Ted Ames Receives Honorary Doctorate from UMM

STONINGTON, ME – Ted Ames of Stonington was presented with an honorary Doctor of Science degree from University of Maine at Machias for his contribution to fisheries research and knowledge in Maine. He has fished for a living, and has studied how one exceptional and complicated place – the Gulf of Maine – works, and how we must learn to use it into the future, to heal it from abuses of the past. Ames is a founding board member of Penobscot East Resource Center, a visiting research scientist at Bowdoin College, and on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Council of NOAA, among many other accolades. Since coming ashore, at least part-time, Ames has developed a method to integrate fishermen’s knowledge and fishery science and has published peer-reviewed articles on groundfish stock structure, their interactions with prey, and essential fish habitat. Ames also received a MacArthur Award in 2005 for his work with fishermen’s knowledge and fishery science.

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Penobscot East Resource Center is a non-profit organization that works to secure a diversified fishing future for the communities of Eastern Maine and beyond. We do this by developing and implementing innovative programs that provide value for today’s fishermen and drive more sustainable management approaches for future fisheries. An essential component of our work is connecting the knowledge of fishermen, the findings of scientists, and the world of policy makers.

For more information about Ted Ames and Penobscot East Resource Center visit www.penobscoteast.org