms
  - Intertidal access is lost when no trespassing signs are posted
  - New coastal property owners close off or contest public access
  - Commercial fishing access is tenuous through a lease agreement
  - Singular reliance on public facilities creates competition with other users
  - Land access problem-either no parking or not enough parking
  - Conversion of working wharves to residential or recreational use
- 64% of \* feel that commercial fishing access is a problem today.
- 80% of \* are planning to address commercial fishing access in the future.

\*(25 Maine fishing communities sampled)

- Support Commercial Fishing Access in your community:
  - Make access a priority
  - Endorse strong town ordinances
  - Invest in your waterfront facilities
  - Create a dedicated commercial fishing pier
  - Prioritize water dependent uses along the waterfront
  - Grow your fishing community
  - Support current use taxation for commercial fishing properties



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"Preserving Commercial Fishing Access: A Study of Working Waterfronts in 25 Maine Communities"  
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