



# BUSINESS SOLUTIONS FOR FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

## WHO WE ARE

We're Maine's leader in mission-driven business lending and investing. CEI helps to grow good jobs, environmentally sustainable enterprises, and shared prosperity by integrating financing, business and industry expertise, and policy solutions.

## FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE SECTOR EXPERTISE

CEI works closely with the businesses we finance and advise to address operational, workforce, and environmental challenges. Our industry focus on fisheries and aquaculture supports the legacy and promise of Maine's working waterfronts, recognizing the need for economic diversification and environmental sustainability.

We invest in small and medium-sized businesses in coastal and rural communities. Our team includes experts who know the fishing and aquaculture sectors first hand. Maine fisheries and aquaculture businesses know they can rely on us for:



FINANCING



ADVISING



POLICY

*“Without CEI, this project never would have flown. They know the fishing industry and understand the importance of preserving the working waterfront.”*

—HALE MILLER, CO-OWNER  
MILLERS' WHARF  
TENANT'S HARBOR, MAINE

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## WHAT WE OFFER

Since 1977, CEI has provided **250 loans** totaling over **\$18 million** for promising marine businesses just like yours—helping to create or retain **2,200 jobs in our communities**. Whether you are an aquaculturist or fisherman, harvester, seafood processor, dealer or wholesaler, we offer consulting and financing for your start-up, invention, expansion, equipment and infrastructure projects. Our business development advisors lend their expertise, connections, and hands-on support. Whatever it takes to make sure you and your business succeed, **CEI is here to help.**

## CONSULTING

Free, confidential consulting from a skilled support team of industry consultants, business advisors, and loan officers ready to help you with:

- Industry Expertise
- Credit and financing
- Accounting, record keeping and cash flow analysis
- Business start-up and acquisition
- Strategic planning and operations
- Marketing and sales

## FINANCING

A variety of nontraditional financing options, including flexible debt, lines of credit, and equity:

- Business loans from \$50,000 to \$3 million for equipment, property, and working capital
- Equity investments
- Micro loans from \$5,000 to \$50,000 for small business or startup costs
- Identification of best available capital sources



## WHAT SETS US APART

Our deep Maine roots and passion for economic development give CEI industry consultants, business advisors, and loan officers extensive expertise and insight into the unique challenges and opportunities faced by entrepreneurs in the fishery and aquaculture sectors. We do more than find funding for boats and upwellers — we forge networks, embrace new technologies, advocate for better policies, and celebrate how these sectors sustain our way of life.

FOR A FREE, CONFIDENTIAL CONSULTATION ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS:

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