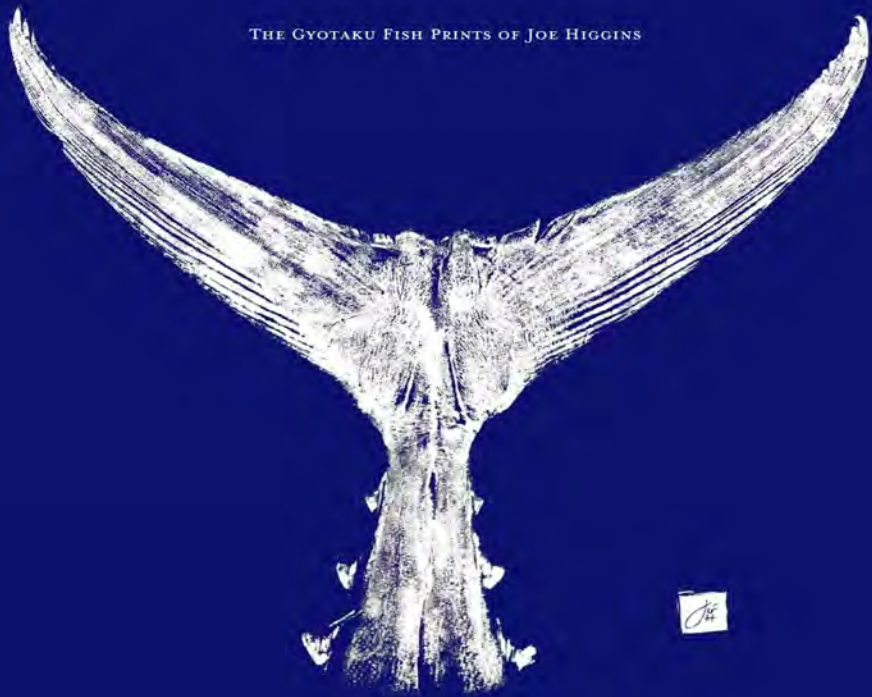


THE GYOTAKU FISH PRINTS OF JOE HIGGINS



Joe



WHAT IS GYOTAKU?

