



Access: Unpacking the complexities of the current state of access to the coast in Maine and wild, intertidal shellfish fisheries

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Roadmap

- Research purpose
- Methods
- Findings
- Time for questions



Research Purpose

- What do people mean when they use the term *access*?
- What are the major themes/ topics that emerge in the discourse?
- What are the current strategies being employed to protect, preserve, no expand access?
- What are current needs that must be addressed to help protect, preserve, and expand access?





THEORY AND
METHODS



Discourse is “the sum of communicative interactions”

-Sharp and Richardson, 2001, p.195

Methods



FINDINGS



Meanings of *access*

- Physical
- Structural
- Social

“The ability to
derive benefits
from things”

(Ribot and Peluso, 2003, p. 153)



Topics & recommendations



Key considerations:

- Access to decision making authority
- Equity in knowledge consideration
- Colonialism



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What systems, norms, structures, or policies should NOT be resilient?

Assess and begin planning for the next disaster.

NEEDS AND EXISTING STRATEGIES



Needs and ongoing work

Policy

- Increased funding for walk-in access protection
- Working waterfront tax incentives
- Tribal shellfish ordinances and licenses
- Equitable license access
- Municipal exactions

Communication and Awareness

- Communicating landowner expectations
- Homeowner appreciation events
- New coastal landowner communication materials
- Changing media narratives
- Real estate agent outreach
- Statewide access-oriented conference

Information Gathering

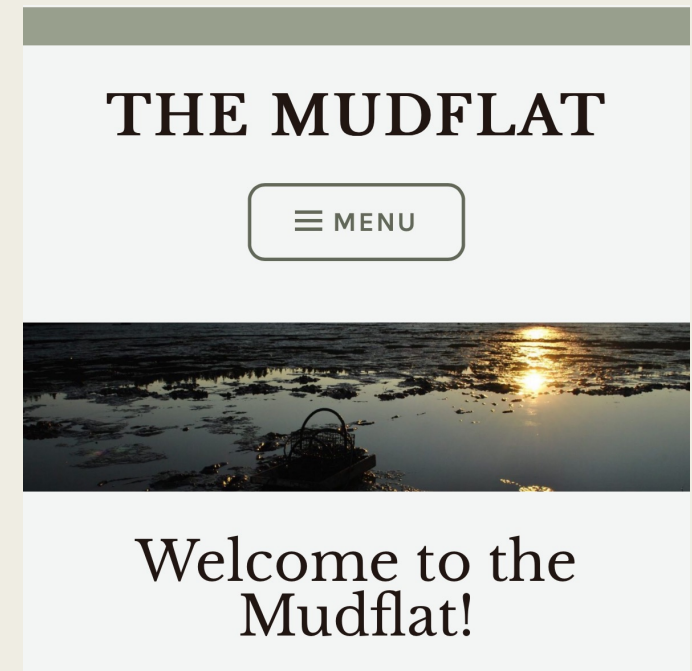
- Inventory support
- Understanding supply chain

Moving forward

- Better understanding of the complexity of the issue
- Greater knowledge base from which to form solutions
- Foundation from which to ask critical questions as the fisheries adapt



Thank you!



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