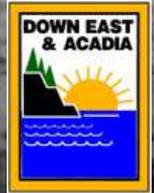
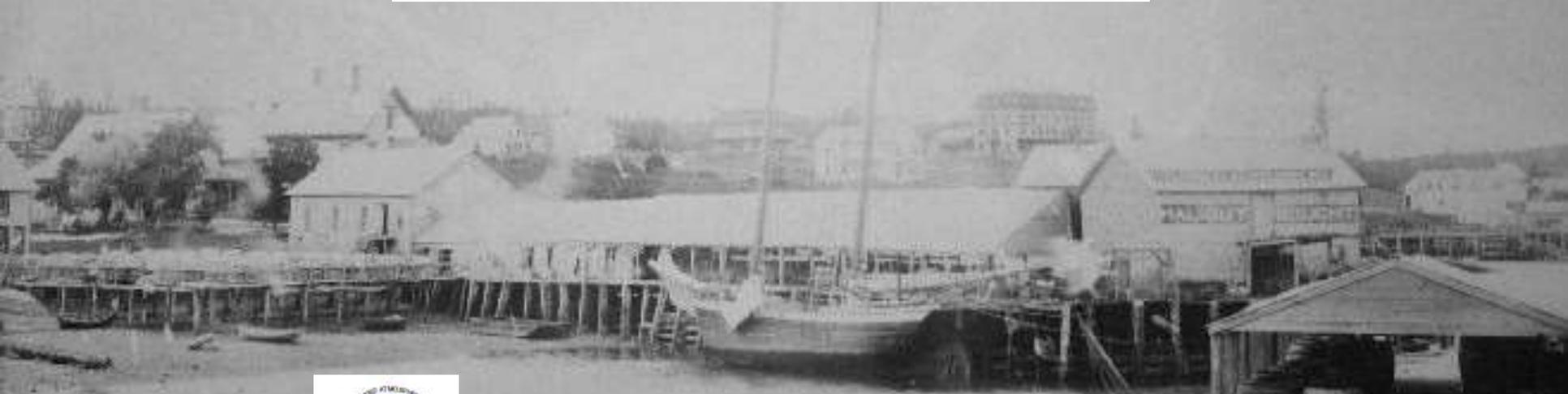


