

6. PARTICIPATION IN THE FISHERIES INDUSTRY OF NEW ENGLAND

Participation in the harvesting or fishing sector has declined in recent years, reflecting the declining availability of resource. Both the numbers of vessels and of fishermen decreased between 1983 and 1986, but it is felt that overcapacity remains a problem. The estimated revenue per fisherman employed in vessels of 5 gross tons or more in 1986 has been the lowest (in deflated terms) since 1928.

NEW ENGLAND LANDINGS 5 GROSS TONS OR MORE

	<u>1928</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1986</u>
LANDINGS	300	322	247
NUMBER OF VESSELS	907	1620	1255
TOTAL REVENUE (NOMINAL) \$MILLION	161	299	285
TOTAL REVENUE (DEFLATED 1978=100)	161	196	170
REVENUE PER VESSEL (DEFLATED 1978=100)	\$178,000	\$121,00	\$135,000
NUMBER OF FISHERMEN	4160	7262	6500
REVENUE PER FISHERMAN (DEFLATED)	\$39,000	\$27,000	\$26,000

As to the participation in the processing and distribution sectors, no historical information is available; but the 1987 data would indicate that these sectors are also significant.