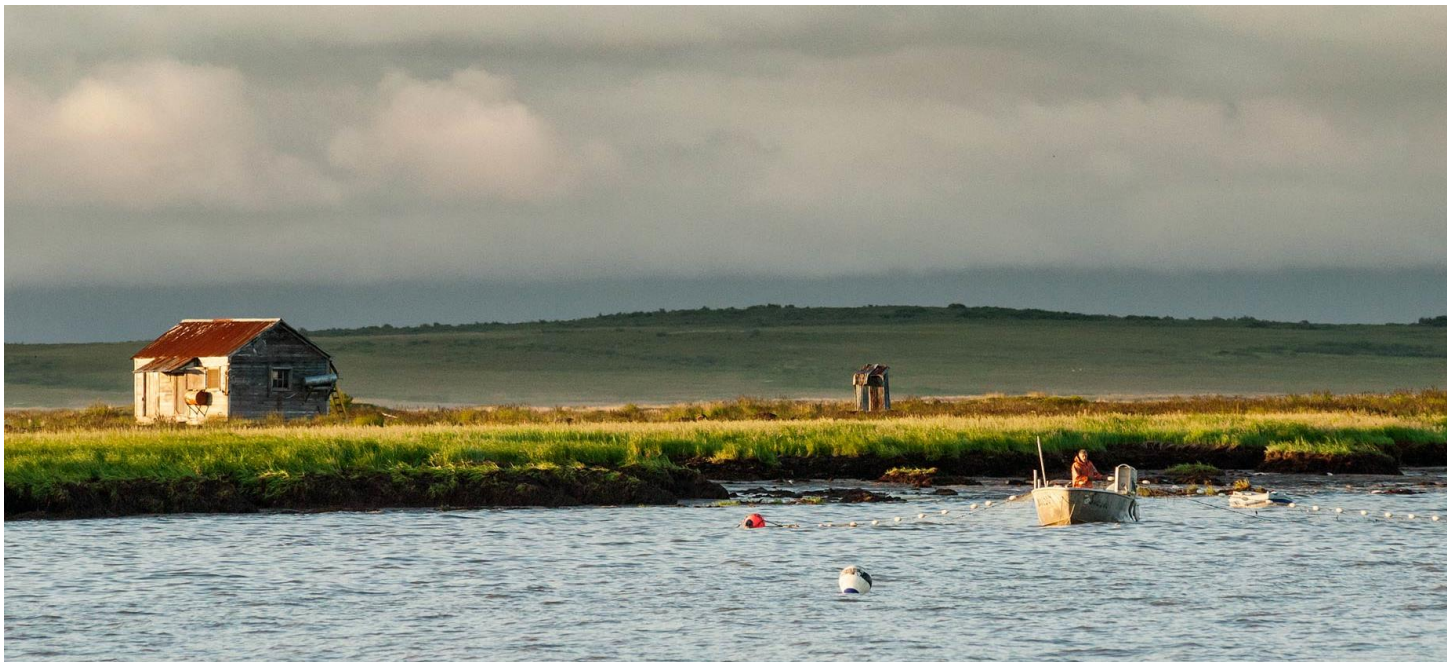




FISHERIES INNOVATION FUND



Salmon Fishermen in Bristol Bay, Alaska | Chris Miller Photography

NORTH PACIFIC:

Expanded Marketing Opportunities for the Bristol Bay Salmon Fishery through Fair Trade Certification (AK)

Wildfish Marketing

Award Amount	\$114,449
Grantee Match	\$ 57,555
Total Project	\$172,004

Wildfish Marketing will apply the Fair Trade model to Bristol Bay salmon to expand market opportunities and support local fishing communities. Project will create demand with a well recognized label and provide structure to guide fishermen and processors through pricing premiums and preseason purchasing commitments.

Building the Alaska Young Fishermen's Network

Alaska Marine Conservation Council

Award Amount	\$105,025
Grantee Match	\$103,000
Total Project	\$208,025

The Alaska Marine Conservation Council will develop the Alaska Young Fishermen’s Network, a coalition of young Alaskan fishermen that are educated and empowered to operate successful, sustainable fishing businesses. Project will build the leadership capacity of next generation fishermen through the growth of a structured support network.