*Daying codfish, establishment of gas. Perhaps  
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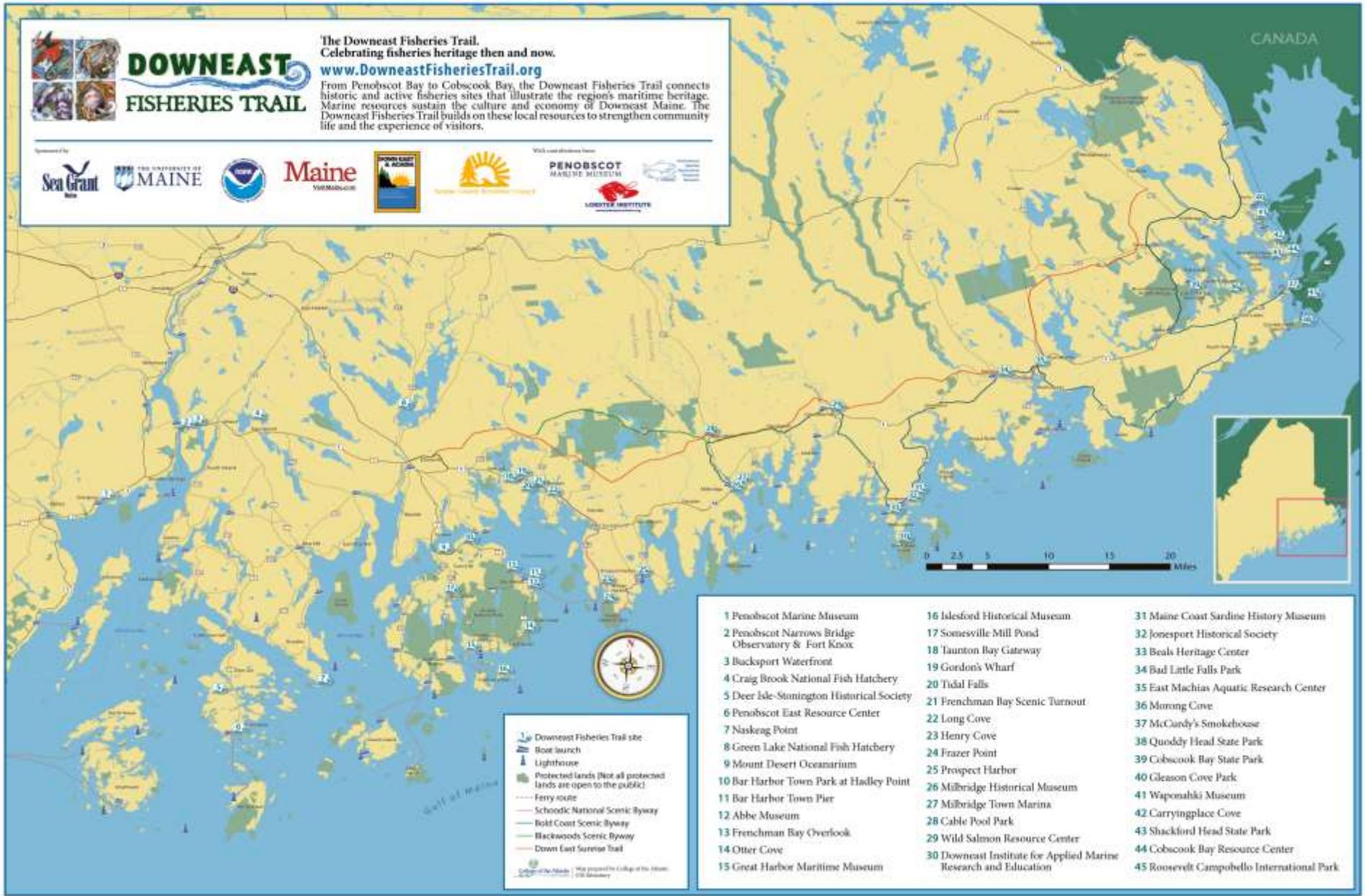




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The Downeast Fisheries Trail.  
Celebrating fisheries heritage then and now.  
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Downeast Fisheries Trail site  
 Boat launch  
 Lighthouse  
 Protected lands (Not all protected lands are open to the public.)  
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 Down East Sunrise Trail  
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# Why the Downeast Fisheries Trail?

- Support fisheries economy/industry
- Support Working Waterfront
- Community revitalization
- Tourism economic development
- The next generation
- Regional development opportunities



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# The heart of the Trail: 45 sites

