



Well-Being, Job Satisfaction and Change in New England Fishing Communities

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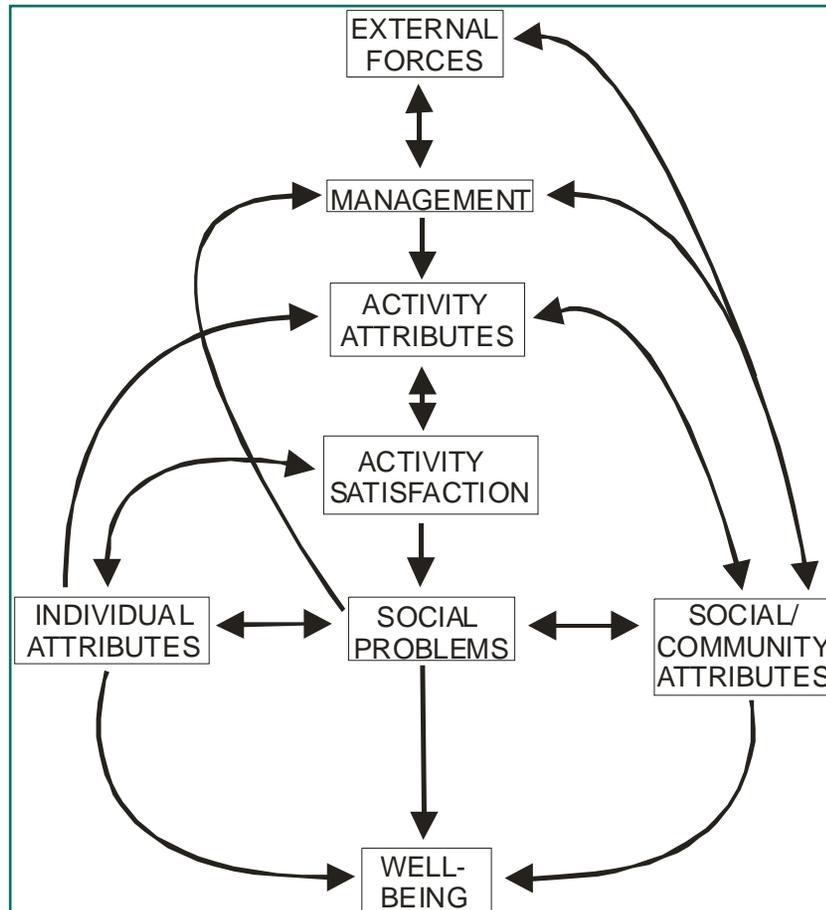
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The SIA Conceptual Model





The Northeast Performance Measures

- Management Cost/Complexity
- Financial Viability
- Distributional Outcomes/Equity
- Well-being
- Stewardship
- Governance



Overview of Protocol

- ***Geographic range:*** Maine to Rhode Island
- In person interviews
- ***Speaking to:*** Current and past vessel owners, captain owners, captains, and crew
- Subset participate in in-depth **oral history** interview
- ***Topical foci:*** individual well-being, job satisfaction, participation in and perceptions of management, and environmental ethic – can be aggregated up



Sample Size

- Difficult to est. total population
 - Federal
 - State
 - Town waters
- 650 questionnaires
- 40 oral histories





Basic Information Qs

- Demographics
- Fishery and vessel information
- Non-fishing sources of income
- Information on acquiring/paying crew
- Family/household/generational involvement in fishing



Overall Well-being Qs



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- Perceptions of state of the environment
- Satisfaction with life, health, in general
- Happiness



Job Satisfaction Qs

- Level of satisfaction with earnings, impacts on home and health, adventure, choice of lifestyle
- Opportunity to be your own boss
- Faith in the future of the fishery



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Environmental Ethic Qs



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- Personal connection to the sea
- Sense of responsibility for what happens to the sea
- Belief in limitlessness of nature's bounty



Management Qs

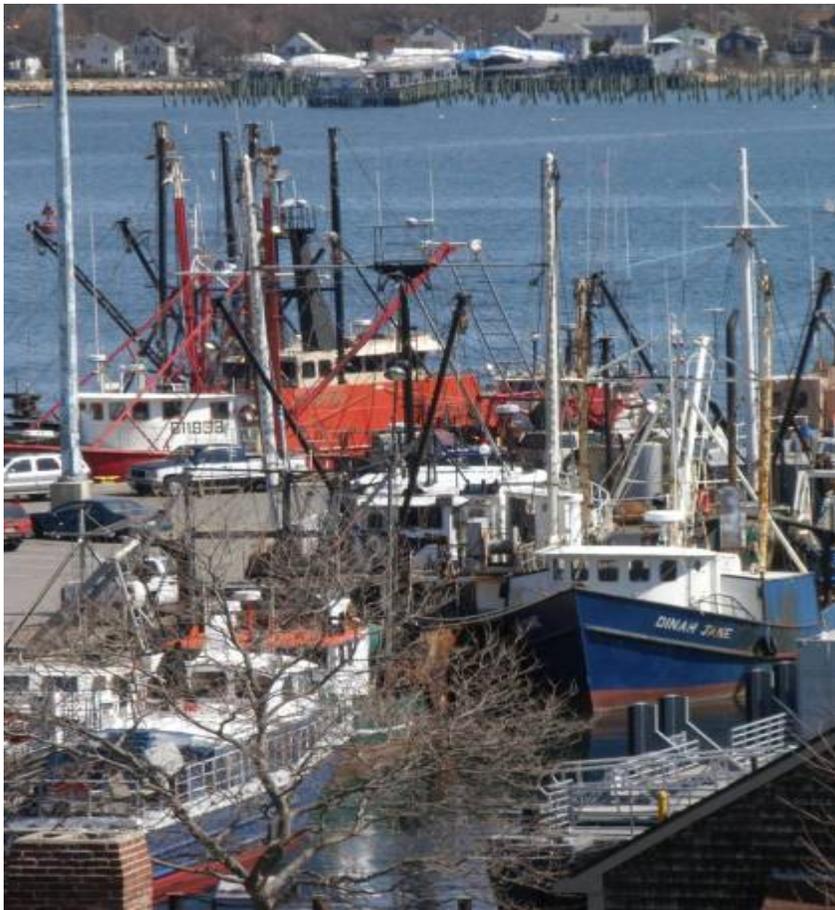
- Type and level of participation in management
- Relative impact of different regulations on fishing activities, on family, on income, equity amongst crew
- Clarity of regulations
- Participation in sectors; impacts of belonging (or not) to a sector



Conclusions

- Will provide base-line information on some areas where systematic time-series data collection is needed
- Sets us up for doing post-sector-implementation re-survey
- Objective: a stream-lined survey and ethnographic/oral history protocol to enable time-series monitoring of change in fishing communities

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