

# Island Ad-Vantages

## THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

**January 23, 2020 – What’s new with the Eastern Maine Skippers Program?** Last week Tom Duym, coordinator for the Eastern Maine Skippers Program, took 35 students from several participating schools to Augusta to meet with government leaders. Representative Genevieve McDonald (D-Stonington) helped organize a tour of the State House where students met with Governor Janet Mills and Hannah Pingree who leads Governor Mills’ Office of Policy Innovation and the Future. The students then visited the Department of Marine Resources offices where they spent time with Commissioner Patrick Keliher, his policy and science leaders, and Captain Troy Dow of the Marine Patrol. The Skippers Program is a partnership with nine high schools in the region that provides project-based learning and experiential learning opportunities for students. Many of these students are fishermen. The program’s curriculum is split across four themes: “On the water”, “In the Office”, “At the Table” and “Under the Sea”. The Augusta visit was part of the “At the Table” theme, which exposes students to the processes of governance that create the regulatory structures for the fishing industry. We at MCCF are very proud of the Skippers and grateful for the partnership with the teachers and school administrators that provides this creative education opportunity for these students who might well become fishing industry leaders in the future.

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### FISHERIES LOG

#### Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Lobsters (shedder select): \$5.95/lb.

Scallops: \$10.00/lb.

Bait (frozen Pogies): \$28/box

Fuel (diesel): \$2.75/gal.

#### Oceanographic Buoy I-01\*

44°6’10”N 68°6’44”W - Frenchboro

Sea surface temperature: 44°F

SST - Long term average: 43°F

Bottom temperature: 43°F

BT - Long term average: 43° F