

# Working Together to Get Things Done



# Frenchman Bay Partners

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- ◉ Introduction
- ◉ Panel discussion
- ◉ Discussion and Action planning
  
- ◉ Objective:
  - Share our work and model
  - Learn from other efforts

# Frenchman Bay Partners





# Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Committee



80 commercial harvesters



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Ensure that the Frenchman Bay area is ecologically, economically and socially healthy and resilient in the face of future challenges.

## Conservation action planning



**Share  
learning**



**Define  
problems**



**Plan  
actions**



**Pursue  
strategies**



**Produce  
solutions**



Eelgrass



Working waterfront



Mudflats



Migratory fish

Benthic habitat





# Collaborators

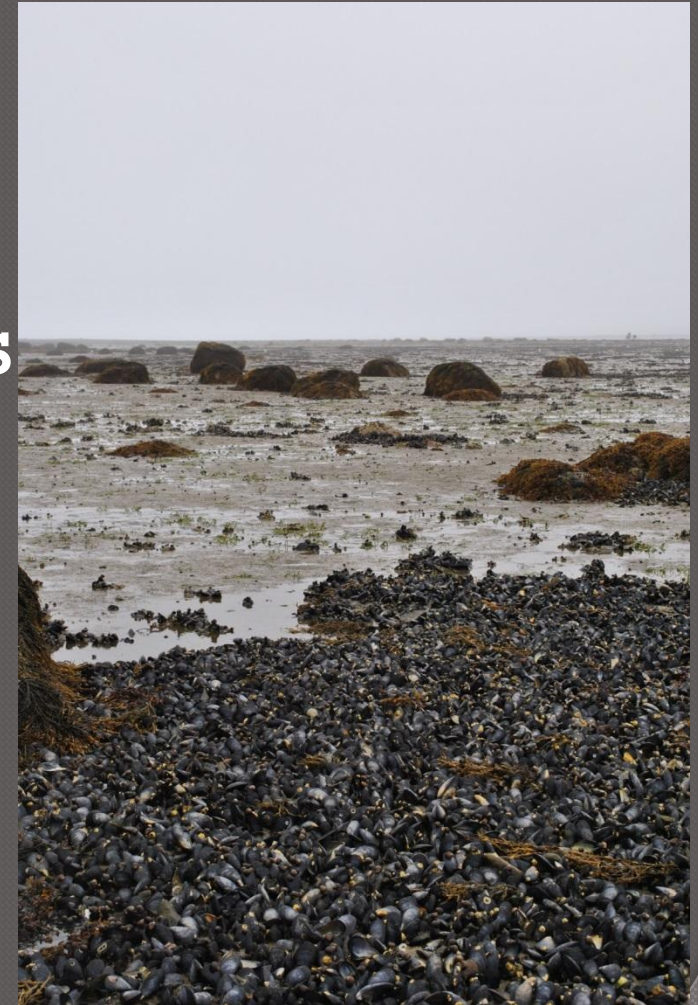
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- ◉ Hannah Annis, DMR area biologist
- ◉ Jane Disney and Anna Farrell, Mount Desert Island Biological Lab
- ◉ Bridie McGreavy, UMaine
- ◉ Jim Norris, Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Committee
- ◉ Chris Petersen, College of the Atlantic
- ◉ Joe Porada, Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Committee
- ◉ Allie Rohrer, DMR water quality scientist



