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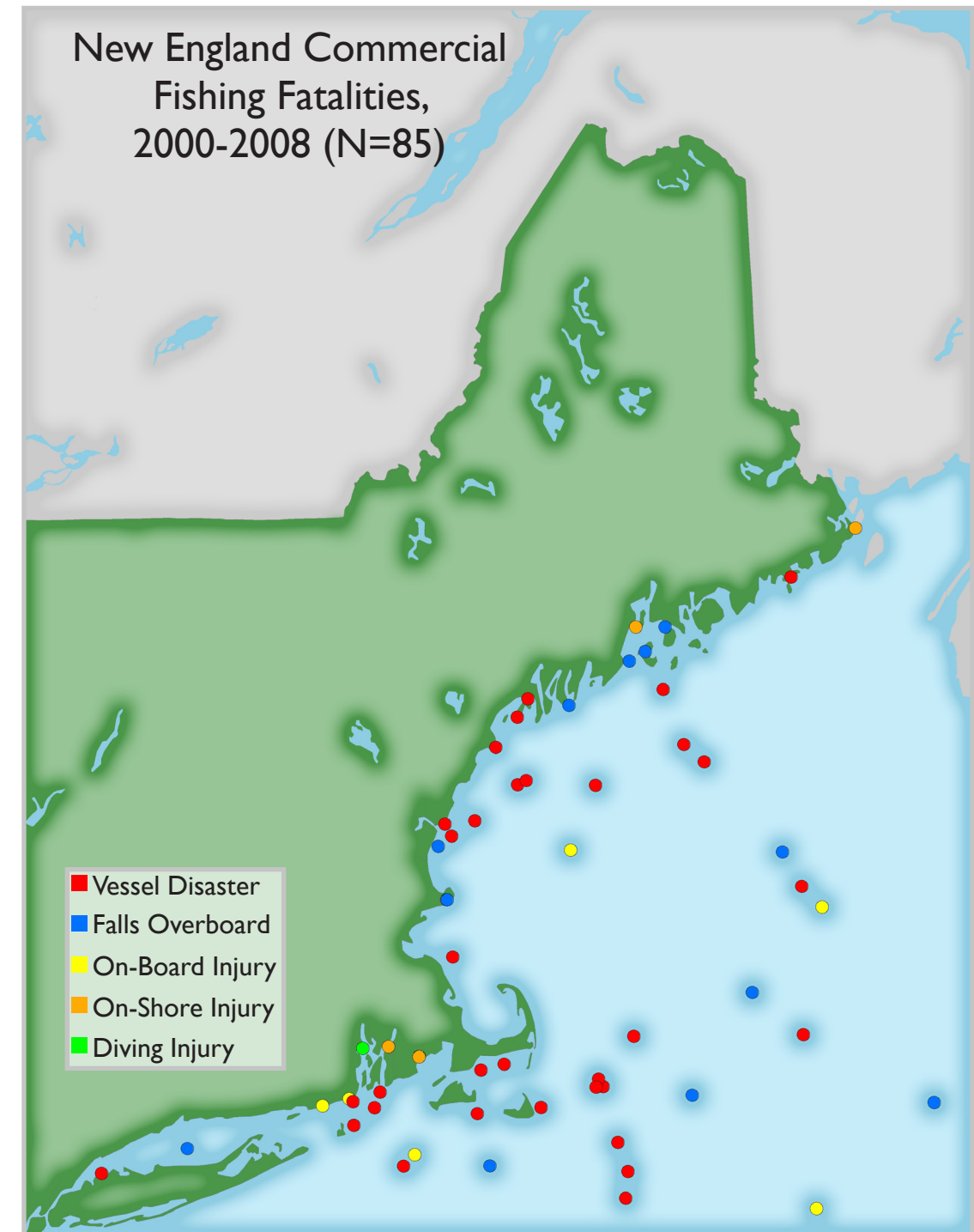
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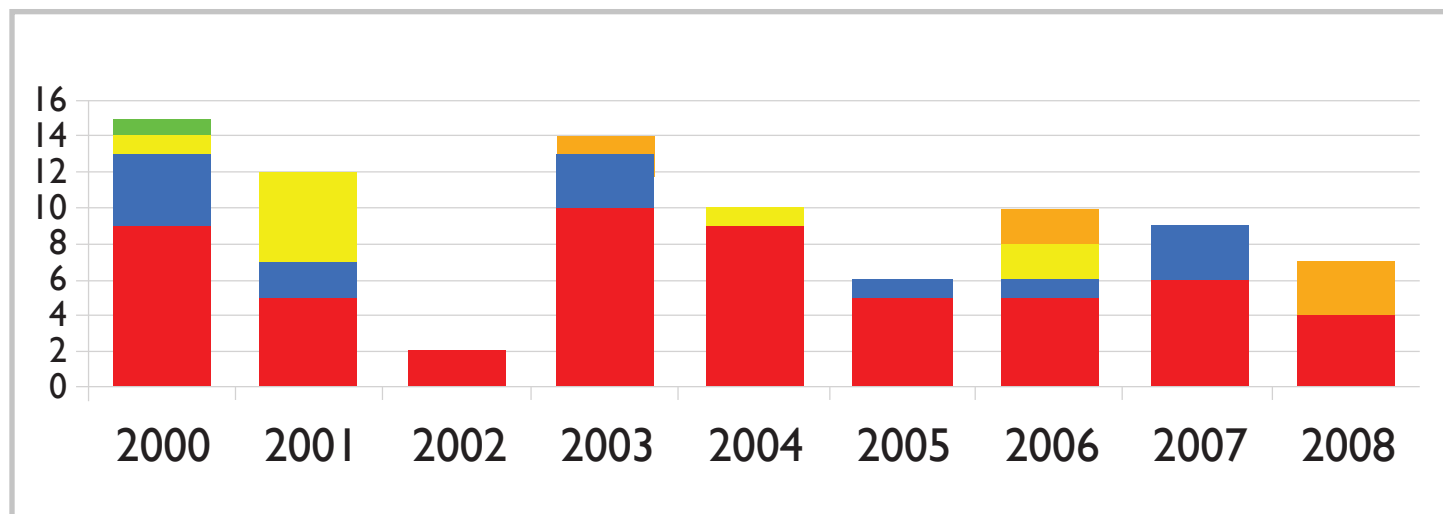
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U.S. Commercial Fishing Fatalities Regional Summary: New England

