

## Cobscook Bay Marketing Co-op and Cobscook Commercial Kitchen

- Mission:** The mission of the Cobscook Bay Resource Center is to encourage and strengthen community-based approaches to resource management and sustainable economic development in the Cobscook Bay region, the Bay of Fundy, and the Gulf of Maine.
- Partners:** The marketing co-op will be owned by its members and operated by the Cobscook Bay Resource Center. The commercial kitchen will be owned and operated by the Resource Center. Business training workshops will be conducted by the Downeast Business Alliance/WHCA.
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- Additional Funds Needed:** \$200,000 – facility  
\$50,000 - equipment  
\$150,000 – 3 years of operations
- Funds Raised:** \$198,400 from US HUD grant.
- Target Opening Date:** December 2008
- Facility Uses:** Marketing co-op: purchase, packaging, freezing, storage, shipping, and sales of seafood and local agricultural produce. Commercial kitchen: cooking; labeling and packaging; shipping/receiving; dry, cold, and freezer storage; demonstrations, and training.
- Potential Users:** Marketing co-op: Fishermen, seafood processors, specialty food producers, organic and non-organic farmers. Community kitchen: specialty food producers, organic and non-organic value-added farmers, seafood processors, restaurant owners, caterers, local food buyers groups, and consumer food co-ops.
- Additional information:** The marketing co-op/commercial kitchen is part of a new facility being built at the head of the fishermen's wharf in Eastport, Maine. An existing building on the property will be renovated to house Resource Center offices and a community meeting space, while the co-op and kitchen will be housed in a new building attached to the Resource Center. We are conducting a capital campaign to raise the funds for renovation and construction.

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