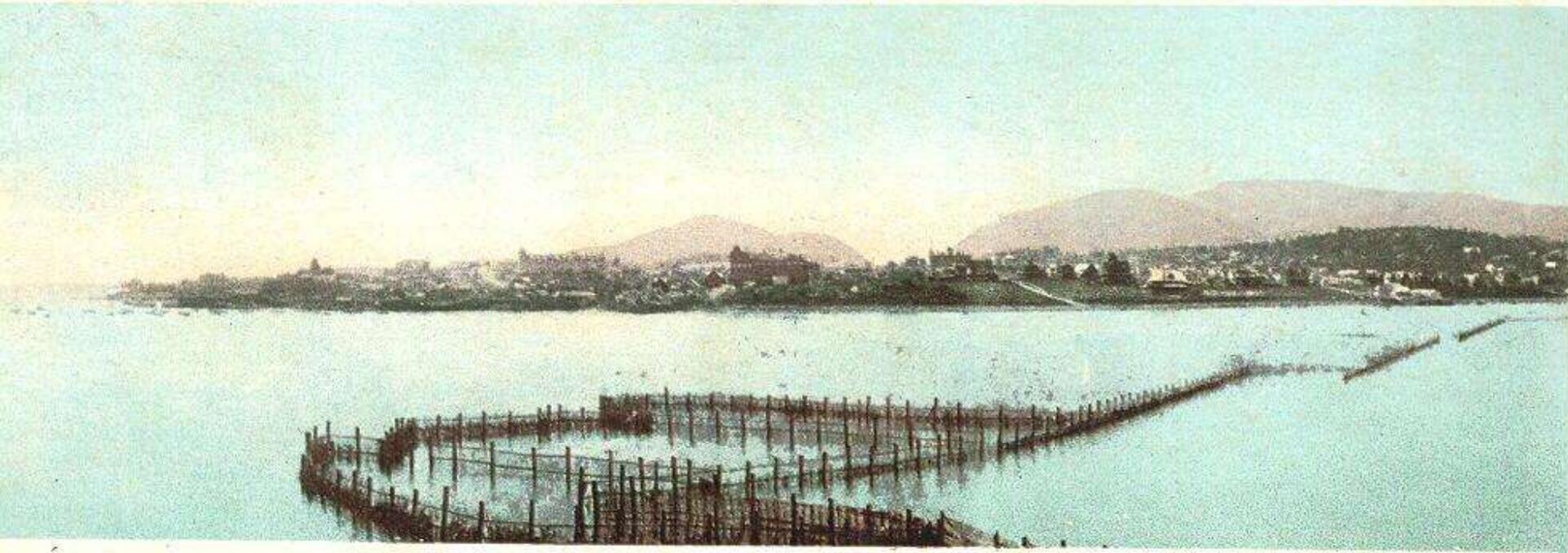
- 5 museums, 4 historical societies, 1 oceanarium
- 4 state parks, 4 town parks, 1 state lands
- 1 national park, 1 international park
- 3 scenic byways
- 2 fish hatcheries and 4 communities fisheries orgs
- 1 fisheries restoration site
- 2 Native America sites
- Many working waterfronts and scenic overlooks with interpretive panels

# Bar Harbor Town Pier



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# Frenchman Bay Overlook



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# Naskeag Point

TO SHOW WITH HONOR AND PRIDE  
THE RESPECT WE HAVE FOR YOU  
THE SEA AND THE MEN YOU HAVE  
TAKEN FROM US.

MAY WE ALWAYS REMEMBER  
THAT THE SEA THAT GIVES  
ALSO TAKES AWAY.

DEDICATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
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# Prospect Harbor

