

# Island Ad-Vantages

## THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

**December 5, 2019** – Commercial fisheries in Maine are typically managed as individual species through regulations at both the state and federal levels. For example, in Maine statute, Chapter 25, that covers Lobsters, has over 40 pages of rules. However, there is a growing interest in taking an “ecosystem approach” to managing our fisheries. For decades, scientists and regulators have talked about Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) that considers interactions of species with one another and with their habitat. Here in eastern Maine, the MCCF team is leading an effort in partnership with DMR and NOAA fisheries to explore how we could integrate an EBFM approach. The geographic scope of the initiative is defined by the Eastern Maine Coastal Current that flows along our coast in a southwesterly direction from Canada’s Bay of Fundy to Penobscot Bay. The Eastern Maine Coastal Current Collaborative (EM3C) will connect fishermen and their knowledge, with scientists and regulators to better understand what is known about the fisheries and the ecosystem components. The Collaborative will create a research plan that will help inform future management. This effort is unique in its approach in the US. You will hear more about EM3C in the coming months as we foster connections and form a network of experts and stakeholders to participate in this exciting effort.

Do you have a question about our fisheries? Send it to [info@coastalfisheries.org](mailto:info@coastalfisheries.org) or call 367-2708. Learn more about MCCF by visiting us online at [www.coastalfisheries.org](http://www.coastalfisheries.org).

### FISHERIES LOG

#### Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Lobsters (shedder select): \$4.90/lb.

Scallops: \$12.50/lb.

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: 49°F

SST - Long term average: 48°F

Bottom temperature: 49°F

BT - Long term average: 48°F

DISCLAIMER: figures were collected Monday, December 2 | \*SOURCE: [www.neracoos.org](http://www.neracoos.org)