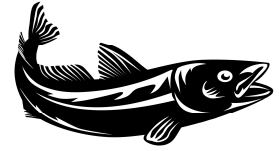


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WHO IS P.C.F.C?

By Glen Libby

One question that many folks have asked at many of the farmers markets this season has been, **“Who is Port Clyde Fresh Catch”?**

Port Clyde Fresh Catch is part of the Mid Coast Fishermen’s Coop. We are a group of groundfish and shrimp fishermen from Port Clyde that started this business to try to achieve two main goals. One is to promote sustainability and recovery of our fishery through research and policy work. Another is to create new markets for our own fish and shrimp that will ultimately lead to survivability of the fishing fleet.

The need for a project such as this was born out of frustration with what seemed to us to be ineffective fisheries management. After years of regulation under a system that controlled fishermen’s time on the water the only result seemed to be that each year there was less time allowed on the water and little recovery of the resource.

The market structure that seemed to work fine when fish were abundant was not working very well for our fleet during a time of depletion. We needed to have some control over market and regulation. We are succeeding on both fronts thanks to your support.

Port Clyde Fresh Catch has grown to a point to where we now are buying more than just local fish and shrimp from our own coop members. We are buying and selling local

crab and lobster from other area fishermen and scallops from our local scallop fleet during the scallop season. The principles of a fair price to the fishermen and sustainability of all fisheries remains and the viability of many local fishing operations have been helped by the Port Clyde Fresh Catch project.

Your continuing support of Port Clyde Fresh Catch is what makes all of this possible; our area fishermen really appreciate your patronage.

Thanks so much!

Something to try.....