## The last sardine cannery



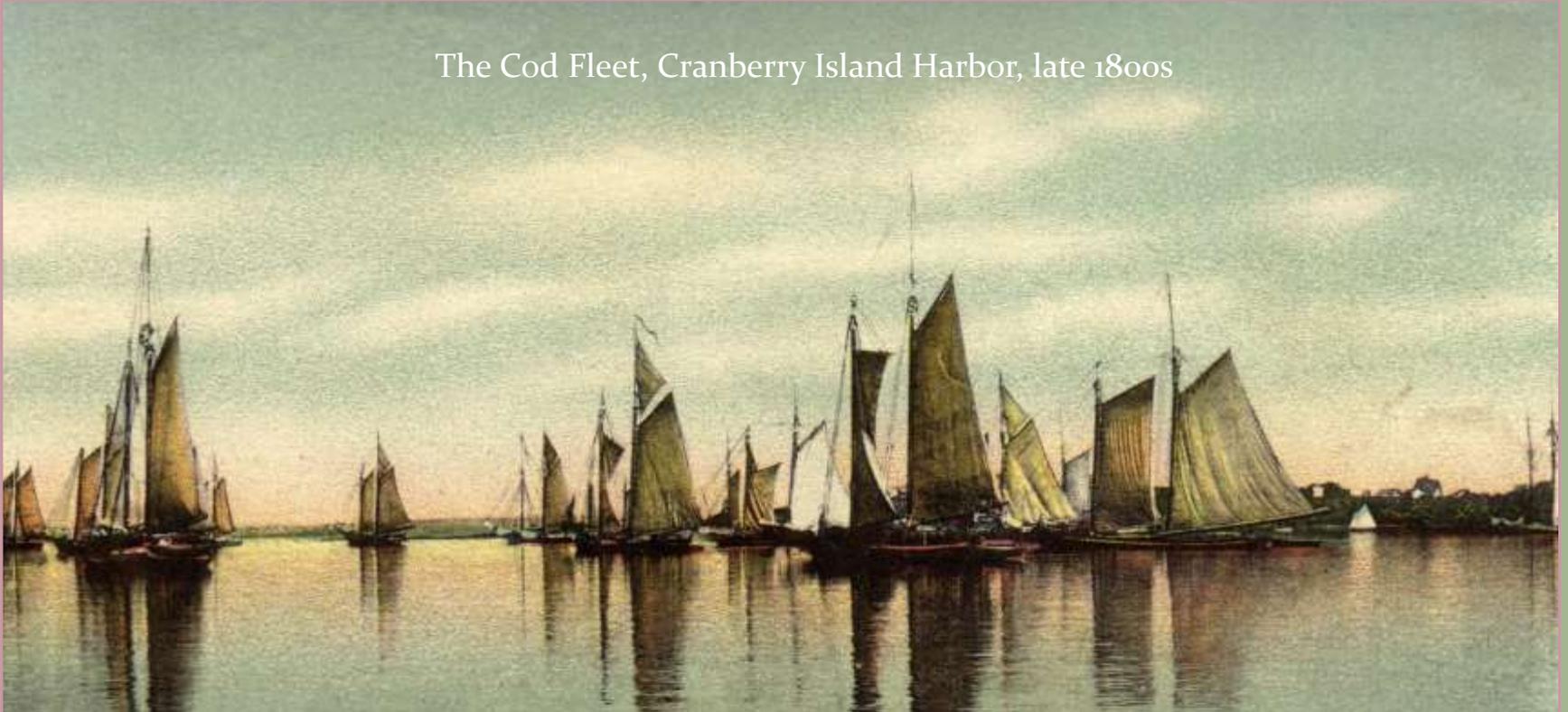
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# Somesville Mill Pond: Alewives



# Islesford Historical Museum

The Cod Fleet, Cranberry Island Harbor, late 1800s



# Tidal Falls



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# Wild Salmon Resources Center

## A meeting place for fish



The Pleasant River ends its 44-mile journey here at Columbia Falls. The convergence of land, river, and sea creates a rich habitat for many animals, including fish such as alewives, Atlantic salmon, and American eels. Today the Wild Salmon Resource Center—formerly a hydroelectric plant that drew power from a dam across the falls—functions as a conservation fish hatchery and hub for watershed education.

The rainbow smelt is another fish that returns here from coastal waters to spawn. Local people have relied on smelt as a traditional food for centuries. In early spring, smelt are netted on the incoming tides and cleaned in the small camps along the shore. The Pleasant River estuary is one of the last places on the East Coast where a sustainable smelt fishery is still possible.



Rainbow smelt are slender, silvery fish about six to eight inches long, with dark backs and multi-colored, shimmering sides. They migrate into estuaries from the ocean each winter and spawn in the spring.



Labels marked boxes of smelt that were shipped throughout the region during the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.



