

# Maine Center for COASTAL FISHERIES



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### ROBIN ALDEN WINS AWARD

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The Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries' retiring Executive Director Robin Alden received a "Hero of the Seas" award this spring, one of the Peter Benchley Ocean Awards. She was recognized for her career working at the grassroots level, engaging fishermen's knowledge and participation to build sustainable, healthy coastal fisheries and fishing communities. One of 10 categories of award, the Hero of the Seas Award is given to "a marine grassroots activist who has made a major and long-term commitment to improving the quality of our seas and the communities that depend on them." Alden's four-decade career involved in commercial fisheries began when she founded and became publisher and editor of *Commercial Fisheries News* in 1973. She also is a co-founder of the Maine Fishermen's Forum. From 1995 to 1997 Alden was Commissioner of Marine Resources before co-founding Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries in 2003. She has also been a founding partner of Downeast Fisheries Partnership.