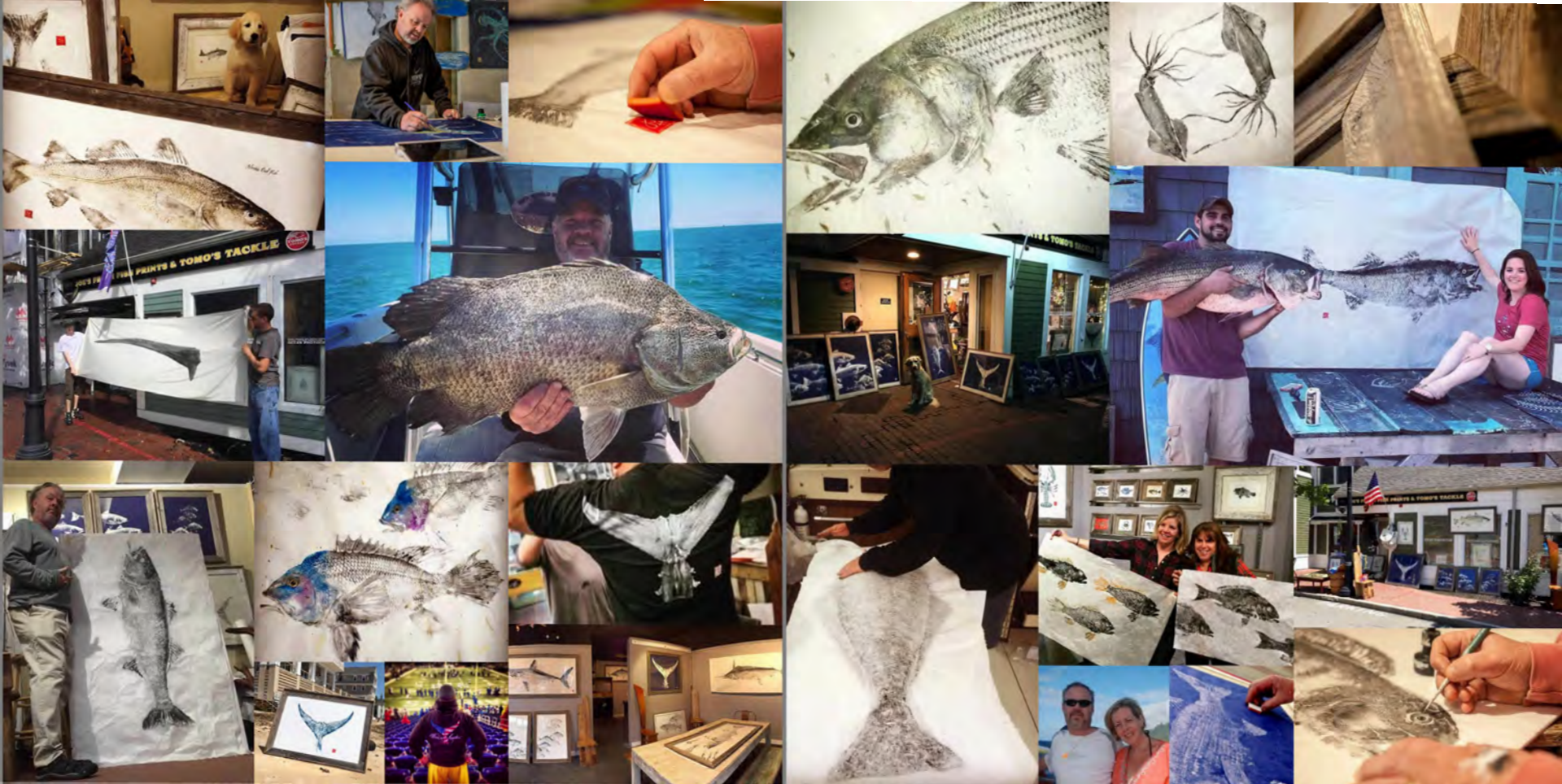
GYOTAKU (JAPANESE, FROM GYO "FISH" + TAKU "RUBBING") IS THE TRADITIONAL JAPANESE METHOD OF PRINTING FISH, A PRACTICE WHICH DATES BACK TO THE MID-1800S. THIS FORM OF PRINTING MAY HAVE BEEN USED BY FISHERMEN TO RECORD THEIR CATCHES, BUT HAS ALSO BECOME AN ART FORM OF ITS OWN.

HOW DID I START?

