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## THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE By: Molly Miller

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### Maine Innovative Gear Library Demo Day at MCCF

As the weather warms (slightly), MCCF staff are busy at work with field research and community engagement activities. On April 1st, we held the second in a series of alternative fishing gear demonstration days with the Maine Innovative Gear Library (MIGL). We had a variety of on demand fishing gear types on display in our shop for fishermen to examine up close, and on the public dock for live demonstrations. In both locations, we had Department of Marine Resources (DMR) staff and other gear library partners available to answer technical gear questions and the policy process and timeline upon which decisions will be made.

Having 30-40 people milling around the dock and in the MCCF building was a reminder for me of why I took this position: Bringing the fishing community, public, DMR, and fishery support organizations together to discuss important topics that impact the lives and futures of our coastal communities. Some of the great, thoughtful questions and feedback from fishermen included:

- "What happens if gear with a buoy release lands upside down?"
- "What happens if the gear is set over?"
- "Is it heavy enough to sit on the bottom at 100 fathoms?"
- "How far from the boat will the gear pop up if the tide is running hard?"
- "How long does it take to re-pack the on-demand trap and how many fewer traps can you haul in a day?"
- "The geo-location systems are interesting but there are too many complicated parts to the system"
- "The lift-bag systems require a longer stretch of groundline which is more likely to catch on the bottom"

The gear library is fortunate to have fishermen across the coast testing two units at a time of these different types of gear in order to answer these exact questions. We need to understand what works and what doesn't across Maine's heterogeneous coast and conditions in order for any of this gear to even be considered a potential tool for the fishery in the future. Do you have a question about our fisheries? Send it to <a href="mailto:info@coastalfisheries.org">info@coastalfisheries.org</a> or call 207.367.2708. Learn more about MCCF by visiting us at <a href="mailto:www.coastalfisheries.org">www.coastalfisheries.org</a>.

#### **FISHERIES LOG**

Prices to Harvesters in Stonington as of 4/7/2025

Lobster (hard): \$11.25/lb. Lobster (shedder) \$10.25/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): 38.82°F 3.79°C

Bottom Temperature (50 meters): 38.59°F 3.66°C Source: <u>www.neracoos.org</u>