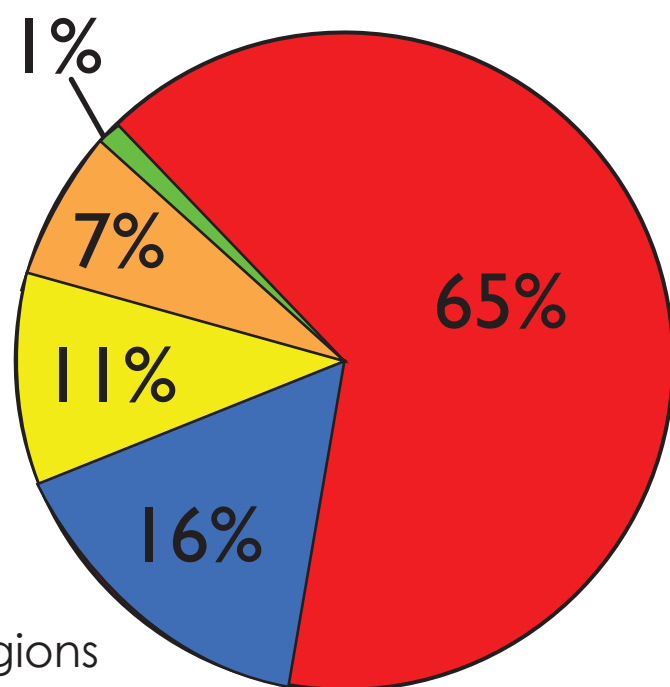


New England Commercial Fishing Fatalities by Incident Type, 2000-2008 (n=85)



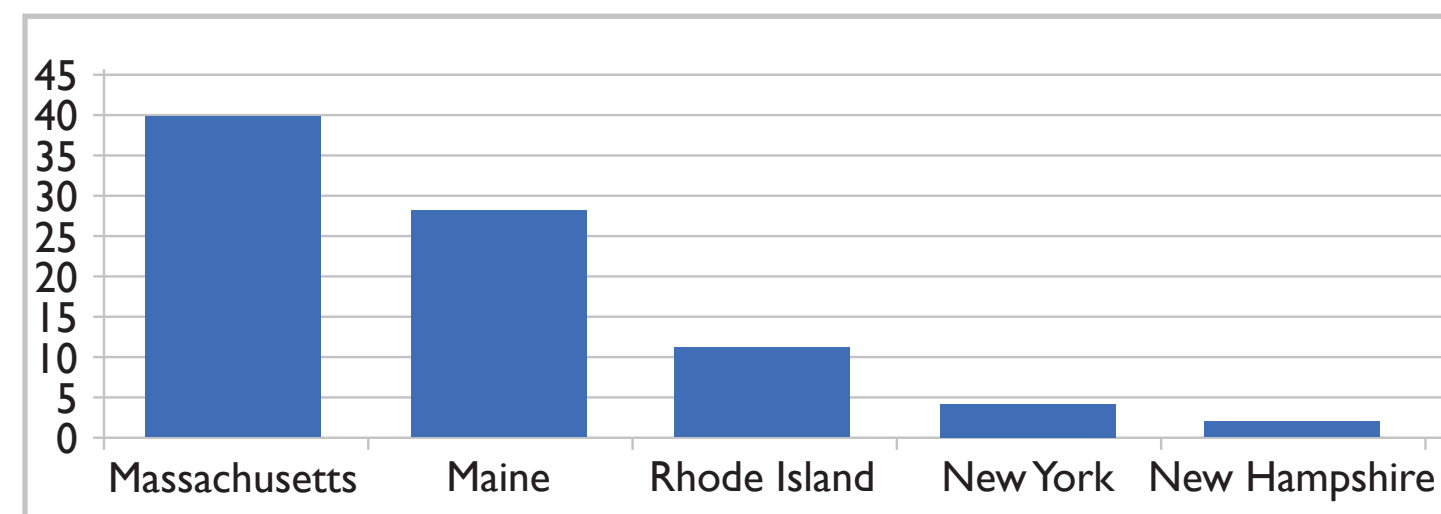
- Vessel Disaster
- Falls Overboard
- On-Board Injury
- On-Shore Injury
- Diving Injury