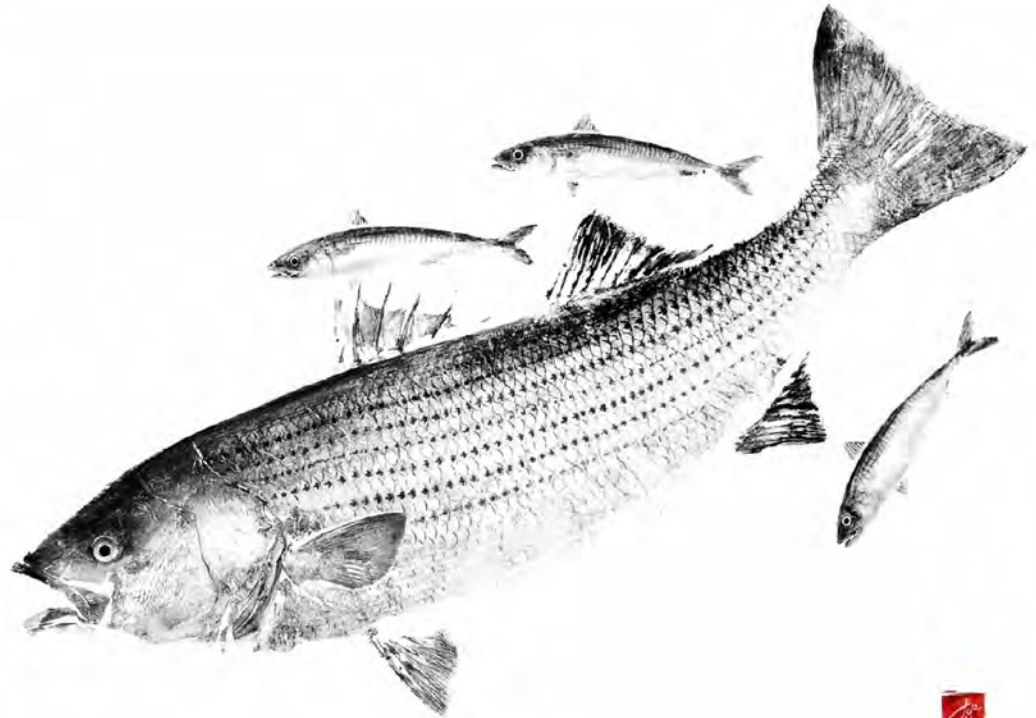
IT'S THE SPRING OF 2009- I'M SITTING ON A COUCH ADMIRING A WALL HANGING A FRIEND OF MINE HAD ON HIS OFFICE WALL. ITS WHAT I THOUGHT WAS AT THE TIME AN IMPRESSIONISTIC PAINTING OF A LARGE FISH IN BOLD STROKES OF ORANGE, BLUE AND GOLD ON THREE LARGE SHEETS OF NEWSPRINT. THE GREAT THING ABOUT IT WAS THAT YOU COULD SEE EVERY LITTLE SCALE AND FIN IN DETAIL AND THE CAUDAL FIN ALMOST LOOKED LIKE IT COULD TAIL SLAP THE WALL. I THOUGHT IT WAS ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE AND WOULD BE A PERFECT TROPHY FOR A KAYAK FISHING TOURNEY I WAS RUNNING LATER THAT SUMMER, BEST OF ALL IT LOOKED REALLY SIMPLE TO DO, AT LEAST SIMPLE ENOUGH FOR A GUY WHO GRADUATED FROM A PRESTIGIOUS ART SCHOOL AND LOVED TO FISH. I KNEW THE GUYS THAT WOULD WALK AWAY WITH THESE PRINTS WOULD CHERISH THESE FINE ONE OF KIND WORKS OF ART. THE NEXT THING I KNOW IM TRYING TO GET AN INK STAIN OUT OF OUR NEW CARPET FLOOR, MY WIFE WANTS ME TO BUILD A STUDIO, MY CONFERENCE ROOM TABLE AT MY OFFICE HAS BECOME A WASTELAND FOR REFERENCE MATERIALS, IVE GOT SCUP IN THE FREEZER, STRAY PELVIC FINS IN A JAR AND IM PRETTY MUCH BRIBING PEOPLE TO CATCH ME FISH THAT I CAN MAKE PRINTS OF. WHAT STARTED OFF, AS AN EXPERIMENT HAS BECOME AN OBSESSION. I LOVE MAKING FISH PRINTS.