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# Penobscot East Resource Center



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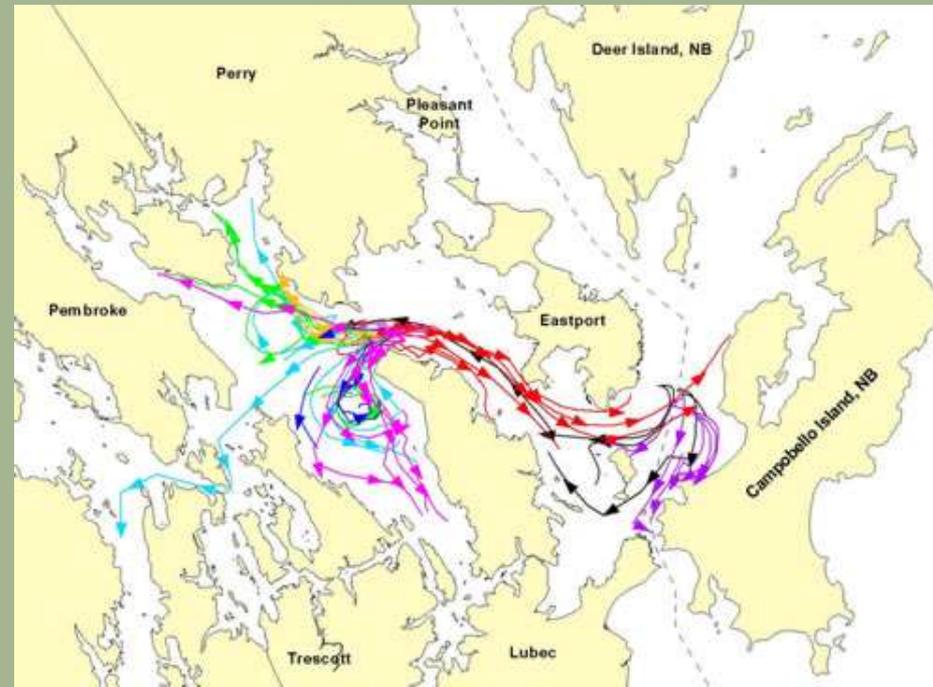
# Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education



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# Cobscook Bay Resource Center



# Frazer Point



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# Shackford Head State Park

## Aquaculture's place in a working harbor

These structures enclose cultured Atlantic salmon for local and international seafood markets.

### The changing marine industries of Broad Cove

Broad Cove has a 200-year history of marine industry that continues today in varied forms.

The circular installations floating on the water surface are enclosures for raising Atlantic salmon. Fish leap and splash while nets across the top keep out eagles, osprey, gulls, and cormorants. Young salmon are placed in the pens when they are about six inches long, and take about two years to grow to market size. Atlantic salmon is one of Maine's most economically significant seafood industries.

Beyond the salmon farm, tugboats and barges take advantage of Estes Head, the deepest natural port on the US East Coast. Shipments have included pulp and paper, cattle, and even wind turbines.

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Look for fish slapping the water at feeding time to spot ACTIVE PENS. Between harvests, the pens rest—lying fallow.



Atlantic salmon take about TWO YEARS to grow to harvestable size.



Mature ATLANTIC SALMON ready for market.



# Cobscook Bay State Park



# Roosevelt Campobello International Park

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# Bar Harbor Town Park at Hadley Point



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# Gleason Cove Park



# Abbe Museum



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# Waponahki Museum and Resource Center



