

# **CITIZENS FOR GLOUCESTER HARBOR**

Citizens for Gloucester Harbor is a collaborative of organizations and individuals committed to maintaining and strengthening Gloucester's historic fisheries and working waterfront.

The soul of Gloucester is its centuries-old relationship to the sea. It is vital that Gloucester's citizens participate and contribute to a harbor that will provide quality jobs and build on our strengths, interests, and capacities as a community. The key is to retain the existing strictures protecting Gloucester Harbor, its commercial fisheries, and marine-related activities under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Designated Port Area legislation.

The goals of the collaborative are to work with the City of Gloucester and other public and private agencies to:

- Protect the commercial dockage and shoreside facilities and infrastructure needed for a vital fisheries as they rebuild
- Develop projects and approaches for a sustainable, 21<sup>st</sup> Century fishing industry
- Identify and attract new maritime-related tenants for empty waterfront properties
- Create a "cluster" of research and development programs and businesses in marine science and industry
- Support innovative projects in ocean research, boat design, marine biotech, food product development, energy and wastewater efficiency and resource recovery
- Protect the historic architecture of the harbor, through adaptive reuse of buildings of historic, architectural or cultural merit
- Support the harbor's symbiotic relationships with the arts and creative economy
- Expand community awareness of current permitted activities and future opportunities in the Designated Port Area
- Increase public access and community boating opportunities on the waterfront

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