

WASHINGTON, DC –“ Congressman Joe Courtney today released the following statement after NOAA released a report critical of the management of the New England Fisheries:

“The release of today’s report reaffirms the concerns that Connecticut fishermen and I share regarding the management of the New England Fisheries. Our fishermen face enough challenges without also dealing with federal bureaucrats exceeding their authority. Today’s report should serve as a wake-up call to NOAA officials who have been unresponsive to the concerns of both fishermen and Members of Congress.”

Congressman Courtney has [sent letters](#) to NOAA and the U.S. Department of Commerce regarding the NOAA policies, and has separately met with Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke and NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco to express those concerns.