NEW DIRECTOR FOR STONINGTON ORGANIZATION

The Board of Directors of Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries (MCCF) announced that Paul Anderson will join the nonprofit in September and fully assume executive director duties on January 1, 2018. Anderson will succeed founding Executive Director Robin Alden, who is stepping down after 14 years at the helm of MCCF, formerly known as Penobscot East Resource Center. Anderson is currently the Director of the Maine Sea Grant College Program at the University of Maine, where he has been for the last 16 years.

The Penobscot East Resource Center changed its name to the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries in March. According to a Center press release, the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries will “work to bring together the knowledge of local fishermen, the research findings of scientists, and the world of policy makers to create an abundant, diverse, and sustainable fishery.” The Center’s focus is on the area from Penobscot Bay east to the Canadian border, an area that comprises about one third of the Gulf of Maine, has approximately 3,000 commercial fishermen, and includes the two most fisheries-dependent counties on the East Coast.