

**WORKING WATERFRONT FESTIVAL  
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**WORKING WATERFRONT FESTIVAL HOSTS  
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION FOR FISHERMEN AND FARMERS**

**New Bedford, MA, September 17, 2009** -- In conjunction with the 2009 Working Waterfront Festival whose theme is *Surf and Turf: Fishermen and Farmers Finding Common Ground*, festival organizers are hosting a free roundtable discussion of interest to area fishermen and farmers. The purpose of the discussion is to exchange ideas and experiences of community supported agriculture and fisheries. Participants are invited to explore opportunities to coordinate a fish share in a CSA and learn about growing Community Supported Fisheries across New England. The discussion will be facilitated by the Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance (NAMA) which has been instrumental in organizing Community Supported Fisheries programs in Boston and Cape Ann.

The Roundtable will take place on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:00 PM at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's Corson Maritime Learning Center. The event is free of charge and open to the public. For more information or to RSVP please contact the festival office at 508-993-8894 or [info@workingwaterfrontfestival.org](mailto:info@workingwaterfrontfestival.org)

The Working Waterfront Festival is an award winning, family friendly event celebrating the history and culture of New England's commercial fishing industry. The free festival presents all that goes into bringing seafood from the ocean to the table in a way that is hands-on, educational and fun and features: live music, children's activities, cooking demonstrations, vessel and harbor tours, fisherman's contests, author readings, film screenings, local seafood, festival bookstore, maritime artisans marketplace & more. While continuing to focus on commercial fishing and other port industries, the 2009 *Working Waterfront Festival* will consider connections between fishing and farming communities. Plans for this special program include an open air market featuring local produce and fresh seafood and cooking demonstrations highlighting traditional community recipes; panel discussions, author readings and film screenings which explore common issues; and occupational demonstrations of fishing and farming skills. This year's Festival dates are September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Complete details at [www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org](http://www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org)