



Positions on Fisheries and Industry Issues
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The Maine Association of Charterboat Captains:

1. Supports status quo game fish status for striped bass in Maine.
2. Supports the coast-wide use of slot limits in the recreational striped bass fishery.
3. Opposes the opening of the EEZ (Federal Waters) to striped bass harvest.
4. Supports national game fish status for striped bass.
5. Supports educating the fishing public as to the merits of and encouraging the use of circle hooks.
6. Opposes the use of treble fishhooks for bait fishing.
7. Supports efforts to reduce both inshore and coastal localized area depletion of forage species (baitfish).
8. Opposes the levying of a recreation tax on guided services.
9. Opposes mandatory trip reporting in the for-hire industry.
10. Supports for-hire recreational fishing exemptions in closed groundfish areas.
11. Opposes the use of quotas and total allowable catch as management tools in recreational fisheries.