

# Island Ad-Vantages

## THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

**August 15, 2019** – In a normal year, the lobster landings have begun to climb by late July. This is not a normal year. Shedders are only just beginning to pick up over the past couple weeks and the captains are doing all they can to trim costs in hopes they will end the year with a profit.

Our annual “Sentinel Survey” is underway with nine fishing vessels participating between Stonington and Machiasport. We take 2-3 trips per week through September deploying baited long lines, jigs, and gill nets to sample for ground fish. Matt Perez (F/V De-Ja-Vu) found lots of dogfish on a recent trip to Bank Comfort. He also caught Pollock, Hake and Red Fish. This study will help us track the possible recovery of groundfish in this region.

This week NOAA has been in the region holding listening session to hear how the possible regulations on lobster gear will impact fishermen.

### FISHERIES LOG

Lobsters: \$5.25/lb.

Clams: \$3.88/lb.

Bait (herring): \$82/bu.

Fuel (diesel): \$2.70/gal.

Oceanographic Buoy I-01: (44°6’10” N 68°6’44” W – Frenchboro)

Sea surface temperature: 55° F

Long term average: 54° F

Bottom temperature: 50 degrees F

Long term average: 49 degrees F