



A community supported fishery



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Care Sound at Sunrise



Walking Fish is a community supported fishery (CSF) that links fishermen on the coast of North Carolina to consumers in the Triangle.

A **community supported fishery** (CSF) is based on the community supported agriculture (CSA) model. A CSF involves pre-payment by consumers for a 'share' of fresh, locally harvested seafood (i.e., a set amount of seafood generally picked up by the consumer on a weekly or bi-weekly basis). Just as CSAs can encourage sustainable and profitable farming practices, CSFs have the potential to do the same for fishing.

This initiative takes root in the belief that people – whether they are coastal fishermen or local consumers – play an important role in creating solutions to the social, economic, and environmental challenges we face. The goals of this business are simple: to foster **economic opportunities**, to cultivate **healthy communities**, and to encourage **environmental stewardship**. We recognize that conservation is intimately linked to the well-being of people and communities, and we believe that in order to work towards ecological sustainability we must also work towards local economic stability and social equity.

Walking Fish was initiated by a group of graduate students at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment in 2009 in partnership with a number of North Carolina-based for-profit and non-profit organizations.

In 2011 the core fishermen involved in Walking Fish formed a **cooperative** to assume leadership for Walking Fish. The new leadership is committed to upholding a **Triple Bottom Line**.

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