A woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue and red plaid shirt and bright orange waders, stands on the deck of a fishing boat. She is looking back over her shoulder towards the camera while holding a thick rope. The boat is on the water, and several wooden poles are visible in the background. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

**NO ONE UNDERSTANDS
THE VALUE OF HEALTH
INSURANCE MORE THAN
someone who depends on
her strength to earn a living.**

SHANNON ELDREDGE was born into a fishing family, and has fished her whole life. Her homeport is Stage Harbor Massachusetts and she's one of the last remaining few that practice the almost lost art of Weir Fishing. In addition to being a fisherman, she's a long time fishing advocate, and a Fishing Partnership Navigator.



Fishermen are critical to our economy



Even some of the **TOUGHEST GUYS**
ON THE PLANET can use a little help.





FP Navigators



CRAIG F. WALKER/GLOBE STAFF

Tougher for fishermen

- Difficulty accessing health care
- Uncertainty
- Social isolation
- Job insecurity





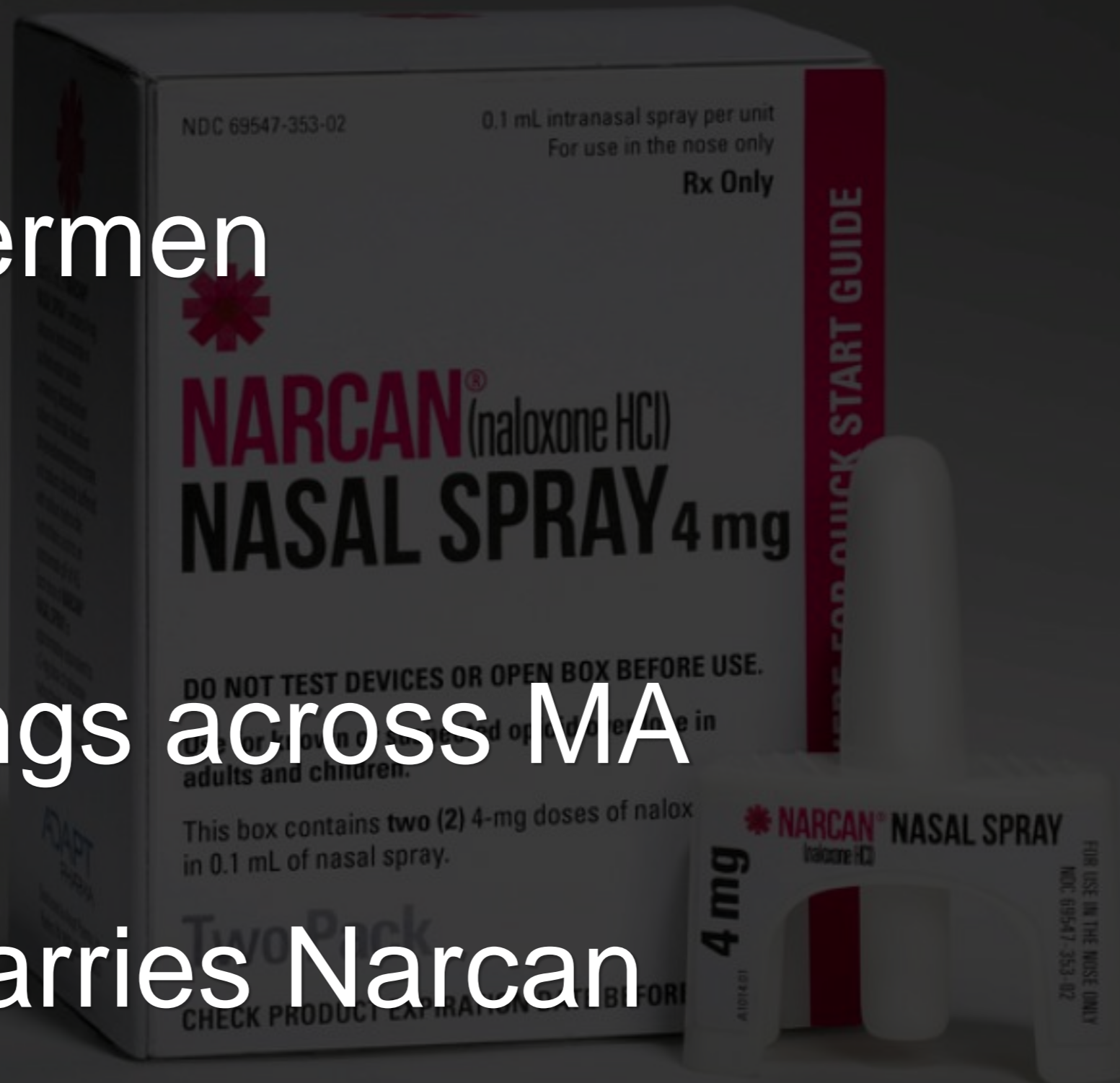
The rate of opioid-related deaths for fishermen (143.9) was more than 5 times the average rate for MA workers (25.1)

Raising Opioid Awareness

- 617 fishermen, across 25 trainings
- 15 presentations to community partners
- 12 stories in media (newspaper, tv, radio) about FP work to raise awareness

Narcan Trainings

- 148 fishermen
- 81 boats
- 11 trainings across MA
- USCG carries Narcan



Prevention

- Ergonomic training for 158 fishermen
- New health insurance for 360 families
- Thousands assisted with health insurance renewal



Promote positive mental health

Social support

- 5 trained Peer Recovery Coaches
- Dozens of ride-alongs with area police
- MAT designed for fishermen
- SMART Recovery support groups by fishermen for fishermen



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