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THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE
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Reflecting on My Summer at MCCF

As an intern working in the summer program at the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries' Discovery Wharf, I have learned so much and met so many amazing people that I don't want the summer to end! When I first started at the Discovery Wharf, I felt like a sponge, soaking in so much knowledge from Capt. Leroy Weed every single day. I never thought that I'd be able to boast, "I can talk about lobsters for an hour straight," yet here we are, with me giving tours and talking about lobsters for hours straight, multiple times a day! Beyond just lobsters, Leroy has taught me about the fishing community and other marine life that lobstermen encounter. As great as all of Leroy's stories are, I learn best by doing, and MCCF has given me the opportunity to go out multiple times on boats to conduct research, which is fantastic because research is what I intend to do in my future.

My most memorable trip was with Kathleen Reardon, Senior Lobster Fishery Biologist at the Maine Department of Marine Resources. I had the chance to go out with her and observe, measure, and tally lobsters and crabs caught in vent-less traps for the Maine DMR's vent-less trap survey, which has been conducted since 2006! This was my first time going out on a commercial lobster boat, and needless to say, the combination of waves, fog, and not being accustomed to boat trips created the perfect storm for seasickness. Despite this, I still had an amazing time. I got to see my first ever "egger" (a female lobster with eggs under her tail), learn how to identify male vs. female crabs, and even take a selfie with a baby lobster smaller than the length of my finger!

I never would have had this opportunity to get out in the field if it weren't for MCCF and the connections it's allowed me to make with researchers, fishermen, and locals of Deer Isle and Stonington. I'm going to miss this place a lot; it's almost become a home to me, and the community on this island is incredible. I know that these memories will last a lifetime, and I will definitely come back to visit.

Do you have a question about our fisheries? Send it to info@coastalfisheries.org or call 207.367.2708. Learn more about MCCF and the Discovery Wharf by visiting us online at www.coastalfisheries.org.

FISHERIES LOG

Prices to Harvesters
Lobsters (select): \$7/lb.
Lobster (hard): \$6/lb.
Lobster (shedder) \$4.75/lb.
Bait (pogies): \$90/box
Fuel (diesel): \$3.89/gal.

Disclaimer: figures collected on 9/11/23 in Stonington

Oceanographic Buoy I-01

44°6'10"N 68°6'44"W – Frenchboro
Surface Temperature (1 meters): 13.61°C (56.5°F)
Bottom Temperature (50 meters): 10.75°C (51.35°F)
Source: www.neracoos.org