

Analysis of 2005 State of Maine Marine Resource Licenses

Prepared by the Cobscook Bay Resource Center from data provided by the Maine Department of Marine Resources.

One way of comparing Cobscook Bay with the rest of the state is to look at the breakdown of the number of marine resource harvesting licenses issued by the state of Maine in 2005.¹ These licenses reflect biological, social, and market realities that are unique to Cobscook Bay. Towns included in this analysis include the municipalities immediately bordering Cobscook Bay from Lubec to Eastport, and up the St. Croix River to Robbinston and Calais. Whiting was included if fishing effort associated with a particular type of license was likely to occur within Cobscook Bay and not included if likely to be on the outside shore.

- Total Commercial Licenses Issued in the State: 16,070
- Total Commercial Licenses Issued in Cobscook Bay: **699** (Held by **318** individuals)

Lobster/Crab²

Total issued in the state: 9,244
Total issued in Cobscook Bay: **158**

Breakdown of lobster licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay³:

Lubec	60
Trescott	9
Whiting	8
Edmunds	5
Dennysville	9
Pembroke	15
Perry	23
Eastport	11
Robbinston	12
Calais	6

¹ This document does not reflect licenses issued by the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

² Includes the following license types: Lobster/Crab apprentice, Lobster/Crab Class I, Lobster/Crab Class II, Lobster/Crab Class III, Lobster/Crab over age 70, Lobster/Crab student, Lobster/Crab under age 18, and Non-commercial Lobster/Crab

³ Whiting licenses are included in the total.

Commercial Shellfish⁴

Total issued in the state:	1664
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	120

Breakdown of commercial shellfish licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	47
Trescott ⁵	10
Whiting	5
Edmunds ⁶	2
Dennysville	2
Pembroke	38
Perry	10
Eastport	5
Robbinston	1

Scallops

Total issued in the state:	1036
<i>Total dragger:</i>	518
<i>Total diver:</i>	124
<i>Total Noncommercial:</i>	394
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	99
<i>Total dragger:</i>	82
<i>Total diver:</i>	6
<i>Total Noncommercial:</i>	11

Breakdown of scallop licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	36
Trescott	6
Whiting	4
Edmunds	2
Dennysville	5
Pembroke	11
Perry	23
Eastport	11
Robbinston	1

⁴ Allows for harvest of clams, quahogs other than mahogany quahog, and oysters. The shellfish license year does not end until April, therefore, these license numbers are accurate as of January 1, 2005.

⁵These numbers may not accurately reflect all harvesters living in Trescott as some residents use Lubec as their mailing address.

⁶ These numbers may not accurately reflect all harvesters living in Edmunds as some residents use Dennysville as their mailing address.

Commercial Fishing⁷

Total issued in the state:	1,417
<i>Total Crew:</i>	674
<i>Total Single:</i>	743
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	203
<i>Total Crew:</i>	39
<i>Total Single:</i>	164

Breakdown of commercial fishing licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	65
Trescott	15
Whiting	7
Edmunds	3
Dennysville	6
Pembroke	44
Perry	39
Eastport	22
Robbinston	2

Urchins

Total issued in the state:	548
<i>Total boat:</i>	212
<i>Total hand:</i>	334
<i>Total rake:</i>	2
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	77
<i>Total boat:</i>	65
<i>Total hand:</i>	11
<i>Total rake:</i>	1

Breakdown of urchin licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	37
Trescott	3
Whiting	4
Edmunds	3
Dennysville	3
Pembroke	7
Perry	14
Eastport	5
Robbinston	1

⁷ Allows for harvest of all marine finfish and squid or other marine animals except lobster, crab, sea urchins, shellfish, scallops, marine worms, shrimp, elvers or eels.

Marine Worms

Total issued in the state:	1058
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	9

Breakdown of marine worm licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Trescott	3
Pembroke	4
Perry	2

Eel/Elver⁸

Total issued in the state:	294
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	4

Breakdown of eel/elver licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	2
Trescott	2

Dive Tenders⁹

Total issued in the state:	178
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	10

Breakdown of tender licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	5
Edmunds	1
Pembroke	1
Perry	2
Eastport	1

Commercial Shrimp

Total issued in the state:	406
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	2

Breakdown of commercial shrimp licenses by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	1
Dennysville	1

⁸ Includes all license types for Eel and Elver.

⁹ This license allows for a person to tend divers who harvest sea urchins and scallops by hand.

Seaweed

Total issued in the state: 87
 Total issued in Cobscook Bay: **5**

Breakdown of seaweed licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Trescott	1
Edmunds	1
Pembroke	2
Calais	1

Mussels

Total issued in the state: 56
 Total issued in Cobscook Bay: **8**

Breakdown of mussel licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	6
Eastport	1
Perry	1

Mahogany Quahog

Total issued in the state: 66

Green Crab

Total issued in the state: 16
 Total issued in Cobscook Bay: **4**

Breakdown of green crab licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	1
Trescott	1
Pembroke	1
Perry	1