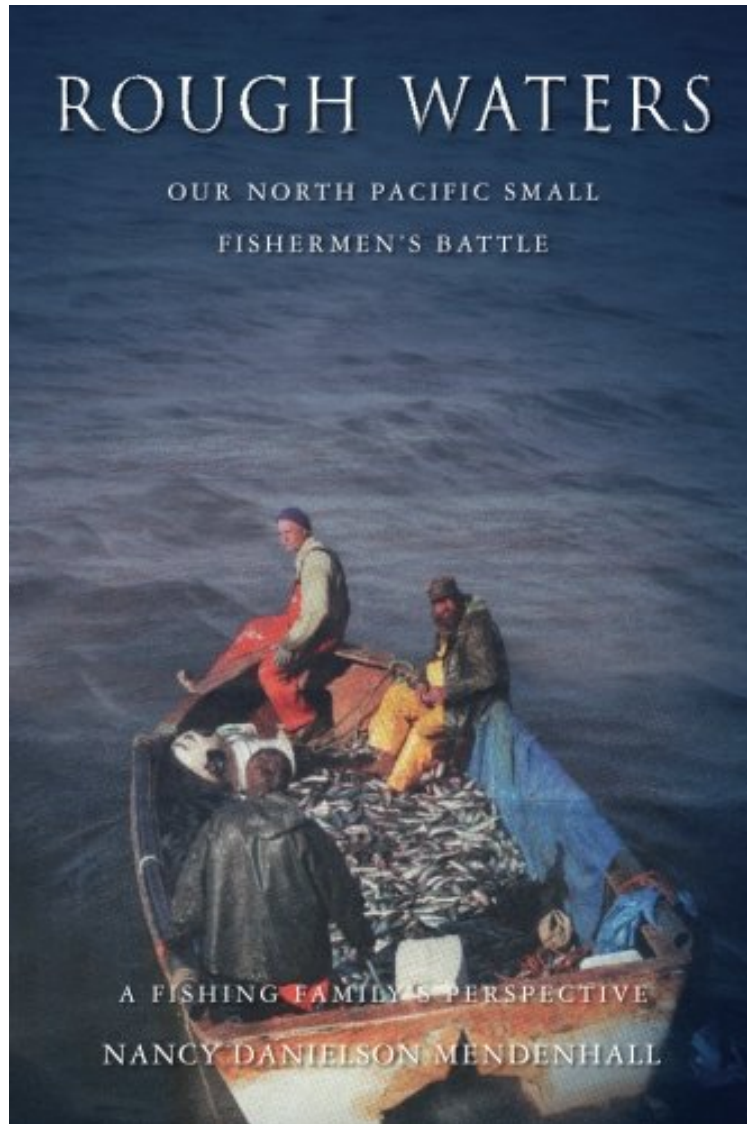


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valleA very interesting and well written research on the state of salmon in our area, written by a women with firsthand experience.³ of 3 people found the following review helpful. A depressing look and the fishermen's problemsBy Jim LichatowichI received the book form the publisher.Im a fishery biologist; I care about the fish. I also care about the fishermen and the communities they support. I have read about the fishermens problems because of declining abundance of fish, but not until I read Nancy Mendenhalls book did the dry statistics become real people who work hard to get by on a shrinking resource and who have to contend with policies that seem to care little for both the fishermen and the fish. The story of the fishermen and their plight is told in the first half of the book.A major theme in rough Waters is the loss of our natural commons. The commons include but not limited to the air we breathe, the water we drink our forests, and the oceans The waters and fish are everyones natural heritage and we all have a shared responsibility for their stewardship. Our natural commons are disappearing by the misguided rush to privatize everything that we hold in common. The second half Rough Waters details the loss of the fishery commons and the outrageous consequences to fishermen and fishing communities by policies whose intent is to not just privatize the fishery but to give it to the big industrial operators while laying waste to the small fishermen and their communities.It not all gloom and doom. Nancy does show examples of programs that protected the small fisherman their communities. They are too few.Nancy paints a picture of a natural resource that is in trouble because it is and has been managed first and foremost by economic rules rather than ecological and cultural realities.² of 2 people found the following review helpful. Put on Your Life Jacket and Read "Rough Waters"By William KeepWhen I finished Nancy Mendenhall's "Rough Waters," I thought back on a recent sports fishing trip for Chinook off San Juan Island, on Washington state's northwest coast. Probably because we were using barbless hooks, required by law, we lost as many fish as we boated, but we were catching fish -- big silver bright Blackmouth, on a beautiful day with a pod of orcas moving apparentlyunconcerned among the sportfishing fleet. We were free to fish, that day or any other in season, and to take as many salmon as the law allowed. Not so the small commercial and subsistence fishers Mendenhall writes about in such excruciating detail, pushed out and constricted more and more every year by the concentration of wealth and opportunity in fewer and fewer hands, victims of the industrialization and privatization of our fisheries, as are the fish themselves, too often morphed into abstract quota. The contrast between her images of shrinkage and the boundless opportunity I felt on that small boat could not be greater. "Rough Waters" isn't an easy read, designed as it is to make you feel the loss of a way of life and what it might take to rescue it. But it needs to be read by anyone unwilling to turn our oceans and steams over to global corporations.

