

Island Ad-Vantages

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

January 6, 2022: We at MCCF wish you a Happy New Year. It's popular this time of year to reflect on the year we just finished, to make resolutions for the coming year, and to get organized for what lay ahead of us. Sadly, the "wicked" problems facing our coastal communities will continue to challenge how we live, work and recreate in this special place. Threats from climate change, regulatory mandates on commercial fisheries, and increasing competition for space in the coastal ocean are not going away anytime soon. At MCCF we continue to modify our programs so that we can all navigate these challenges.

We have many exciting new initiatives starting in 2022. Carla will be helping to establish coastal ocean observing in eastern Maine through a new project funded by NERACOOS and the Davis Conservation Trust. The Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund is supporting Mike's efforts in partnership with Manomet to create a regional River Herring Network. Tom is working with support from Maine Sea Grant to explore how we can build on the success of the Eastern Maine Skippers Program to offer new skill-building opportunities for younger fishermen as they learn from more experienced captains. Pat will be working with support from The Nature Conservancy to implement changes in the Sentinel Survey as we improve our understanding of groundfish in the area through collaborative research with local fishermen. Tate and Leroy will be offering a new series of videos to share information about our fisheries from "hook to plate." And Bobbi, Chelsea, Pam, Catherine and I are refining our operations to support our programs and to engage our partners and the public so that we all learn how to contribute and participate in sustaining our coastal communities. We expect to reopen the *Discovery Wharf* this spring and look forward to seeing you and learning about your concerns and ideas.

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

FISHERIES LOG

Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Scallops: \$20/lb.

Lobsters (shedders): \$6.05/lb.

Bait (frzn. redfish heads): \$37.50/50lbs.

Fuel (diesel): \$3.29/gal.

Oceanographic Buoy I-01

44°6'10"N 68°6'44"W – Frenchboro

NOTE: The NERACOOS system has not yet updated for 2022, but will be operational again in the near future. Source: www.neracoos.org