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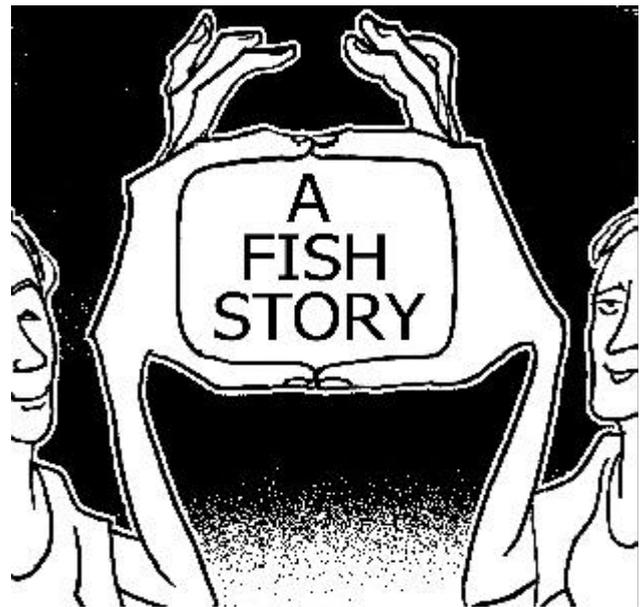
A Fish Story

This is a press release about a film on two women activists from fishing communities in Massachusetts, US (<http://www.itvs.org/pressroom/pressRelease.htm?pressId=341>)

A Fish Story is the tale of two women who lead their communities in a battle for control of the ocean. Angela Sanfilippo of Gloucester, Massachusetts, and Shareen Davis of Chatham, Massachusetts were born into fishing families and married men who continue to make a living from the sea. Fishing defines who they are and has sustained their communities for generations. But their way of life is threatened when a powerful coalition of national environmental groups file a lawsuit that could put hundreds of fishermen out of business. Three hundred years of fishing tradition and the health of the ocean hangs in the balance. *A Fish Story* will have its television premiere on the Emmy Award-winning PBS series *Independent Lens*, hosted by Terrence Howard, on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 10PM.

In the 1970s, enormous international fishing fleets decimated the waters off New England leaving local fishermen struggling to survive in the wake of this environmental disaster. Decades later, New England fishermen and environmentalist remain locked in an intense battle over the current health and future management of the ocean. And with the success of a broad sweeping lawsuit filed in 2000, environmentalists are demanding radical new conservation measures that could spell disaster for New England fishermen and their communities. Angela and Shareen find themselves at the center of this political storm as they struggle to save both fish and fishermen. Delving into the behind-the-scenes world of politicians, environmentalists, journalists, and fishermen, *A Fish Story* confronts the hard choices we face when human needs and those of the environment collide.

The interactive companion website for *A Fish Story* (www.pbs.org/independentlens/fishstory) features detailed information on the film, including an interview with the filmmakers and links and resources pertaining to the film's subject matter. The site also features a



Talkback section for viewers to share their ideas and opinions, preview clips of the film and more.

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