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Marine life Ecosytems “then and now”

Grade Level: 6

Goal: To have students realize where off the coast we do the most fishing, and the effects humans have on marine life.

Objectives: Understand the fishing industry, and what our region is known for (mostly lobsters off the coast of New England).

Skills: Using and understanding a map (coastlines and fishing territories), knowing the differences of tools and procedures used.

Geography Themes: Regional, Human Environmental Interactions

Materials: Paper (T charts), posters, colored pencils, info on regional fishing,

Procedure: The activity will be relating to the book *In the Heart of the Sea* about the fishing/whaling in that time period compared to fishing today. Have the students draw on a small poster what they believe fishing entails today. Then show a presentation showing how dangerous whaling was, sometimes fatal. Along with the different types of weapons and procedures used to catch marine animals.

Evaluation: Tchart of “then and now” differences between what fish we caught and how we caught them off the coasts of New England. Also, what fish are caught today and their purposes versus the purpose of whaling back then.