

## THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

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**July 21, 2022:** Did you know that fish can swim backwards? Juvenile alewives and other anadromous species of fish use late summer rains to take advantage of higher stream levels to move from their freshwater rearing areas to the saltwater where they spend three or four years maturing before returning to spawn again. And yes.... They do it backwards and it's happening right now! Wait for the next good rain, head out to your favorite spring alewife-watching stream and be one of the few who can say they saw an alewife run at miniature scale and in reverse. If you are wondering why, it is because when swimming downstream, you tend to run into obstacles and predators a lot quicker than being able to slowly pick your way upstream, so to be able to deal with any unforeseen issues, they spin right around in case they need to change their minds.

And if you want to learn even more about alewives and local work being done to restore and manage these important little fish that connect our communities and freshwater with the sea, then you are in luck! We at Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries, with our partners at the Maine Coast Heritage Trust recently released a documentary telling the story of collaboration between towns, fishermen, nonprofits and many others to restore and locally manage river herring on the Bagaduce River watershed. Which, by the way, is the first fully restored watershed to anadromous fish in Maine! Come check out "A Watershed Moment" at the Blue Hill Library in the Howard Room on Thursday, July 28 at 6:00pm. We are showing the documentary and will have a panel discussion immediately following where we will talk about backwards swimming fish and all other things alewife! Hope to see you there.

Do you have a question about our fisheries? Send it to [info@coastalfisheries.org](mailto:info@coastalfisheries.org) or call 207.367.2708. Learn more about MCCF by visiting us online at [www.coastalfisheries.org](http://www.coastalfisheries.org).

### FISHERIES LOG

#### Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Lobsters (shedder): \$3.50/lb.

Bait (fresh pogies): \$125/crt.

Fuel (diesel): \$5.29/gal.

#### Oceanographic Buoy 1-01

44°6'10"N 68°6'44"W - Frenchboro

Sea Surface Temperature: N/A

Bottom Temperature: 49.9°F (avg. for this date: 47°F)

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