Fishing For Energy Bin Program

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Fishing boats in Maine

OVERVIEW

Fishing for Energy seeks to provide a cost-free solution to fishermen to dispose of old, derelict or unusable fishing gear and to reduce the amount of derelict fishing gear in and around coastal waterways. By assisting in prevention and removal of derelict fishing gear, Fishing for Energy restores the quality of marine and coastal habitats and supports the communities and industries that rely on these resources.

Since 2008, the Fishing for Energy Bin program has worked with participating ports to collect old, derelict or unusable fishing gear at local facilities and to provide logistical and administrative support to dispose of it safely at Schnitzer Steel recycling and Covanta energy facilities. However, the partnership has outgrown this model. By transitioning the Fishing for Energy Bin program to a small grants program, this new administrative structure will allow more ports to participate with greater flexibility to use additional recyclers and waste-to-energy facilities.

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ABOUT NFWF

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Fishing boats in Barnegat Light, New Jersey | credit: Erin Hofmann

Collection of Decommissioned Fishing Nets to Clean Beaches and Reefs (HI)
Grantee: Maui Ocean Center Marine Institute
Grant Amount: $9,478
Matching Funds: $5,289
Total Project: $14,767
Collect decommissioned fishing nets from the shores of the island of Maui, Hawaii by communication with local commercial fishermen that utilize harbors on Maui. Project will convert six tons of nets to energy, resulting in less polluted beaches and reefs and reducing the negative impact.

Recycling Fishing Gear to Protect Fish and Wildlife and Reduce Derelict Fishing Gear (MA)
Grantee: Town of Chatham
Grant Amount: $10,000
Matching Funds: $0
Total Project: $10,000
Recycle previously used fishing gear from local fisherman in the Town of Chatham, Massachusetts - one of the biggest fishing communities on Cape Cod. Project will recycle or convert to energy 35 tons of fishing gear, including fishing rope, monofilament line, nets, heavy metal traps, light metal coated traps, dredges, nets, and buoys in order to protect fish and wildlife populations and reduce pollution during the peak beach season.

Collection of Derelict Gear from Shellfish Aquaculture and Fishing Fleets (MA)
Grantee: Town of Wellfleet
Grant Amount: $3,900
Matching Funds: $2,775
Total Project: $6,675
Collect derelict gear from shellfish aquaculture farmers and fishing fleets operating in Wellfleet, Massachusetts. Project will recycle or convert to energy 190 tons of aquaculture and fishing gear, including plastic nets, bags, buckets, metal cages, rebar, racks, zip-ties, buoys, wood frames, and rope, supporting the large aquaculture industry that employs 15% of Wellfleet's population and reducing beach and coastal pollution during the peak beach season.

Port of New Bedford Fishing for Energy Program (MA)
Grantee: New Bedford Port Authority
Grant Amount: $9,696
Matching Funds: $0
Total Project: $9,696
Collect and recycle or convert to energy fishing gear from the Port of New Bedford, Massachusetts - the nation's most valuable commercial fishing port since 2001, home to approximately 350 commercial fishing vessels and 150 out-of-state fishing vessels. Project will recycle or convert to energy 86 tons of fishing gear, including nets and lobster pots.

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Recycling Used Gill and Seine Nets in the Port of Bellingham (WA)
Grantee: Port of Bellingham
Grant Amount: $9,850
Matching Funds: $0
Total Project: $9,850
Collect and recycle or convert to energy used gill and seine nets in the Port of Bellingham, Washington, home to the second largest commercial fishing fleet in Washington State. Project will recycle or convert to energy 15 tons of fishing gear through a partnership with local recyclers, providing a safe and environmentally friendly option for local fisherman to dispose of their used nets.

Recover and Consolidate Fishing Gear in the Town of Scituate (MA)
Grantee: Town of Scituate
Grant Amount: $10,000
Matching Funds: $0
Total Project: $10,000
Work with the commercial fishing industry, volunteers, and Town of Scituate employees to recover and consolidate fishing gear in Cape Cod and Massachusetts Bays. Project will collect 54 tons of fishing gear, including plastic coated traps, heavy metal traps, heavy traps, nets, buoys, line, rope, and monofilament nets.

Collection of Fishing Gear and Public Outreach at Westport Marina (WA)
Grantee: Port of Grays Harbor
Grant Amount: $8,293
Matching Funds: $0
Total Project: $8,293
Collect and recycle or convert to energy retired crab, shrimp, tuna, oyster, salmon, and whiting affiliated fishing gear at Westport Marina, in Westport, Washington. Project will collect and recycle or convert to energy nearly 40 tons of fishing gear, serving 170 resident vessels and hundreds of transient seasonal vessels, while program outreach will educate fisherman and the public on the value and impact of recycling fishing gear.

Collection of Derelict Lobstering Gear in the Town of South Thomaston (ME)
Grantee: Town of South Thomaston
Grant Amount: $10,000
Matching Funds: $0
Total Project: $10,000
The Town of South Thomaston will facilitate, in partnership with community organizations like the Island Institute and Spruce Head Fisherman's Co-Op, a central collection bin for obsolete and derelict fishing gear so that the gear is properly disposed of and does not remain in our offshore marine environment. Our primary focus will be on the lobster industry, however our area engages in additional fishing types that also produce waste which should be kept free from the marine environment.

Abandoned fishing gear

Recovery and Recycling of Abandoned Fishing Gear in the Town of Provincetown (MA)
Grantee: Town of Provincetown
Grant Amount: $12,000
Matching Funds: $4,000
Total Project: $16,000
Support the responsible recovery of abandoned fishing gear and limit offshore disposal practices in the lobster, sea scallop, groundfish, squid, mackerel and menhaden fisheries in Provincetown's MacMillian Pier, home to a fishing fleet of over 55 vessels. Project will collect approximately 70 tons of fishing gear, including lobster pots and cages, net, ropes, lines and chains.

