

# Island Ad-Vantages

## THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

**January 9, 2020 – What’s the latest on the Lobster Fishery regulations related to Right Whale interactions?** On January 3, the Maine DMR submitted its proposal to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to minimize the risk of entanglement of the endangered Northern Right Whale. The proposal includes limits on the number of traps per vertical line (trawl), and inclusion of “break away” segments in the vertical lines. The specific requirements for trap numbers, and breakaway segments is incremental and increases from in-shore to off-shore fishing areas. Handling trap trawls with numerous traps per line is risky for smaller boats that generally fish near shore. These boats in near shore areas, where Right Whales are unlikely to show up, are exempt from the trap limits, but still would need to have break away segments. The proposal will now be evaluated by NOAA to determine if it accomplishes sufficient reduction in entanglement risk.

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### FISHERIES LOG

#### Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Lobsters (shedder select): \$5.95/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: 44°F

Bottom temperature: 45°F

BT - Long term average: 44° F