

Island Ad-Vantages

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

May 14, 2020 – A few weeks ago we shared the news that the Maine DMR was initiating a survey of Halibut fishing activity to help gather more information that will be used to manage the fishery. We encourage all fishermen that are targeting Halibut to provide input. Last week the DMR implemented a change to this year's Halibut Season shortening it by a week on each end. The 2020 season will run from May 18 thru June 13. In making this decision, the DMR legal notice states that this change is necessary, "In order to remain within the State Waters subcomponent's target catch of the federal annual catch limit, and to prevent the Allowable Biological Catch from being exceeded and Accountability Measures being triggered". There are no other changes to the rules at this time. So if you're interested in finding some Halibut for your dinner table, you ought to pay close attention to the local markets and get some fresh while you can.

On another note, we at the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries are anxious to open our doors to fishermen and the public, but we need to wait until the right time later this summer. We hope to have our *Discovery Wharf* open and we are updating our displays in anticipation of welcoming you and your families to visit. Our Virtual Reality display will be updated with some exciting new educational experiences from a scallop boat, an oyster farm, an alewife run and others. Since it is uncertain when we will open, we are planning on making many of our program offerings available online through our website and social media. Our popular *Lunch and Learn* series is going to proceed as a webinar series on the last Friday of each month beginning on May 29 with a talk by Mike Thalhauser about the Alewife fishery that will include some great video imagery that we and other community members have collected. Stay tuned for details about how you can join us for this and other Center activities online.

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.

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Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Lobsters: \$4.75/lb.

Bait (herring): \$82/bushel

Fuel (diesel): \$2.20/gal.

Oceanographic Buoy I-01*

Surface Water Temperature: 42°F