

Island Ad-Vantages

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

January 2, 2020 – What is the Eastern Maine Coastal Current Collaborative (EM₃C)? The Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries is taking the lead on an effort to apply a more holistic approach to observing and measuring change in our fisheries and on our coast that we think can result in improvements to how we manage our fisheries. The overall goal is to have a sustainable future for fisheries and to explore ways of diversifying the fisheries in the region and maximizing the value to fishermen, seafood businesses and communities. An ecosystem approach would not just manage individual species, but considers the relationships between species and how those species interact with the ecosystem. We have organized this initiative based on the region of eastern Maine that is defined by the Eastern Maine Coastal Current. EM₃C is the moniker we're using to organize this effort to connect with fishermen, other local stakeholders, scientists and regulators to find ways to collaborate that will create better and more relevant knowledge. We know that fishermen who are on the water most of the time, see and understand their surroundings better than most of us, and we believe that those observations are critical to informing science and tracking change as it occurs. In 2020 MCCF and our partners will be in several of the key fishing communities engaging in these conversations to inform a plan for implementing ecosystem-based fisheries management this region.

Do you have a question about our fisheries? Send it to info@coastalfisheries.org or call 367-2708. Learn more about MCCF by visiting us online at www.coastalfisheries.org.

FISHERIES LOG

Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Lobsters (shedder select): \$5.45/lb.

Scallops: \$10.00/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: 45°F

SST - Long term average: 45°F

Bottom temperature: 45°F

BT - Long term average: 45°F