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FISHING INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT IN OFFSHORE DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

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Membership – Enthusiastic and growing!

- North Carolina to Maine
- ~30 Federal and State-permitted fisheries
- >150 individual members
- Commercial fishing associations, dealers and processors
- First West Coast members joined in Aug 2019
• All-time low of overfished stocks in the U.S.
  • Under Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA), overfishing must “immediately” cease
  • Stocks required to be rebuilt under MSA, 44 stocks rebuilt since 2000

• U.S. commercial fisheries landings is a $5.4 billion industry
  • Atlantic Coast landings valued just under $2 billion
  • Pacific Coast (excluding Alaska) valued at $670 million

→ Both economic value and stock status improving overall
Final Comments

1) Fishing information challenges:
   - Low resolution data from landings
   - Few CA fishermen with VMS
   - Little spatial data from AIS

2) Engagement early, often, and inclusively
   - RODA has a 10 year Memorandum of Understanding with BOEM and National Marine Fisheries Service
   - RODA’s Joint Industry Task Force

3) Responsible Offshore Science Alliance
   - Regional coordination to advance research and monitoring of fisheries and offshore wind
   - Supported by federal and state agencies