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Description:

Fisherman catch and trap various kinds of marine life for human consumption, animal feed, and other products. Vessel Crew members participate in fishing operations, handle and repair necessary fishing equipment.

Median Wage (as of 2006):

Entry Level Workers – \$16,640
Experienced Workers - \$35,170

Level of Education:

High school diploma, on-the-job training, A.S./A.A.S. (encouraged), N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation Commercial Fishing License (required), U.S. Coast Guard Certification (required for some operating vessel operations)

Job Outlook (through 2016):

16% decline in the number of jobs

Examples of Colleges & Vocational Programs:

Oklahoma State University – Commercial Fishing Vocational Training

Western Suffolk BOCES and SUNY Maritime College – U.S. Coast Guard Certification partner programs

Industry Training Programs – PWSRCAC Fishing Vessel Training

Employers:

Private Vessels

Federal and State Governments – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

High School/College Courses to Take:

Navigation, Seamanship, Vessel operation and maintenance, GIS courses
Technology, Mechanics, Biology, Ecology

Related Professions:

Crew or Officer in Merchant Marines
Fish Processing Handler
Fish Hatchery Manager