

GLOUCESTER FISHERMEN'S WIVES ASSOCIATION

Protecting the Oceans that God has Created



Narrative quilt created in 1998 by the members of the Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Association, tells the story of their struggles against factory trawling, fish farming, oil drilling, and other threats to the ocean. It honors the history and faith of the fishing industry and celebrates its future. The quilt was created in conjunction with nationally known quilt maker, Clara Wainwright.

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GFWA Mission

To promote the New England fishing industry, to help preserve the Atlantic Ocean as a food supply for the world, and to assist active and retired fishermen and their families to live better lives.





Advocated for the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act



Advocated new laws to stop ocean dumping



Stopped the placing of a tire reef outside Gloucester Harbor



Advocated legislation banning factory trawlers in the U.S.



Launched the Massachusetts Energy Efficient Fisheries project



1976

1987

1994

1997

2023

1969

1979

1992

1995

2022

GFWA was formed

Fought oil drilling in Georges Bank

Supported establishment of Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary

Fought fish farms in Gulf of Maine and surrounding areas

Promotes education around ocean habitats, fisheries, and offshore wind development

