

# Island Ad-Vantages

## THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

**March 5, 2020** – I visited with Marsden Brewer last week to talk about aquaculture. He and his son Bobby are growing scallops on a site to the west of Deer Isle. I've known Marsden for many years as our paths crossed when I was working at Sea Grant and he was starting to get interested in scallop aquaculture. Marsden serves on the Board for MCCF, so I get to talk with him occasionally, but visiting with him and Donna in their kitchen is always a pleasure. He's a third generation fisherman and he also sees good opportunities for small-scale aquaculture for various species of shellfish and seaweed. Marsden's scallops are different from the typical sea scallops you find when you only purchase and consume the large adductor muscle. His cultured scallops (PenBay Farmed Scallops) are sold in the shell as whole animals. It's a completely different culinary experience because you consume most of the other parts of the animal along with the adductor muscle, and you cook them in the shell similar to clams or blue mussels. Only farmed scallops can be sold this way. That's because wild scallops can become harmful to eat whole when there is "red tide" toxin in the area. The traditional scallop fishery in Maine solves the toxin problem by requiring harvesters to shuck the scallops immediately and only allows the sale of the muscle. In Marsden's case, he can control his harvest so that batches can be analyzed in an approved lab and released for sale. On my way out the door, he handed me a bag of petite "princess" sized scallops that I thoroughly enjoyed that evening.

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): \$5.60/lb.

Scallops: \$9.25/lb.

Bait (frozen Pogies): \$28/box

Fuel (diesel): \$2.75/gal.

#### Oceanographic Buoy I-01\*

Surface Water Temperature: 40°F