

Island Ad-Vantages

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

May 5, 2022: It's that time of year again when you have the opportunity to observe the return of alewives to the rivers and streams along our coast. The alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*), or river herring, are anadromous fish that grow to adulthood in the open ocean and then return to lakes and ponds to spawn. Their return in the spring marks an important phase in the rhythm of living flora and fauna, and demonstrates the important connections between upland and the ocean as food webs and nutrient cycles keep the system healthy.

In recent years, there has been a great deal of effort to remove barriers that have prevented these connections. Dams have been removed, culverts have been replaced, and other natural barriers breached. In this region, the towns of Penobscot, Brooksville and Sedgwick are working together, along with Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries, and Blue Hill Heritage Trust to restore fish passage in all Bagaduce waters that one supported river herring runs. This success story is the subject of a new documentary that you can see later this month and throughout the summer. "*A Watershed Moment: A Story About People, Fish, and the Water That Connects Them*" was produced by Tate Yoder, Media Specialist at MCCF and cosponsored by Maine Coast Heritage Trust. The premier viewing of the film will take place on Saturday, May 21 outdoors at Penobscot Community School at 8:00pm. Please join us if you can.

To learn more about alewives and how MCCF is assisting towns in collaborative management, you can view the recording of last week's "*Lunch and Learn*" presentation by Mike Thalhauser, Collaborative Management Specialist. The recording is on our website under the Collaborative Education tab.

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

Lobsters (run): N/A

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

Fuel (diesel): \$4.75/gal.

Oceanographic Buoy 1-01

44°6'10"N 68°6'44"W - Frenchboro

Sea Surface Temperature: N/A

Bottom Temperature: N/A

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