



## FISHING FOR ENERGY IN THE NORTHEAST

2014

Launched in 2008, **Fishing for Energy** is a partnership between Covanta, a world leader in sustainable waste management and renewable energy, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Program, and Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. The program provides a **no-cost solution** to fishermen to dispose of old, derelict (gear that is lost in the marine environment), or unusable fishing gear and works to reduce the amount of derelict fishing gear in and around coastal waterways.

The partnership works closely with state and local agencies, community and fisherman groups, and local ports to install bins at convenient and strategic locations where fishermen can easily dispose of gear. When these bins fill up, the gear is transported to a nearby Schnitzer Steel facility where the metal (ie. crab pots, gear rigging) is recovered for recycling, and rope or nets are sheared for easier disposal. From there it is brought to a nearby Covanta Energy-from-Waste (EfW) facility where the gear is converted into clean, renewable electricity for local communities.

Over **2.5 million pounds (1250 tons)** of gear has been collected to-date from bins placed in 41 communities throughout the U.S.

### A New Approach to Reducing Marine Debris

The NOAA Marine Debris Program has identified derelict fishing gear as one of the major types of debris impacting the marine environment. Marine debris threatens important living marine resources and their habitat, and can hinder navigational safety. Derelict gear also catches and entangles non-target species like sea turtles, manatees, right whales, and other endangered and threatened species. Marine mammals and sea turtles can become entangled and drown, or their health may be impaired if they get caught in pieces of line or net. Marine habitats such as sea grass beds and coral reefs are smothered when derelict nets sink from the weight of their catch, and are damaged when nets and pots on the bottom are shifted by storms.

### Acceptable Gear

The Fishing for Energy program accepts the following types of gear:

**Nets** - nylon, polypropylene, monofilament - as dry as possible with organic debris removed

**Fishing gear rigging** - trawl dragger cookies, cans, rollers, chain – *steel ground cables are accepted but should be separated from other gear for disposal*

**Traps/Pots** - wood, vinyl-coated wire - crushed with bricks removed

**Line** - nylon, polypropylene - as tightly coiled as possible

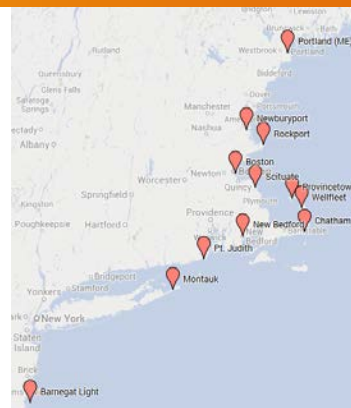


*Senator Sheldon Whitehouse speaks at a Fishing for Energy event in Newport, RI*



## Disposal Locations in the Northeast

If you are a fisherman near any of these permanent bin locations in the Northeast, you are encouraged to dispose of any gear for which you are the legal owner per the terms of the port or transfer station. If these locations are not convenient and you wish to nominate a port near you, please contact Michelle Pico at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation at **262-567-0601** for further information.



### Maine

#### **Portland**

Portland Fish Exchange  
6 Portland Fish Pier, Net Yard  
Portland, ME 04101  
Phone: (207) 773-0017

### Massachusetts

#### **Newburyport**

22 R Water Street  
Newburyport, MA 01950  
Phone: (978) 360-6963

#### **Rockport**

Rockport Transfer Station  
Blue Gate Lane and Main Street  
Rockport, MA 01966  
Phone: (978) 546-3525

#### **Boston**

Cardinal Medeiros Port  
696 East First Street  
South Boston, MA 02127  
Phone (617) 823-2936

#### **Scituate**

Scituate Transfer Station  
280 Driftway  
Scituate, MA 02066  
Phone: (781) 545-8729

#### **New Bedford**

Whale's Tooth Parking Lot  
532 Acushnet Avenue  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
Phone: (508) 989-1195

#### **Chatham**

Chatham Transfer Station  
97 Sam Ryder Road  
Chatham, MA 02633  
Phone: (508) 945-5156

### **Wellfleet**

Wellfleet Transfer Station  
370 Coles Neck Road  
Wellfleet, MA 02667  
Phone: (508) 349-0335

### **Provincetown**

Provincetown Transfer Station  
24 Race Point Road  
Provincetown, MA 02657  
Phone: (508) 487-7076

### Rhode Island

#### **Narragansett**

Point Judith Wastewater Pumping  
Station  
Great Island Road  
Narragansett, RI 02882  
Phone: (401) 782-4587

### New York

#### **Montauk**

Montauk Transfer Station  
365 Montauk Highway  
Montauk, NY 11954  
Phone: (631) 668-5813

### New Jersey

#### **Barnegat Light**

Barnegat Light Transfer Station  
11 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Barnegat Light, NJ 08006  
Phone: (609) 494-6100

For more information please visit <http://www.nfwf.org/fishingforenergy> or contact Michelle Pico at 262-567-0601 or [pico@nfwf.org](mailto:pico@nfwf.org)