



THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

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What the Heck Do You Guys Do?

Our organization has always struggled with the perennial question “What it is that you guys do exactly?” I usually respond with something lofty like, “Do you see all of those working lobster boats out there in the harbor? Well, we work to make sure that they will always be there with the rights and access to fish and be able to make a decent living. That’s not really enough though, is it? I don’t think so either, so here’s a few very specific things my colleagues are presently actively working on:

- Filming and editing video interviews for an informational video series on Maine's lobster fishing industry, editing a video series on marine debris prevention and how to navigate fishing gear as a resource for recreational boaters, and finishing a marine safety video series covering crew overboard emergency drills
- Creating and coordinating a network of fishermen, managers, researchers and stewards across Maine and New England to further alewife restoration and co-management
- Recruiting fishermen for “Healthy Harvesters,” a FREE wellness program for Deer Isle and Stonington fishermen
- Planning, planning and doing more planning to make the Eastern Maine Skippers student experience the best it can possibly be!
- Planning for the 2025 Maine Fishermen’s Forum
- Working on various adaptations of lobster pop up gear
- Designing a small wooden lobster boat for our Discovery Wharf Marine Museum
- Collaborative research projects on scallops, cod genetics, and environmental monitoring.
- Strategy and policy for building fishing community/seafood resilience
- Staying connected to long lists of diverse partners to make all of our work go farther.
- Actively working and corresponding with our cohort member high schools (Vinalhaven, North Haven, Jonesport-Beals, George Stevens Academy, Ellsworth and Deer Isle-Stonington) to prepare for the EMSP presentations at the Maine Fishermen's Forum on Friday, 2/28 12:30 – 2:30p.m. The sharing of student work is so exciting and we look forward to this incredible opportunity for our students!

Want to learn more about MCCF and our work? Give us a call 207.367.2708, pop by to visit or check out our website www.coastalfisheries.org.

FISHERIES LOG

Prices to Harvesters in Stonington as of 1/24/2025

Lobster (hard): \$7.50/lb.
Lobster (shedder) \$8.50/lb.
Bait (pogies): \$90/box
Fuel (diesel): \$3.10/gal

Oceanographic Buoy I-01 (These have been changed as of 1/24/2025)

44°6’10”N 68°6’44”W – Frenchboro
Top Temperature (1 meter): 40.93°F 4.96°C
Bottom Temperature (50 meters): 41.02°F 5.01°C