

FREE ENERGY ADVISING for Shoreside Businesses in the MA Seafood Industry

Services

Take advantage of one-on-one support to help you navigate tax incentives, rebates, and more! Start saving on your utility bills immediately.

Energy efficiency

- Building energy audits
- Building envelope
- HVAC system upgrades
- Geothermal

Machinery and cold storage

- Variable frequency drives
- Efficient refrigeration/freezing

Renewable energy

- On-site solar (rooftop or ground mounted)
- Community solar

Zero-emissions vehicles

- Electric vehicles (including trucks)
- EV charging stations
- Electric forklifts

About

The Energy Efficient Fisheries project, made possible by a generous Congressionally Directed Spending grant and hosted by the Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Development Program, is charting a course towards lower costs, reduced emissions, and higher efficiency for the good of all Massachusetts fishing and seafood businesses. More information at: energyefficient.fish.

Sign up:



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New effort aims to reduce energy costs and carbon footprint of land-based Massachusetts seafood businesses

A new initiative aims to help seafood businesses cut their energy costs and achieve a lower carbon footprint through free, one-on-one energy advising services. Participation in the program is open to all land-based businesses in the seafood sector, including seafood dealers, processors, boatyards, engine repair shops, fishing gear manufacturers, seafood markets, and even nonprofits that support the fishing industry.

The project comes at a time when both energy costs and awareness of climate change are on the rise. By pairing businesses with expert energy advisors at no cost to them, the project will connect essential dots between businesses interested in making energy-saving improvements and a plethora of state and federal incentives that are available to support them.

For example, seafood processors and cold storage facilities often have hefty electric bills that represent a sizable portion of total operating costs. Many also have abundant rooftop space that might be ideally suited for solar panels. However, they don't necessarily have the time to obtain quotes, understand tax incentives, and compare their options. Through the new program, businesses can access impartial expertise that will help them unlock opportunities like this and start saving on utility bills immediately.

In addition to on-site solar, the project will help businesses explore opportunities related to community solar (in which businesses or homes buy a percentage of the power from a single off-site solar farm), building energy audits, efficient buildings and heating/cooling systems (such as air-source and geothermal heat pumps), efficient refrigeration and machinery, and electric delivery trucks, forklifts, and vehicle chargers.

This multi-partner effort is led by [Fishery Friendly Climate Action](#), the [Green Energy Consumers Alliance](#), and the [Massachusetts Seafood Collaborative](#), with financial support from the [Energy Efficient Fisheries](#) project. The Energy Efficient Fisheries project is hosted by the Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Development Program and made possible by \$2 million in Congressional funding secured by Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren.

Although these advising services are available until mid-2025, businesses are encouraged to sign up now in order to make the most of these opportunities. Interested businesses may obtain more information by signing up at bit.ly/seafood-energy or contacting Sarah Schumann at fisheryfriendlyclimateaction@gmail.com or (401)297-6273.