

Island Ad-Vantages

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

August 20, 2020 – As of September 1, 2020 all vertical lines used in Maine’s lobster fishery must have purple markings. This rule was enacted in order to identify lobster gear in the Maine fishery in case any North Atlantic Right Whales become entangled. The lengths and locations of the required purple markings depend on where the gear is being fished. Some lobstermen have been splicing sections of purple rope into the lines, while others are using purple paint to mark the lines. A detailed description and diagram has been posted on the DMR website. We also have hard copies available in the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries office on Atlantic Avenue in Stonington.

We hope you have been enjoying local seafood, and perhaps you participated in the “*Fish Foreveryone Community Seafood Celebration*” last week. As part of that awareness-building effort, we were able to distribute funds that were provided to us by the Maine Community Foundation to local institutions to help with food security challenges in the neighborhood. The Healthy Island Project, Island Nursing Home, Island Food Pantry, Tree of Life Food Pantry, and the Magic Food Bus all received checks to provide food to their participants, and in most cases it was local seafood. There is interest among these and other organizations to consider doing this again next year and, if things return to normal, perhaps a series of in-person events to celebrate local seafood.

Our online fundraising auction is happening right now. Check out our website for the link where you can bid on items and activities. The auction closes September 1, and it’s a fun way to support our work at the Center.

Do you have a question about our fisheries? Send it to info@coastalfisheries.org or call 207.367.2708. Learn more about MCCF by visiting us online at www.coastalfisheries.org.

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Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Lobsters (shedders): \$2.50/lb.

Bait (fresh pogies): \$80/crt.

Fuel (diesel): \$2.10/gal.