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THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

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Legacy

This world and everything going on around me has me thinking about legacy. Politics and what seems like a daily full back-and-forth swing of the legacy of all mankind aside, there are all kinds of things that are making me reflect on what a legacy really is and how we should really look at our own legacies. Here's a few:

Mother's Day. Pretty much a day celebrating the legacies and torches passed on by all the incredible women in our lives and communities and the universe, that serve roles that we can't describe, but we know is beautiful and feminine and are an imperative part of existence.

My Career. For those of you who don't know, I have just accepted a position with Maine Coast Heritage Trust where I will start working in June. I am beyond excited to be staying in my community and to be working for a group that has been a partner of MCCF's all along. And I am sad to be leaving "home" at MCCF. A home that houses a scrappy, amazing family that is smart and strong and courageous in its fight for its communities and their legacies. Thank you, Robin Alden, for creating this family and Bobbi Billings for holding it together. And to Paul Anderson and Alexa Dayton for moving the torch forward, and to all of my co-worker family and board members that have taught me and worked by my side and made me part of this community and family.

And of course, since it's my column I can't exclude including **alewives**. We are smack dab in the biggest legacy passing spectacle in silver scale and flashing fins form that you could possibly imagine. In our backyards!!!! Go to the Walker Pond fishway to see some of the half million fish going home to their ponds to make billions of babies! Go to Wight's Pond to see where Bailey Bowden is restoring the legacy of a commercial harvest in Penobscot, Maine, and where we restored a whole watershed!

Come to our **Annual Alewife Celebration on Saturday, May 24**th **from 11am-2pm at Pierce Pond** in Penobscot at the boat landing on the dump road. We will be doing fish printing, have ice cream and we have amazing guests with incredible knowledge to share. Oh, did I mention we'll have alewives? Come and celebrate our communities and legacy with us. And as I reflect on my time at MCCF, I wouldn't say that I am leaving behind a legacy. But I sure feel like I'm part of one. Maybe that's better.

Do you have a question about fisheries? Send it to <u>info@coastalfisheries.org</u> or call 207.367.2708. Learn more about MCCF by visiting us at <u>www.coastalfisheries.org</u>.

FISHERIES LOG:

Prices to Harvesters in Stonington as of 5/12/2025

Lobster (hard): \$5.00/lb. Lobster (shedder) \$5.00/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): 42.75°F 5.97°C Bottom Temperature (50 meters): 41.02°F 5.01°C

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