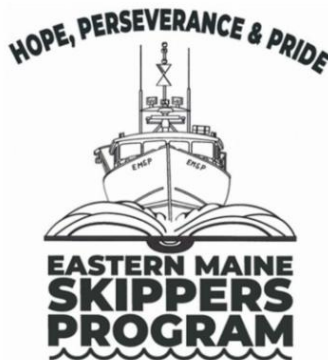


Greetings MCCF Friends,
Back-to-school this year has been really invigorating and I'm so glad to reconnect across the generations, geographies, and disciplines. I'm also putting myself out there to learn through trying new things and it's hard! But it's also doable, and vital to our growth as individuals and as communities, as we deal with what's being dished out to us. Thank you for the energy and transformative thinking of our all of our teachers, mentors and students. I'm inspired by the co-learning taking place among us all. Please join me in expressing my deep gratitude for our brave educators and learners in Maine, and enjoy the array of education activities we've been up to in our newsletter below.

-Alexa Dayton, PhD
Executive Director



Eastern Maine Skippers Program: 13 years and still going



What a crew! This year's EMSP program kicked off with a big cheer as we introduced and shared reflective moments on this year's overarching theme of "Hope, Perseverance and Pride". Students from participating schools gathered at Schoodic Institute in Winter Harbor at the beginning of October, to meet and network with their community, fishing industry members, DMR leadership, and fellow students from Deer Isle-Stonington High School, Ellsworth High School, Jonesport Beals High School, North Haven Community School and Vinalhaven Community Schools. Students all took turns speaking up! The event was kicked off with a welcome from Brian

Robbins, Commercial Fisheries News Editor, as he strolled down memory lane of how times have changed, but also how they have stayed the same. This year's passion projects themes include innovation in fishing technology, detecting climate related changes in marine environments, and examining historical fisheries such as pogies. Students will gather again as a cohort in late February at the Maine Fisherman's Forum, and I can't wait to see what questions they choose to tackle this year! We all came away both inspired and hopeful for the future of fisheries in Maine. [Learn More](#)

National Research Traineeship Program Advances Ecosystem Approaches



A glorious fall day on the working waterfront provided the perfect back drop for the first cohort of UMaine graduate students selected for the 2024 two-year National Research Traineeship (NRT) Program. This program, led by colleagues from the University of Maine, invited graduate students in marine science and policy along with faculty to spend a full-day at MCCF engaged in learning and discussions with staff scientists and outreach team members. Their experience included a chance to hear from municipal leaders in Stonington on the connectivity between community resilience needs and projects, fisheries, with the many stepping stones in between. The fluid and interactive topics covered over the day served to highlight how complex thinking and inter-disciplinary study lies at the core of ecosystem approaches and future community resilience. [Learn More](#)

Lobster apprentices get on the water, thanks to just in time help from MCCF and McMillan Offshore

We were delighted to support a cohort of nine new lobstermen apprentices from zones A, B and C the final check off on their way to the stern. These young fishermen were put through their paces, as many of us have done before them, participating in the Drill Conductor and Safety Training Course under the fine tutelage of John McMillan and Tom Duym. Apprentices came from all over: Jonesport, Eastport, Blue Hill and the island and ranged in age from 16-

58. This training is one of 6 workshops slated to take place around the state in an effort to support the next generation's needs and support a path to a career in fisheries. This educational service is being provided to our coastal community thanks to funding awarded by the CDC Institute of Health program.



MCCF In The News

MCCF is thrilled to be awarded funding through the Young Fisherman's Development Act in support of our EMSP program delivery over the next 2 years. This is a huge recognition for Maine! Thank you to our delegation for their continued support in Washington D.C. and to News channel 6 for coverage of our programs. [Full Story](#)



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It's time once again for our Annual Appeal. Your generosity helps Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries with our efforts to secure a sustainable future for fisheries and fishing communities in Eastern Maine. Tax-friendly options include gifts of stock, IRA QCDs and DAFs. Thank you! Please consider donating today. Together we can fish forever.

Our Discovery Wharf has closed for the season. Many thanks to all of our visitors from all over the world, and to Captain Leroy and Michael Cichoracki for the entertainment. See you in 2025!

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