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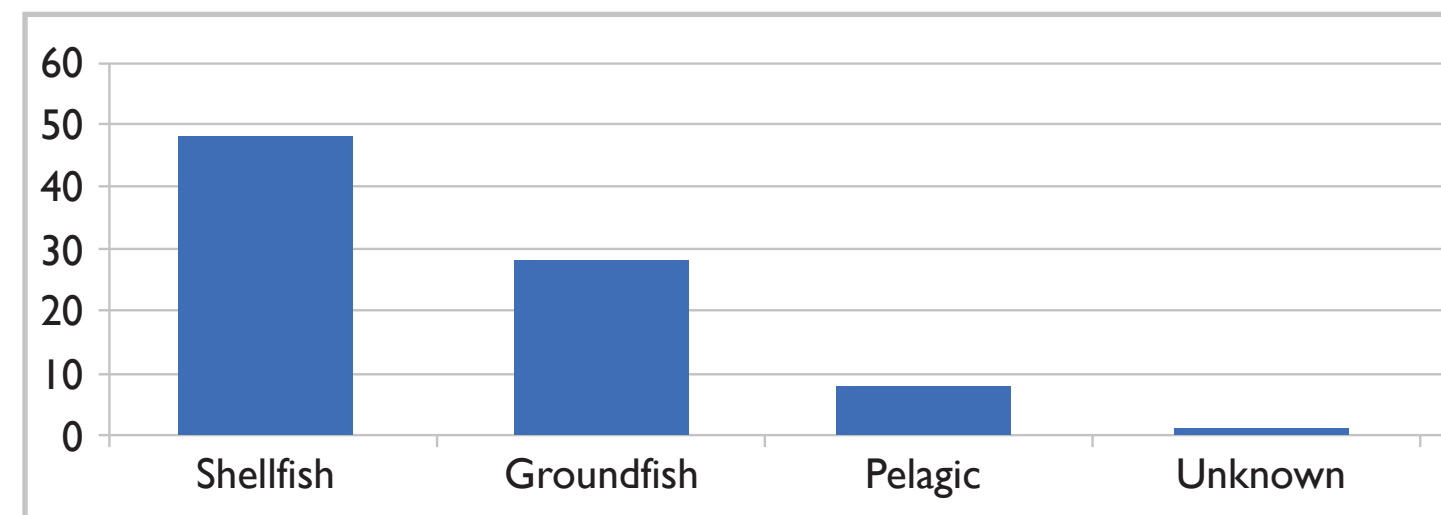


During the nine year period 2000-2008, 85 commercial fishermen died while working off the New England Coast of the United States, an average of nine fatalities per year. Of the five US fishing regions analyzed, New England had the third highest total number of fatalities. Only 16 percent of fatalities were due to falls overboard, the lowest percentage in the US. By comparison, for the whole US fishing industry, 30 percent of fatalities were due to falls overboard. Fatalities in New England due to vessel disasters (65%) and on-board injuries (11%) were more common than in the whole US.

New England Commercial Fishing Fatalities by State 2000-2008 (n=85)



New England Commercial Fishing Fatalities by Fishery, 2000-2008 (n=85)



Six states make up the New England fishing region, but fatalities only occurred in five (none in Connecticut). Fatalities were attributed to the state off the coast of which the incident occurred, regardless of what state the fishing trip originated from. Massachusetts and Maine had the highest number of fatalities, not surprisingly since those states have the most coastline and fishing activity. Most of the fatalities occurred in the shellfish fisheries, of which 40 percent were scallop fishermen and 33 percent were lobstermen. In the groundfish fisheries, almost all of the deaths were in the multi-species groundfish fishery. Of the eight fatalities in pelagic fisheries, half were herring fishermen.