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THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE By: Larry Clifford

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It Takes a Team

Deer Isle-Stonington residents might be surprised to learn of the significant segment of our local population that is dedicated to building productive marine ecosystems and sustainable fisheries through science. We have a broad range, from Ph.D. level researchers and data analysts to citizen-scientists and fishermen. The research questions range widely too!

The two things many have in common include an appreciation for Maine's maritime history, and a mutual respect for one another's experience and expertise. After all, there's no point in exploring shrimp recovery, alewife runs or looking for recovery of groundfish such as cod and halibut, without first listening to the perspectives of the men and women who work on the water every day. They know what will and won't work when it comes to creating a successful research project in the field.

The scientists and fishermen who live among us are dedicated to preparing the next generation of fishermen and harvesters for the challenges ahead, with an emphasis on the impacts of climate change on our working waterfronts. Working collaboratively, area researchers, field biologists, and volunteers have had a hand in protecting many of the cornerstone species that we've come to depend on in Downeast Maine, including lobsters, clams, scallops, river herring, and cod.

Conservation practices within the lobster industry (such a v-notching) have had a lasting impact on the long-term success of our local fisheries. In addition, collaborative research projects such as Maine's scallop rotational plan, the Cod jig survey, and scallop spat survival research wouldn't have made if off the ground without the trusted teamwork of a science-industry partnerships that aims to answer a question of interest around policy-development and/or resource management.

The January 28th New England Cooperative Research Symposium in Portland, Maine, will feature many other examples of this type of collaborative approach. And you can be sure that MCCF will continue to make advances right here in our island community. Do you have a question about fisheries? Send it to info@coastalfisheries.org or call 207.367.2708. Learn more about MCCF and Lunch and Learns by visiting www.coastalfisheries.org.

FISHERIES LOG

Prices to Harvesters in Stonington as of 1/13/2025

Lobster (hard): \$7.00/lb. Lobster (shedder) \$7.40/lb. Bait (pogies): \$90/box Fuel (diesel): \$3.10/gal

Oceanographic Buoy I-01 44°6'10"N 68°6'44"W – Frenchboro Top Temperature (1 meter): 42.91°F 6.06°C Bottom Temperature (50 meters): 43.18°F 6.21°C

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