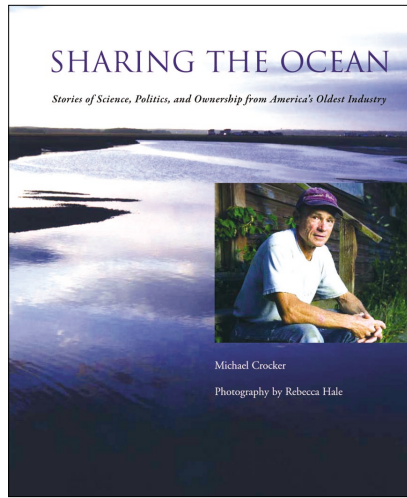


# SHARING THE OCEAN

Stories of Science, Politics, and Ownership from America's Oldest Industry

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**BOOK DESCRIPTION:** Many of us are aware of the New England groundfish and the global fisheries crises—from the headlines in the newspapers to the tired-looking fish arranged on ice at the supermarket. *Sharing the Ocean* explains how well-meaning actions have actually exacerbated the problems instead of solving them, and it explores why fishermen need to be key players in determining a solution. The book explores the ecological sustainability of complex biological systems such as marine fisheries, as well as the economic benefits if such resources are shared equitably. In addition, it demonstrates how deeply the fisheries crisis is influenced by competing social values. Intended for a general audience, *Sharing the Ocean* speaks to anyone involved in commercial fishing—on every coast, not just in New England. It will resonate with consumers who are interested in “eating local” but wonder why it’s so hard to find fresh, local fish.

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