

Island Ad-Vantages

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

November 25, 2020 – Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at MCCF. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday season and we remind you to include locally sourced seafood on your dinner table over the holidays.

For those interested in aquaculture, Maine DMR and the Maine Sea Grant Program are offering a series of remote meetings to explain how the aquaculture lease process works. Aquaculture is the practice of growing organisms in marine or freshwater places to produce products. In marine systems, the practice has been used here in Maine for several decades to grow a wide range of food products including several shellfish species, fish such as salmon, and more recently, seaweed such as kelp. In order to secure a place in the water to practice any form of aquaculture, a grower must apply for a permit to lease the locations from the state. There are a number of criteria that must be met in order to be approved for a lease. These meetings will explain the leasing and the hearing process, as well as the decision-making criteria. The series of meetings will not discuss any specific lease proposals, but are intended to share basic information about the leasing process. Pre-registration is required and attendance is limited to 40 people. Meetings are scheduled for:

Thursday, December 10, 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Friday, December 11, 9:30am – 11:30am

Tuesday, December 15, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

More sessions may be offered based on the level of interest. To register you can find the link at the Maine DMR website or call Erin Wilkinson at 207.530.1001.

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): \$4.05/lb.

Bait (herring): \$82/bu.

Fuel (diesel): \$2.09/gal.