Get an insider's look at the massive threats facing West Coast small-boat fishermen in Nancy Danielson Mendenhall's fascinating new book, *Rough Waters*. Sweeping ecological changes, weak management, and pushback from industrial fishing are all conspiring to gradually undermine the ability of small-scale commercial fishermen to make a living. As a result, fishing families and townsand those businesses that rely on themare struggling to stay afloat. Mendenhall delves into the root causes and effects of the industry's problems through stories, photos, in-depth interviews with those most affected, and analysis from biologists and social researchers. The book presents the issue in two parts, first analyzing the state-managed fisheries on the West Coast and then looking at federally managed fisheries. Mendenhall goes on to compare the industry in the United States with those in other parts of the world and then examines the destruction wrought by the new strategy of "catch share" management. As more national environmental groups take interest in the plight of small-boat fishermen, hope that the industry can be saved has been rekindled. But as *Rough Waters* reveals, the battle to preserve this unique livelihood won't stop any time soon.

Spellbinding...A tour de force...Consummately researched and broad in scope--as befitting social science of the highest order...(yet) rendered with such intimate sensitivity to people, places and things at the local level so as to evoke poetry... For any one interested in Pacific Coast fisheries, *Rough Waters* is hard to put down. Those not familiar with fisheries or fisheries politics, but interested in how neo-liberal economic policies are under-mining human societies all over the world, will also find this book a must read. To any one who has ever fished commercially (Mendenhall's) stories will resonant to the deepest possible level. Her description of her present day participation in the subsistence fishery, based out of Nome, Alaska, is seminal in pointing the way for both humans and wild creatures to sustainably co-exist in perpetuity...Any one reading Mendenhalls masterful account will never be able to naively look at the tragic enclosure the worlds fisheries commons in quite the same way. ~Dennis Brown, author of bestselling *Salmon Wars* "Impassioned, broadly researched... (Alaskan) Mendenhall plumbs todays fraught seascape, from the West Coasts state-managed fisheries, to federal policy, to plights in other regions." ~Boston Globe "A war story that's not over yet...Personal and poignant... an intimate look at what small-scale fishermen have been up against in Alaska. (A) meticulously researched and painfully detailed analysis of how federal regulations have privatized fisheries and disenfranchised the small-scale fleet. ...After a certain amount of time, war stories become completely defined by the winners, but as long as writers like Nancy Danielson Mendenhall exist, the voices of the underdogs will be heard." ~Fishermen's Voice; Paul Molyneux (author, *The Doryman's Lament*)