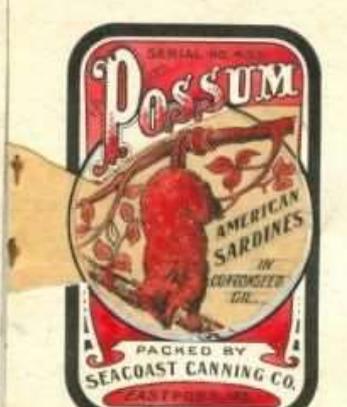


# Maine Coast Sardine Museum

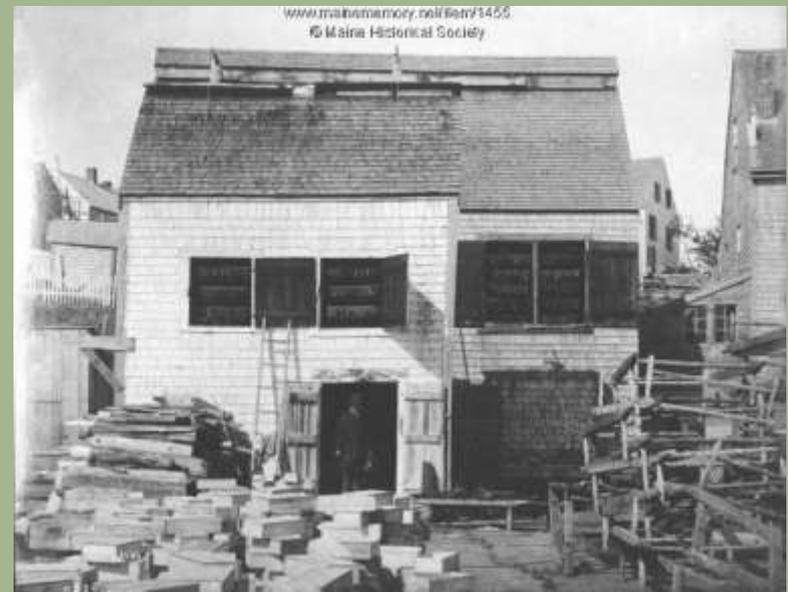


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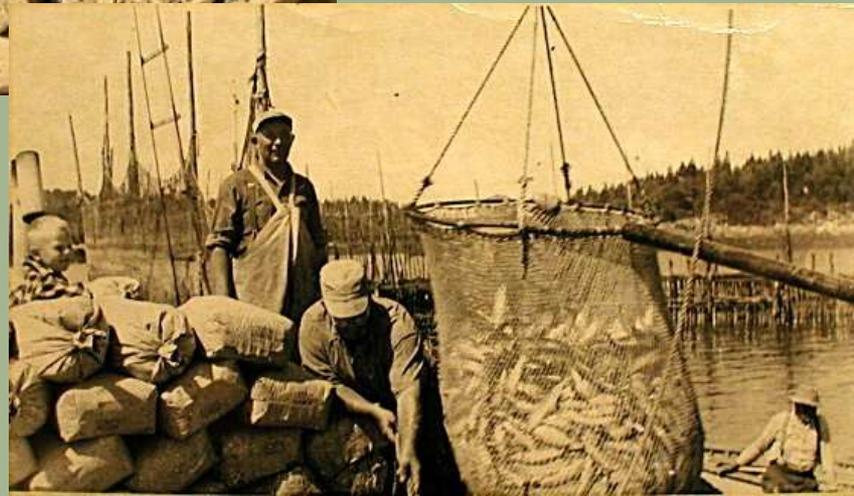
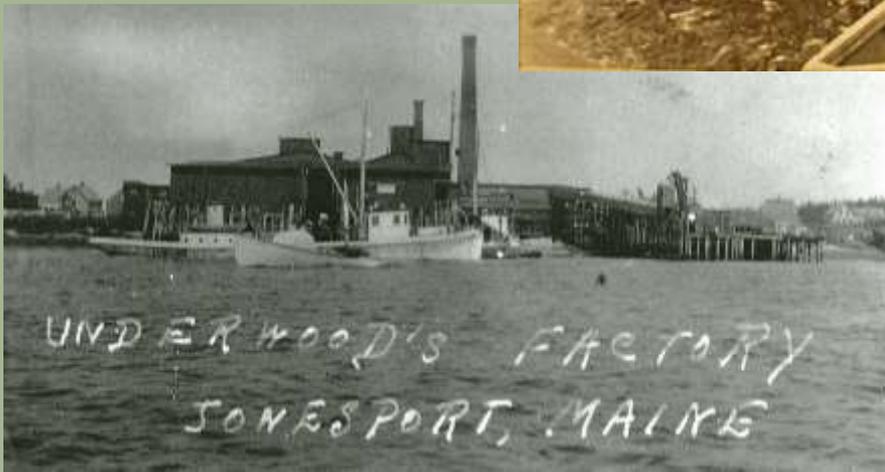
# McCurdy's Smokehouse



