THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

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We’re All in this Together

We at Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries are lucky enough to call Stonington, Maine, our home base. It’s close to our fishing community, and it is (without a doubt) a beautiful place to look out an office window. But working in a place where you have to drive an hour off the main highway and then cross two expanses of water to get to the office does not make it easy to partner on work. Especially for an organization, whose identity is centered on the benefits of collaborative work.

And that is why it was so great last week to head off to Boston to present some of my work to the Northeast Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. After years of lockdown and zooms, I was able to meet up (in person) with a number colleagues and supporters of our River Herring Network. This network, by definition, is collaborative, and brings together individuals and their capacities into a common goal of restoring, managing, and understanding a really important little fish... Alewife.

And so, after years of being told that connections with people are unsafe, and after I got over the butterflies of standing up and speaking in front of about a hundred people I really respect, I gave my talk and then had the opportunity to talk to people one on one. About their work, my work, and our work.

And that’s really what it’s all about. It’s about getting off the island, realizing we are all in this together and that the best path forward is the same. Collaborate!

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Prices to Harvesters
Lobsters (shedder): $4/lb.
Bait (pogies): $78/bu.
Fuel (diesel): $5.49/gal.

Oceanographic Buoy I-01
44°6’10”N 68°6’44”W - Frenchboro
Sea Surface Temperature: 45.5 °F
Bottom Temperature (50 meters): N/A°F (avg. for this date: N/A)

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