

FISHING PARTNERSHIP



SUPPORT SERVICES

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Fishing Partnership Expands Successful Narcan Program:

New Videos Created to Boost Awareness and Save Lives

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

- Fishing Partnership Support Services [FPSS] has launched the video series *Narcan Training for Fishermen* which shows why fishermen are at elevated risk for opioid overdose and how to administer Narcan (naloxone). Commercial fishermen are first responders at sea and fishing vessel captains and their crews need to be trained and equipped to respond to a known or suspected overdose. In 2020, we partnered with [One Stop Prevention and Screening Services](#), [AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod](#), [BAMSI \[Brockton Area Multi-Services Inc.\]](#) and the [New Bedford Health Department](#) to provide Narcan training to 156 fishermen and distribute 125 Narcan kits free of charge throughout New England and the Mid-Atlantic.
- A backbone support organization for the fishing industry, FPSS has been delivering health, safety and economic security programs to fishermen since 1997. Fishing Partnership's Navigators are multilingual frontline community health workers who are trusted members of the fishing community. They bring a deep understanding of the fishing industry's culture and priorities to ensure the success of FPSS programming, including *Narcan Training for Fishermen*.
- FPSS also provides a weekly peer-to-peer support group called *Oceans of Recovery*. Led by an FPSS Recovery Coach and former fishermen, *Oceans of Recovery* brings members of the fishing community together to provide a tailored approach to recovering from opioid use disorder. In 2020, Fishing Partnership held 48 *Oceans of Recovery* meetings with an average attendance of 14 individuals.

LEARN MORE:

Watch *Narcan Training for Fishermen* videos: <https://fishingpartnership.org/narcan/>

Meet New Bedford Navigators Rob Jardin & Deb Kelsey: <https://fishingpartnership.org/fishing-partnership-recovery-coaches/>

Learn more about the support group *Oceans of Recovery*: <https://fishingpartnership.org/oceans-of-recovery/>

About Fishing Partnership Support Services

Fishing Partnership Support Services is a non-profit dedicated to improving the health, safety and economic security of commercial fishermen and their families. Founded in 1997, we bring critical support services and programs to more than 20,000 New England fishing families. With 4 offices in Gloucester, New Bedford, Plymouth and Chatham, we deliver Health and Wellness, Safety at Sea and Economic Security services in the communities where fishing families live.



Learn more at <https://www.fishingpartnership.org>