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BLACK SEA BASS



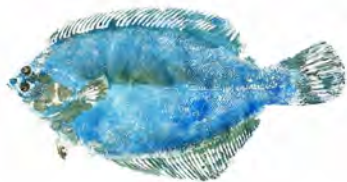
STRIPED BASS



JONAH CRAB



BLUE LOBSTER



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STRIPED BASS BLUE INK





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BLACK SEA BASS pale



SALMON



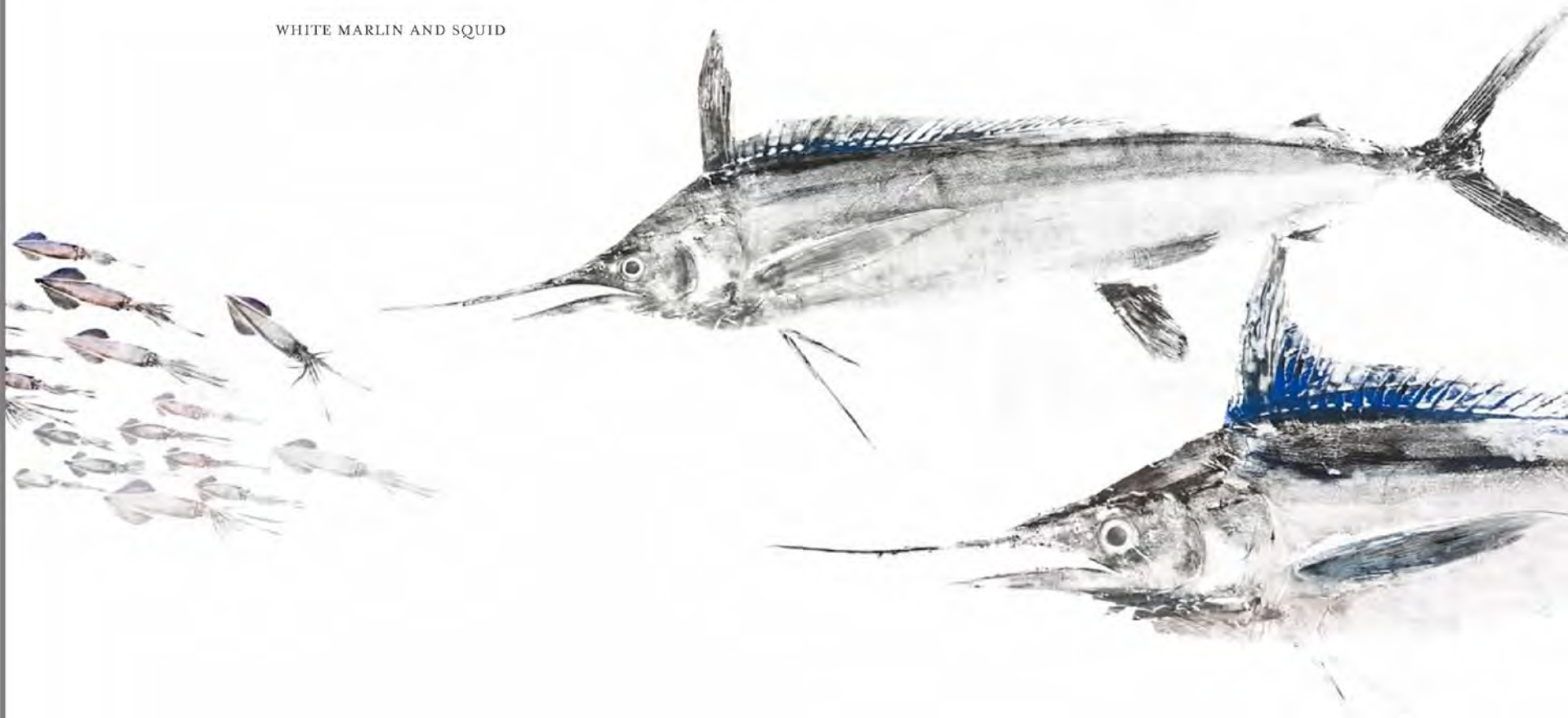
MALE BLACK SEA BASS



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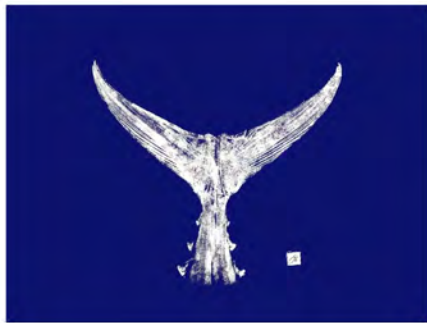




BLACK SEA BASS ON BLUE



TEAL BLUE FIN TUNA

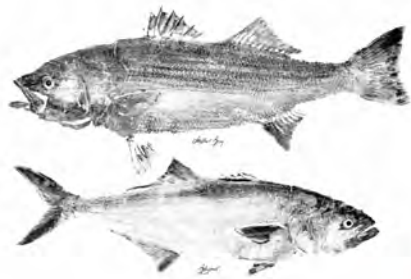


TUNA TAIL ON BLUE



STRIPED BASS ON BLUE





STRIPER AND BLUEFISH



WOLF FISH



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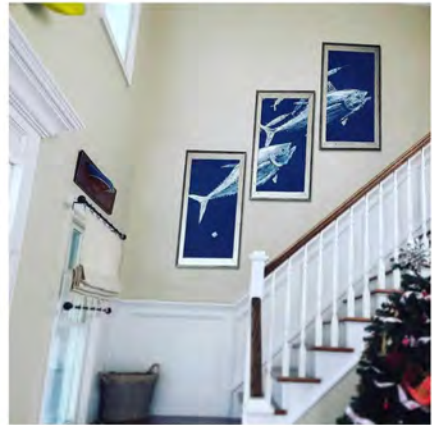
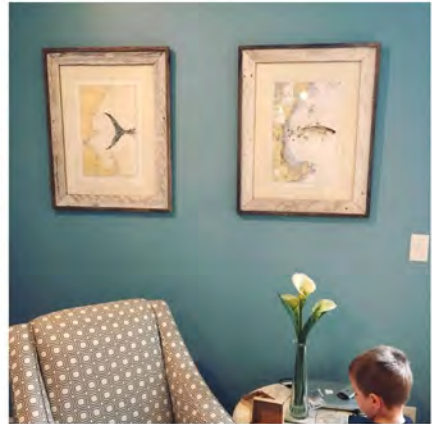


