

Analysis of 1998 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 1998.¹ 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: 17,989
- Total Commercial Licenses Issued in Cobscook Bay: 556 (Held by 336 individuals.)

Lobster/Crab²

Total issued in the state:	7989
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	133

Breakdown of lobster licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay³:

Lubec	53
Dennysville	13
Pembroke	13
Perry	17
Eastport	15
Robbinston	15
Calais	7

Scallops

Total issued in the state:	1934
<i>Total dragger:</i>	653
<i>Total diver:</i>	394
<i>Total Noncommercial:</i>	887
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	104
<i>Total dragger:</i>	78
<i>Total diver:</i>	13
<i>Total Noncommercial:</i>	13

Breakdown of scallop licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	43
Dennysville	5

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

² Includes the following license types: Lobster/crab apprentice over age 18, Lobster/crab apprentice under age 18, 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 not included.

Pembroke	10
Perry	20
Eastport	19
Robbinston	2
Calais	3
Whiting	2

Commercial Shellfish⁴

Total issued in the state:	1765
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	101

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

Lubec	56
Trescott	2
Whiting	3
Edmunds	2
Dennysville	4
Pembroke	18
Perry	10
Eastport	6

Commercial Fishing⁵

Total issued in the state:	1414
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	86

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

Lubec	31
Trescott	1
Whiting	4
Edmunds	1
Dennysville	8
Pembroke	12
Perry	13
Eastport	12
Robbinston	2
Calais	2

Urchins

Total issued in the state:	1015
<i>Total boat:</i>	293
<i>Total hand:</i>	720
<i>Total rake:</i>	2

⁴ Allows for harvest of clams, quahogs other than mahogany quahog, and oysters.

⁵ Allows for harvest of all marine finfish, squid and shrimp or other marine animals except lobsters, crabs, sea urchins, shellfish, scallops, marine worms, elvers or eels.

Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	86
<i>Total boat:</i>	69
<i>Total hand:</i>	16
<i>Total rake:</i>	1

Breakdown of urchin licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	41
Trescott	1
Whiting	5
Dennysville	5
Pembroke	6
Perry	12
Eastport	14
Calais	2

Seaweed

Total issued in the state:	229
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	17

Breakdown of seaweed licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	6
Whiting	2
Dennysville	2
Pembroke	1
Perry	2
Eastport	4

Eel/Elver⁶

Total issued in the state:	1977
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	10

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

Lubec	6
Trescott	1
Whiting	1
Perry	1
Eastport	1

Dive Tenders⁷

Total issued in the state:	537
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	9

⁶ Includes all 23 license types for Eel and Elver.

⁷ This license allows for a person to tend divers who harvest sea urchins and scallops by hand.

Breakdown of tender licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	4
Dennysville	1
Pembroke	3
Eastport	1

Marine Worms

Total issued in the state:	956
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	7

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

Lubec	3
Edmunds	1
Pembroke	3

Mussels

Total issued in the state:	72
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	2

Breakdown of mussel licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Whiting	1
Pembroke	1

Mahogany Quahog

Total issued in the state:	63
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	1

Breakdown of quahog licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Perry	1
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Non Resident

Total issued in the state:	38
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	0