

Island Ad-Vantages

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

May 28, 2020 – The COVID-19 pandemic is causing many businesses to ponder how and when they can re-open and how the summer season is going to proceed. We're no different at MCCF and, like so many businesses on the coast of Maine, part of the uncertainty is whether visitors will make it here to enjoy the coast, eat some seafood, and experience art and culture. One of the highlights of our summer is the opening of the *Discovery Wharf*, our on-site visitation center that features a live touch tank, an interpretive touch wall, and a virtual reality display. Although we won't be able to open the doors until later this summer (if at all), we are arranging to take some of our offerings online and make them available via the internet. Many visitors last year had a delightful experience at our *Discovery Wharf* of spending time with Captain Leroy Weed. Leroy is a retired fisherman with over 60 years of on-the-water experience who entertained and informed visitors about all aspects of Maine's fisheries. Quick with a joke and a tale, Leroy provides genuine sincerity and knowledge from his experience working as a fisherman and living in a hard working fishing community. We are pleased to announce that you will be able to experience Leroy this summer through weekly podcasts that will be provided over the internet. We're calling it "Ask Leroy" and we'll be soliciting questions from viewers for Leroy to address each week beginning in mid-June. Details on how to find the "Ask Leroy" episodes will be announced via social media and the internet soon. We hope this helps keep people interested and informed about Maine's fishing industry and its importance to our communities.

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.

FISHERIES LOG

Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Lobsters: \$3.25/lb.

Bait (herring): \$82/bushel

Fuel (diesel): \$2.00/gal.

Oceanographic Buoy I-01*

Surface Water Temperature: 47°F