



2018/2019 MCFA Annual Report

June 2019

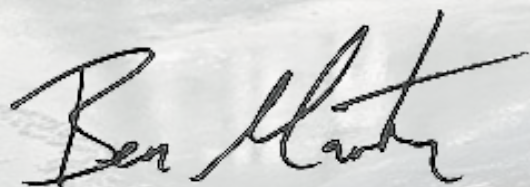


Together, We Persevere

The foundation of the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association is based upon a simple core philosophy. Abundant marine resources with appropriate access for diverse fishing businesses will lead to vibrant fishing communities for this and the next generation of Maine fishermen. When fishermen came together to start MCFA, it was these values that inspired them to act, create a voice, and move forward together to create a stronger voice for Maine's fishing communities.

This past year, the MCFA board of directors completed a review of our work, an assessment of our core values, and developed a three-year strategic plan as an outcome of that process. I am happy to report that while our work has evolved, our scope has increased, and our impact has grown that our values and the community needs holds as true today as they did 12 years ago in Port Clyde.

I want to thank the MCFA board, staff, and community who have supported MCFA through the years, and I look forward to the next stage of our work as we strive to build a better future for the fishing communities of Maine.

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Strategic Goals

In order to ensure the long-term preservation of Maine's fishing heritage and fishing communities, we must defend, amplify and unlock the opportunity of the blue economy. These are the goals MCFA's board of directors identified in the strategic planning process.

A Rebuilt Gulf of Maine

Restore and protect the Gulf of Maine's marine resources to ensure healthy fisheries now and into the future.

Preserve Fishing Access

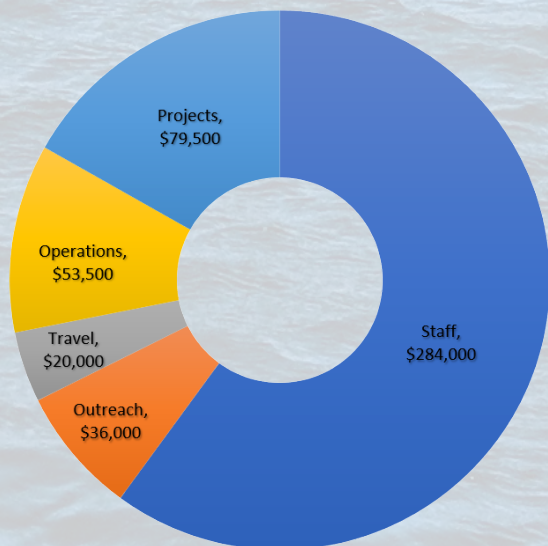
Preserving access for Maine fishermen and fishing communities to the marine resources of the Gulf of Maine.

Resilient Fishing Businesses

Creating opportunities for fishermen to grow and diversify fishing businesses along Maine's coast.

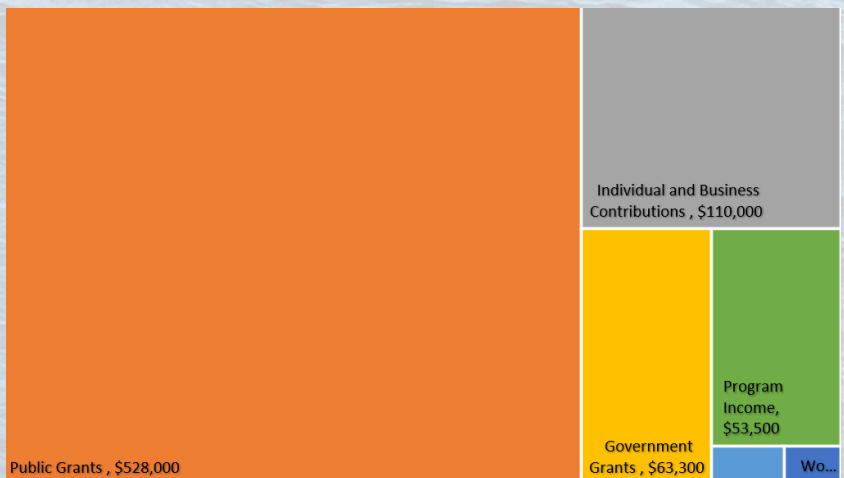


Financials



Budget

MCFA had a budget of \$473,000 with roughly 60% of that budget being spent on salaries and benefits.



Income

MCFA had a total income of \$764,000 in 2018/2019. This year had a particularly high income as several multi-year grant payments occurred.

- Gerry Cushman: Chair
- Joe Nickerson: Vice-Chair
- Larry Bailey: Treasurer
- Colleen Craig: Clerk
- Bryan Bichrest
- Kelo Pinkham
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