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## Penobscot East Resource Center acquires local home

*Fisherman, family offer greatly reduced price*

STONINGTON—Stonington natives John and Judy Williams have sold Judy's childhood home to Penobscot East Resource Center at a significantly reduced price.

John Williams is a lifelong fisherman born and raised in Stonington and comes from a multi-generation fishing family. He and his wife's generous donation will allow PERC to expand its internship program, house visiting scholars year-round, and enhance outreach within the local fishing community.

"We want this to support PERC's work for the future of fishing here and throughout Maine," John Williams said in a news release. "It is such important work for all of us."

Affordable temporary housing in Deer Isle and Stonington is extremely challenging to find since most residents own houses

or rent them out to summer visitors at an increased rent. Both of these housing scenarios are difficult for a nonprofit organization like PERC to afford. The Williams home was a "dream donation" for PERC.

"John and Judy are respected here and all along the Maine coast, where they have participated in fisheries groups," said PERC Executive Director Robin Alden. "The statement that their support makes is deeply gratifying and is characteristically positive: it will allow us to bring more young people to Stonington and enlist them in working for fishing's future."

The house is located behind the Water's

Edge Winery at 3 North Seabreeze Avenue within walking distance of PERC. The proximity to PERC will allow the organization to host a more diverse range of interns, since a car will not be necessary for intern engagement. PERC is eager to see what this new and substantial donation will enable the organization to accomplish into the future, according to the news release.

Penobscot East Resource Center is a nonprofit organization that works to secure a sustainable future for fisheries and fishing communities of Eastern Maine and beyond. For more information about PERC, visit [penobscoteast.org](http://penobscoteast.org).



*John and Judy Williams have donated Judy's childhood home to Penobscot East Resource Center to use as temporary housing.*

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