

Island Ad-Vantages

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

November 14, 2019 – What’s the latest on proposed regulations for the lobster fishery related to gear configurations and the risk of whale entanglement?

DMR has submitted a revised plan to the National Marine Fisheries Service that includes a number of changes to protect both the North Atlantic right whale and fishermen. These changes include:

- Status quo for trawling up in exempt waters (shore to exemption line)
- Trawling up requirements that will protect whales and fishermen
- Weak points in vertical lines
- Maine specific gear marking
- 100 percent harvester reporting
- Vessel monitoring
- No trap reductions or closures

There are still concerns among fishermen that these changes will create safety concerns and that the relative contribution of lobster gear to the risk of harming whales is less than the regulatory community assumes. Full details of the proposed regulation can be found on the [DMR website](http://www.dmr.gov).

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FISHERIES LOG

Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Lobsters (shedder select): \$4.75/lb.

Clams: N/A

Bait (herring): \$82/bu.

Fuel (diesel): \$2.55/gal.

Oceanographic Buoy I-01*

44°6'10"N 68°6'44"W - Frenchboro

Sea surface temperature: 52°F

SST - Long term average: 50°F

Bottom temperature: 52°F

BT - Long term average: 50° F

DISCLAIMER: figures were collected Tuesday, November 12 | *SOURCE: www.neracoos.org