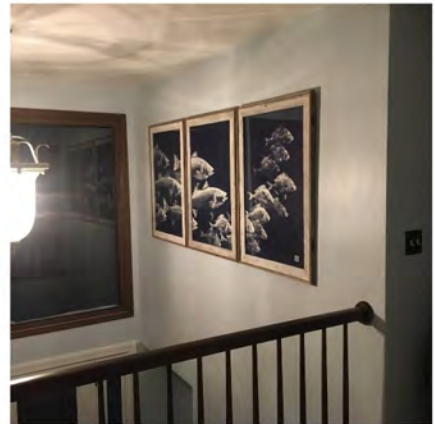
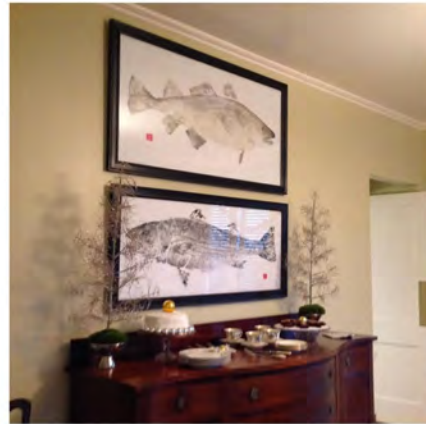
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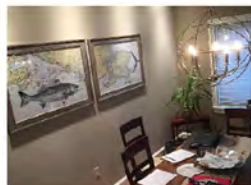


PORBEAGLE SHARK







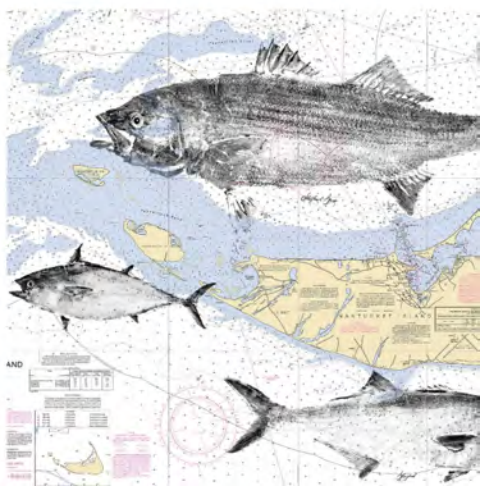
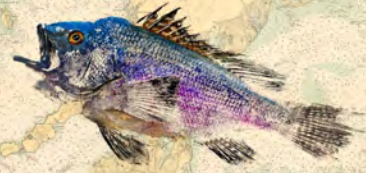




