

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

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A Day of Learning for Maine groups working on climate resilience

Last week MCCF program staff attended a Day of Learning in Damariscotta hosted by the Builders Initiative and the Broad Reach Fund. The Builders Initiative has invested in research supporting Maine climate resilience for a number of years. Last year they teamed up with the Broad Reach Fund to award projects aimed at addressing priorities in Maine's Climate Action Plan entitled *Maine Won't Wait*. The strategic priorities outlined in the Coastal and Marine Section are: 1. Track climate impacts to support decision making; 2. Provide technical assistance and outreach; 3. Enhance mitigation by conserving and restoring coastal habitats; 4. With nature-based solutions, provide climate-adaptive ecosystem planning and management; 5. Manage for resiliency of Maine's fisheries and aquaculture industries; and 6. Climate-ready working waterfronts. MCCF's programs work across nearly all of these priorities and as recipients of funding in the last year were invited for a Day of Learning alongside some new and longtime partners in securing a fishing future for Maine's coastal communities.

The Builders Initiative brought us all together in an effort to better understand *how* we work together and, perhaps for us all to step back and see the gaps in our cumulative efforts toward achieving our shared goal of Maine coastal community climate resilience. It often surprises those from away, that in Maine, we all know each other and each and every one of us wears several hats. We often know the different facets of what our colleagues are working on because, across the state, we are few and therefore, a small community unto ourselves. However, since the pandemic we haven't yet seen each other in person as remote meetings platforms make our daily schedules so much more dense. The time for sharing a coffee or catching up on a walk down the hall has been lost, and with it, our chances to see the picture more holistically. Alexa, Mike, and I are all thankful for the opportunity to gather, share, and reconnect with folks beyond our first circles of collaboration. We have walked away with a stronger sense of community and necessary direction for our work.

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 at www.coastalfisheries.org.

FISHERIES LOG

Prices to Harvesters:

Lobsters (select): \$6.75/lb.

Lobster (hard): \$5.75/lb.

Lobster (shedder) \$4.50/lb.

Bait (pogies): \$90/box

Fuel (diesel): \$3.89/gal.

Disclaimer: figures collected on 10/16/23 in Stonington

Oceanographic Buoy I-01

44°6'10"N 68°6'44"W – Frenchboro

Surface Temperature (1 meters): 12.01°C (53.62°F)

Bottom Temperature (50 meters): 11.52°C

(52.74°F)

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