

Island Ad-Vantages

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

March 12, 2020 – At the recently held Maine Fisherman’s Forum in Rockport, there was an all-day session about offshore wind energy development. A wide range of speakers provided updates and answered questions about both nearshore and offshore development activities. Within state waters, the Maine Aquaventis project is proceeding. This is a coalition of private and public sector members led by the University of Maine to conduct research on a floating platform approach. The project has changed several times since its inception and now the plan is to build and deploy one very large wind turbine just to the south of Monhegan Island. The platform will support a tower with a 10-megawatt turbine. The location will be within state waters, about three miles from Monhegan. There will be a cable installed to connect the turbine to the electric grid on the mainland, but neither the location of the cable, nor its landing point was identified. There is mounting momentum for offshore wind energy development along the eastern seaboard with projects underway off North Carolina, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. An Inter-Governmental Task Force is being organized around the Gulf of Maine with Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, and Governor Mills is also setting up a Renewable Energy Task Force that will evaluate several options. A resource for those interested in this issue is the Responsible Offshore Development Alliance (RODA) that can be found at www.rodafisheries.org.

If you are interested in learning more about these programs, give us a call.

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FISHERIES LOG

Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Lobsters (select): \$5.10/lb.

Scallops: N/A

Bait (frozen Pogies): \$28/box

Fuel (diesel): \$2.75/gal.

Oceanographic Buoy I-01*

Surface Water Temperature: 40°F