

WORKING WATERFRONT FESTIVAL PRESS RELEASE



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PORT OF NEW BEDFORD FEATURED IN PBS DOCUMENTARY Working Waterfront Festival to screen preview on June 12th

New Bedford, MA, June 6, 2008—On June 12th as part of AHA, New Bedford's monthly arts and culture night, the Working Waterfront Festival will present a preview screening of "New England Fishing Communities: The Challenges and The Sacrifices," a program produced by Rhode Island PBS. The 30 minute documentary style program which will air in its entirety on June 16th is a continuation of last season's Emmy[®]-nominated story, *New England Portrait*. This episode visits with commercial fishermen in Point Judith, RI, and in Gloucester and New Bedford, MA. The program presents commercial fishing through the eyes of fishermen and their families. New and changing regulations affecting the industry are discussed by both sides: the fishermen whose livelihood is threatened and the regulatory officials charged with enforcement. The June 12th screening will be followed by a discussion with industry personnel. The program which takes place at 8PM on Thursday, June 12th will be presented free of charge and at the Seaman's Bethel which is located at 15 Johnny Cake Hill in New Bedford.

NEW ENGLAND PORTRAIT is a production of WSBE Rhode Island PBS, and is hosted and produced by Mary Lou Palumbo. The weekly series airs Mondays at 7PM on WSBE Rhode Island PBS on channel 36, digital 36.1, RI cable 8, DirecTV 36, and Dish 7776; Massachusetts cable subscribers should check local cable listings for channel number.

The **Working Waterfront Festival** is a project of the **Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA**, a non-profit organization. This free family friendly, festival is a celebration of New England's commercial fishing industry, featuring live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, author readings, cooking demonstrations, kid's activities and more. It all takes place in New Bedford, MA, America's #1 fishing port, on the fourth full weekend of September. Navigate to us at www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org.