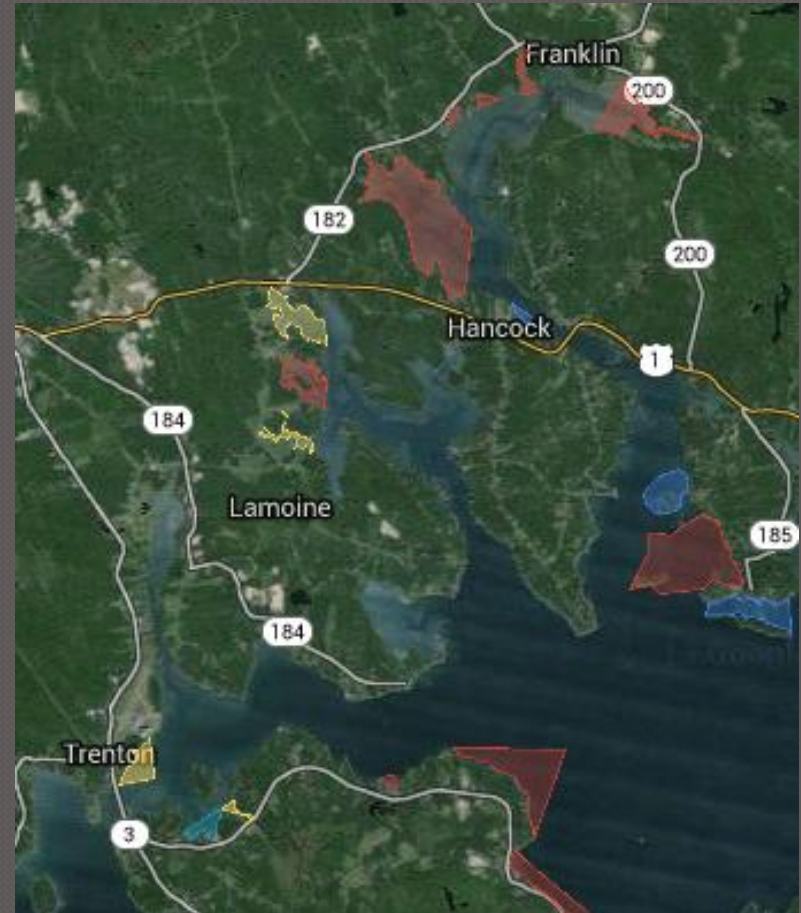
# Successes

- Partnership network
- “Working the Tides”
  - Checking the tide charts
  - Conflict resolution
  - Collaborative agreement



# Successes

- Goal: Open 610 acres
- How do we open closed clam flats?
  - Water quality issues—DMR, DEP, Dept. of Ag.
  - Social issues and needs—Partners





# Successes

- Economics report on value of mudflats
- Maine Community Foundation (\$15,000)
  - The 610 Project
  - The Green Crab Control Project

*Frenchman Bay Partners Conservation Target Report: Mudflats*

## Mudflats

Mudflats are economically and ecologically valuable habitats that support many species, including commercially and recreationally harvested clams, mussels, and worms. Mudflats serve as important feeding grounds for birds as well as fish. In addition to their importance for wildlife, mudflats also aid in preventing coastal erosion by lessening wave energy.



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## Factsheet

The Frenchman Bay Partners are guided by a conservation plan, the *Frenchman Bay Action Plan*, which iden-

# Successes

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## ◎ Prioritize areas

- Abundance, access, problem forms

## ◎ Improve communication

- Access to information
- Group process—minutes, decision making
- Website



# Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish

*Bringing the shore to your door*



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## Home

Welcome to **Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Committee (FBRSC)**. The FBRSC is an organization formed to manage the shellfish resources of Frenchman Bay, to educate harvesters and consumers, and create a viable industry.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from October through May at the [Lamoine Town Hall](#), 606 Douglas Hwy, Lamoine, ME 04605.

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# Panelists

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- ◉ What worked?
- ◉ What did we learn in the process?
- ◉ What can we learn from you?





# Next Steps

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- ◉ Improve communication: committee, Joint Board, and with towns
- ◉ Seeding experiments
- ◉ Collaboration with wormers
- ◉ NOAA Be Wet Grant (\$250,000)
- ◉ Elmina Sewell Grant (\$200,000)
- ◉ Watershed survey
- ◉ Grants to fix septics
- ◉ Open flats

# Action Planning

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- ◉ Green crabs
- ◉ Shoreline access
- ◉ Water quality
- ◉ Ocean acidification
- ◉ Overharvesting and resource conflicts

How do we work together to get things done?



# Thank you!

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