

Financial issues with catch share implementation:

Strategies industry used in Alaska to make money and
improve their bottom line

**November 10th, 4-7PM- Waterfront Grille, 36 Homers
Wharf, New Bedford, MA**

**November 11th 4-7PM- Gloucester House, 63 Rogers
Street, Gloucester, MA**

Speakers for panel discussion with questions:

Joe Childers – President United Fishermen of Alaska; - salmon troller, involved in implementing IFQ systems for members in halibut, sablefish, crab, and Gulf of Alaska groundfish

Steve Minor: Exec. Director North Pacific Crab Association – helped design and implement community protection provisions that retain 90% of historical landings in Alaska's crab dependent communities.

Focus of meeting: With catch shares coming to New England, a key issue is how to make them work so the fleets remain financially viable. The speakers will address the specific problems and solutions that were proposed in the various Alaska IFQ programs that have helped maintain the profitability and viability of the fleets.

Most catch share programs stand or fall based on the way in which the specific problems unique to each fishery are addressed. The discussion will focus on the specific factors that make a program financially viable for the participants – whether in New England or Alaska.

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