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National Fisherman Papers

National Fisherman

Papers, 1932-1998 (bulk 1995-1998)

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Trade magazine for the American fishing industry

Correspondence, photo captions, sketches, maps, and industry ephemera used to prepare articles for the *National Fisherman* magazine. This is part of a larger collection of photographs published in *National Fisherman* which visually documents the full scope of American fisheries from the 1950s through the 1990s. The manuscript portion of the collection is fragmentary, but illustrates the magazine's publishing practices and provides additional information for some photographs and stories.

In English

Diversified Business Communications; Gift; 2012; LB2012.15

Subject Headings:

National Fisherman

Atlantic Fisherman

Authors and publishers

Fisheries

Fisheries—equipment and supplies

Fishery management

Fishing

Fishing boats

Fishing boats—electronic equipment

Fishing nets

Marine engines

Photographers

Acquisition:

This collection was given to the Penobscot Marine Museum by Diversified Business Communication, the owner and publisher of *National Fisherman* magazine.

Restrictions

This collection is open for research. *National Fisherman* usually acquired items under single-use agreements, so material may be under copyright by photographers or other publishers. It is the user's responsibility to determine and request reproduction rights from copyright holders where usage falls outside of fair use considerations. Please consult staff for more information.

Condition:

This collection is mostly in good condition. Some items are on unstable papers or have been glued together with unstable adhesives; these require careful handling.

Processing Note:

The manuscript portion of this collection has not yet been organized. Photographs and negatives have been individually cataloged, digitized, and stored separately. The bulk of the

manuscript material is related to specific photographs and magazine articles, and most items can be linked to relevant photographs by accession number.

Related Materials:

This is a companion collection to a much larger group of photographs published in the *National Fisherman* magazine, also at the Penobscot Marine Museum. These have been digitized and are available online. PMM also has a largely complete run of *National Fisherman*. Most of the material here is directly related to photographs or printed articles in the magazine.

In addition, Penobscot Marine Museum has a collection of photographs and related material from *Atlantic Fisherman*, which later became part of *National Fisherman*, in PMM 6. This contains similar material to the *National Fisherman* collection, but dates from the 1920s to the 1950s.

Historical Note:

National Fisherman is a magazine dedicated to the American commercial fishing industry. It was formed in 1967 from a merger of several regional fisheries publications, including the *Atlantic Fisherman*, *Maine Coast Fisherman*, and *Pacific Fisherman*, and is still in publication today. The magazine focuses on issues affecting the contemporary fishing industry, including news, fisheries equipment, fishing boats, business, fisheries science, and profiles of notable fishermen and industry players. Articles cover all types of fisheries, from clamming to deep water trawling, as pursued along the whole of the American coastline from Maine to the Gulf of Mexico to Alaska.

Scope and Content:

The complete *National Fisherman* collection contains thousands of photographs and negatives that were published in the *National Fisherman* magazine, depicting the full scope of the American fishing industry in the mid to late twentieth century. The manuscript materials here were those that accompanied the photos, usually generated in the process of preparing an article for publication.

The manuscript collection contains a wide variety of materials, including technical sketches, boat plans, charts, fishing industry ephemera and advertisements, correspondence, and photo captions. These cover the full range of *National Fisherman's* publishing interests, including fishing gear, boats, engines, electronics, fish biology, and fishery management. Because this material accompanied photographs and article drafts, later published, it rarely provides a complete story. Instead, these manuscripts add context and additional details, as well as insights into *National Fisherman's* publishing process. Unlike the photo collections, the manuscript material is far from complete: the bulk dates to the mid-1990s, shortly before the magazine switched to digital formats. Some items relate to earlier articles and a small portion comes from the magazine's predecessors, including *Atlantic Fisherman*.