Local Fish Fund: Removing Barriers to Entry for Young Fishermen in the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery (AK)

Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust

Award Amount	\$150,000
Grantee Match	\$351,250
Total Project	\$501,250

Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust will grow the Local Fish Fund to facilitate transfer of fishing rights from established to emerging fishermen. Project will redress financial barriers to entry in the Gulf of Alaska groundfish fishery, increasing the number of young, local fishermen with access rights tied to sustainable fishing practices.

WESTERN PACIFIC:

Preserving Traditional Fishing Practices through a Multi-Fisheries Youth Training Program in Hawaii

Oceanic Libra/Kula Lawaia

Award Amount	\$82,000
Grantee Match	\$10,000
Total Project	\$92,000

Oceanic Libra/Kula Lawaia will preserve traditional fishing practices in Hawaii through the implementation of a Multi-Fisheries Training Program. Project will develop and implement a new training program with both classroom and on-the-water training to attract new entrants into traditional Hawaiian fisheries.

PACIFIC COAST:

Developing a Fish Hub for Monterey: Improving Profits for Fishermen and Providing Local Sustainable Seafood Access for Markets and Consumers (CA)

Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust

Award Amount	\$60,110
Grantee Match	\$27,000
Total Project	\$87,110

The Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust will develop a business plan for a fish hub to manage the aggregation, processing and distribution of locally harvested seafood in Monterey, California. Project will increase the market value of seafood for local fishermen by ensuring restaurants and consumers have access to fresh, locally-caught seafood.

Revitalizing and Strengthening Resilience of Commercial Fisheries through a New Entrant Commerical Fisheries Apprenticeship Program (CA)

Regents of the University of California - San Diego, Scripps Institute of Oceanography

Award Amount	\$118,180
Grantee Match	\$ 41,186
Total Project	\$159,366

Regents of the University of California - San Diego, Scripps Institute of Oceanography will develop a State Commerical Fisherman Apprenticeship Program. Project will develop a progressive curriculum of classwork and on-the-water training for students and recruit veteran fishermen as employers to provide opportunities for new entrants into California commercial fisheries.



Enhance the Capacity of Fishing Businesses and Communities through Expanded Market Opportunities for Fresh Frozen Seafood (AK, CA, OR)

Ecotrust

Award Amount	\$100,000
Grantee Match	\$ 91,942
Total Project	\$191,942

Ecotrust will address market barriers to fresh frozen fish using an innovative tool that precisely measures seafood freshness. Project will partner with fishing communities from Alaska to California to increase consumer understanding in supply chain transparency, underutilized species, and factors associated with seafood freshness and quality.

NEW ENGLAND:

Next Generation Commercial Fishing Crew Apprenticeship Program (RI)

Commercial Fisheries Center of Rhode Island

Award Amount	\$105,500
Grantee Match	\$ 68,000
Total Project	\$173,500

Commercial Fisheries Center of Rhode Island will establish the Next Generation Commercial Fishing Crew Apprenticeship Program to support new entrants to the New England groundfish fishery. Project will provide hands-on and classroom-based trainings with experienced commercial fishermen, shoreside businesses, and university fishery experts.

Bolstering Economic Development through an Ocean Farm Start-Up Training Program in New England

GreenWave

Award Amount	\$100,000
Grantee Match	\$415,000
Total Project	\$515,000

GreenWave will create the Ocean Farm Start-Up Training Program to support up to eight new kelp and shellfish producing ocean farms in New England. Project will develop a training program to educate farmers on proper ocean farming techniques in addition to permitting and leasing requirements.

Developing an Integrated Marketing Plan to Differentiate New England Groundfish Products

BackTracker Inc.

Award Amount	\$199,995
Grantee Match	\$145,466
Total Project	\$345,461

BackTracker Inc. will integrate a marketing, traceability and fishery improvement program to increase market access and promote local, underexploited resources of New England groundfish. Project will provide a verified supply of local underutilized species, increasing domestic product market access and reducing illegal substitution by the trade.



NFWF

Diversifying Working Waterfronts: Strengthening the Economic Resilience of Fishing Communities in Maine

Island Institute

Award Amount	\$ 54,742
Grantee Match	\$ 54,742
Total Project	\$109,484

Island Institute will implement a community sustainability plan for the state of Maine. Project will improve the economic sustainability of coastal communities via technical assistance, access to resources, and by providing a platform to share innovative solutions among communities in Maine and nationwide.