# Jonesport Historical Society and Beals Island Heritage Center



Packing Room, Underwood's Jonesport Factory



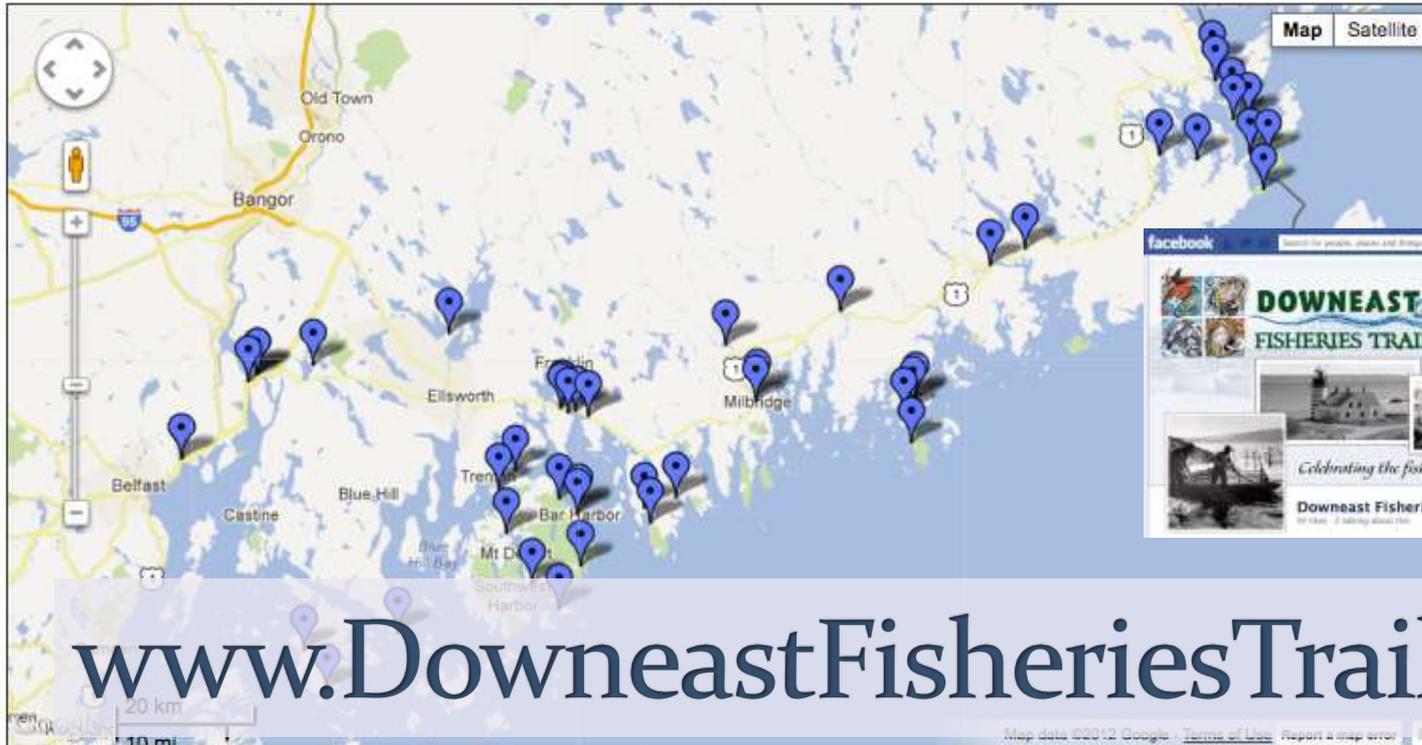


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South West Harbor Ice Showing  
Fishing Fleet.  
Worth  
1891.

*“We cannot rival the sophistication of what folks have seen at our large metropolitan [areas], but we do have something special – our situation right in the middle of the ‘real thing’.”*

Resident and historical society member,  
Stonington, Maine.



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