Collection of Fishing Gear and Public Outreach in the Borough of Barnegat Light (NJ)
Grantee: Borough of Barnegat Light
Grant Amount: $10,000
Matching Funds: $0
Total Project: $10,000
Collect fishing nets and materials and provide outreach to the fishing community in the Borough of Barnegat Light in New Jersey, home to a large commercial fishing industry. Project will recycle or convert to energy approximately three tons of fishing gear.

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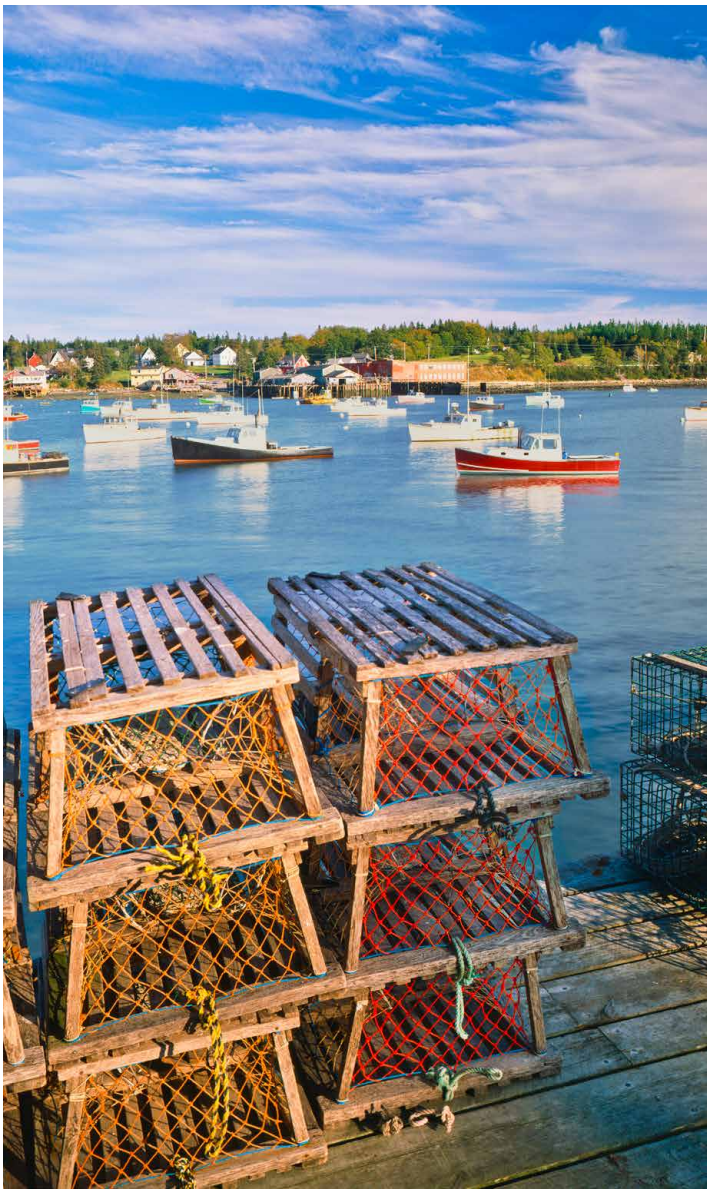
Collection of Gear for Scallop, Lobster and Fishing industries in the Town of Rockport (MA)
Grantee: Town of Rockport
Grant Amount: $11,904
Matching Funds: $0
Total Project: $11,904
Collect and recycle or convert to energy old, unused and broken fishing gear for the scallop, lobster and fishing industries in the Town of Rockport, Massachusetts. Project will recycle or convert to energy four tons of fishing gear and serve approximately 40 fishermen with the disposal of rope, monofilament line, nets, heavy metal traps, light metal plastic coated traps, dredges, nets, and buoy.

Recycling Derelict Blue Crab Traps from New Jersey Bays (NJ)
Grantee: Stockton University
Grant Amount: $1,650
Matching Funds: $0
Total Project: $1,650
Provide recycling and energy production services for the disposal of derelict blue crab traps from New Jersey coastal bays at a one-week event at the Stockton University Maine Field Station. Project will recycle or produce energy from up to 500 blue crab traps, providing both direct and indirect economic benefits to commercial industry partners in New Jersey.

Gear Collection at Yankee Fishermen's Cooperative in Seabrook (NH)
Grantee: New Hampshire Fish and Game Department
Grant Amount: $9,999
Matching Funds: $2,141
Total Project: $12,140
Provide a reliable, cost-free, and sustainable solution for the disposal of damaged and derelict fishing gear to benefit coastal waterways, recreational parks, and marine habitats in the Town of Seabrook, New Hampshire. Project will recycle or convert to energy 30 tons of fishing gear, primarily consisting of metal lobster traps, and distribute educational materials to the local fishing community to encourage participation.

Fishing nets hanging to dry



Lobster traps on a dock in Maine

Annual Coastal Lobster Trap Cleanup Event at Rye and Hampton Harbors (NH)
Grantee: New Hampshire Fish and Game Department
Grant Amount: $4,995
Matching Funds: $7,853
Total Project: $12,848
Collect and recycle or convert to energy derelict lobster traps through an annual collection event in partnership with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, commercial harvesters, municipalities, and volunteers to clean up New Hampshire coastal beaches following winter storm events, which damage and deposit lobster gear along the shoreline. Project will recycle or convert to energy 30 tons of lobster traps with up to 50 volunteers from the commercial fishing industry, utilizing disposal bins at Rye and Hampton Harbors.