

Aquaculture's place in a working harbor

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.

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



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



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Mature ATLANTIC SALMON ready for market.