MASSACHUSETTS

PRINTS MADE THE OLD FASHIONED WAY
WITH INK, PAPER AND A FISH

OCEAN THEMED ART, OCEAN THEMED NAUTICAL CHAIR
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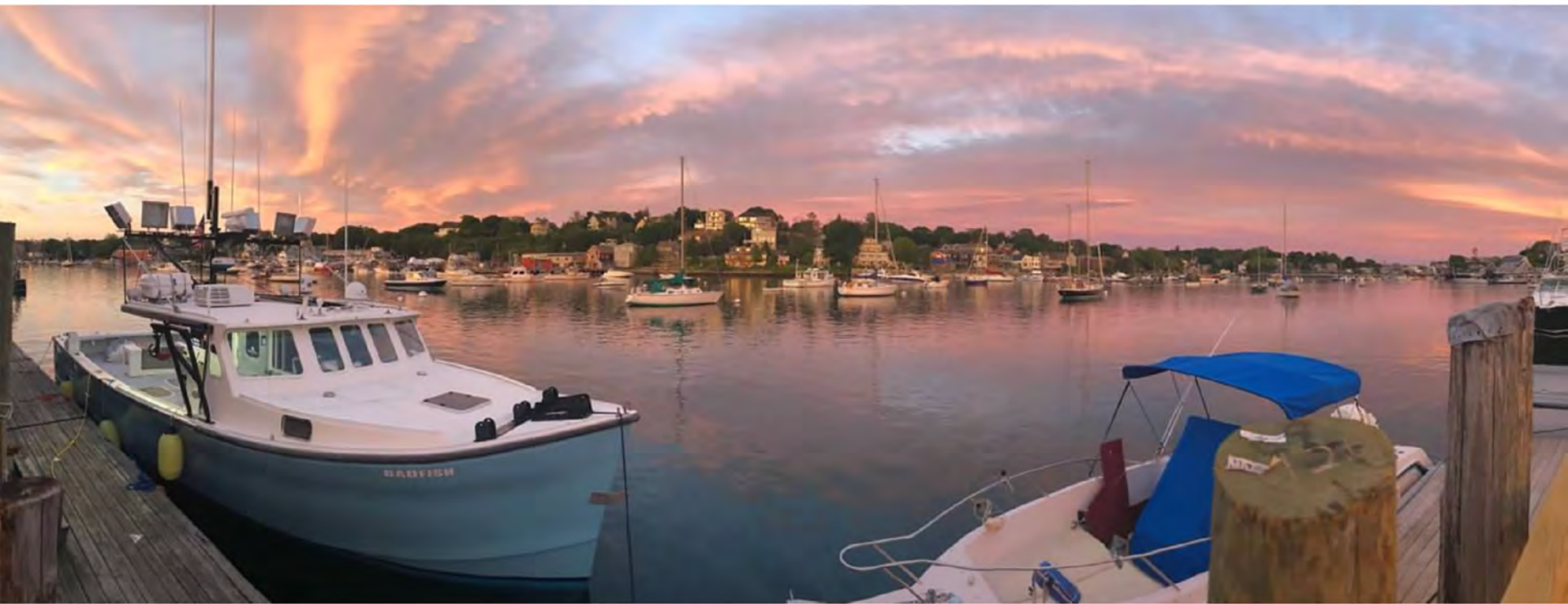






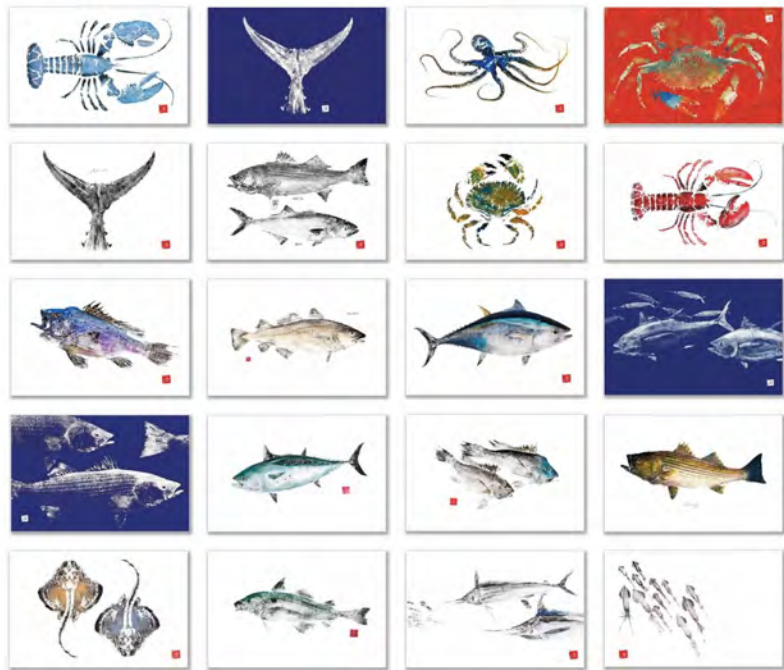






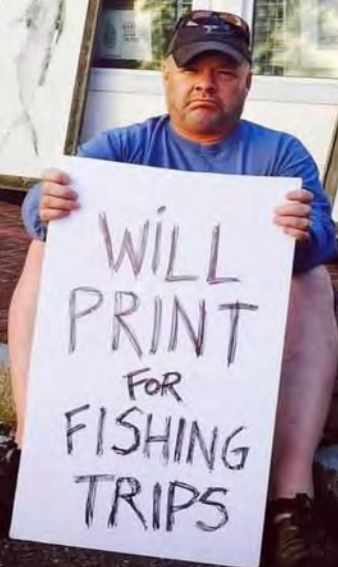


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FRESH FISH PRINTS & TOMO'S TACKLE



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