

Analysis of 1999 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 1999.¹ 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: 16,103
- Total Commercial Licenses Issued in Cobscook Bay: 589 (Held by 357 individuals.)

Lobster/Crab²

Total issued in the state: 6733
Total issued in Cobscook Bay: **109**

Breakdown of lobster licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay³:

Lubec	50
Dennysville	7
Pembroke	9
Perry	16
Eastport	13
Robbinston	9
Calais	5

Commercial Shellfish⁴

Total issued in the state: 2079
Total issued in Cobscook Bay: **156**

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

Lubec	89
Trescott ⁵	4
Whiting	5
Edmunds ⁶	4

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.

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

⁵ These 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.

Dennysville	8
Pembroke	24
Perry	16
Eastport	5
Robbinston	1

Scallops

Total issued in the state:	1918
<i>Total dragger:</i>	760
<i>Total diver:</i>	384
<i>Total Noncommercial:</i>	774
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	118
<i>Total dragger:</i>	87
<i>Total diver:</i>	12
<i>Total Noncommercial:</i>	19

Breakdown of scallop licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	54
Whiting	5
Edmunds	2
Dennysville	9
Pembroke	12
Perry	17
Eastport	13
Robbinston	4
Calais	2

Commercial Fishing⁷

Total issued in the state:	1513
<i>Total Crew:</i>	836
<i>Total Single:</i>	677
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	94
<i>Total Crew:</i>	29
<i>Total Single:</i>	65

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

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

Lubec	38
Trescott	2
Whiting	5
Dennysville	11
Pembroke	9
Perry	15
Eastport	11
Robbinston	3

Urchins

Total issued in the state:	1097
<i>Total boat:</i>	336
<i>Total hand:</i>	757
<i>Total rake:</i>	4
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	89
<i>Total boat:</i>	69
<i>Total hand:</i>	18
<i>Total rake:</i>	2

Breakdown of urchin licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	42
Trescott	1
Whiting	4
Edmunds	1
Dennysville	6
Pembroke	8
Perry	13
Eastport	12
Calais	2

Marine Worms

Total issued in the state:	1029
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	4

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

Lubec	2
Pembroke	2

Non Resident

Total issued in the state:	1
Total issued in Cobscook Bay:	0

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Eel/Elver⁸

Total issued in the state: 765
Total issued in Cobscook Bay: **5**

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

Lubec	2
Trescott	2
Eastport	1

Dive Tenders⁹

Total issued in the state: 579
Total issued in Cobscook Bay: **15**

Breakdown of tender licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	6
Edmunds	1
Pembroke	4
Perry	2
Eastport	2

Seaweed

Total issued in the state: 245
Total issued in Cobscook Bay: **11**

Breakdown of seaweed licenses issued by town in Cobscook Bay:

Lubec	1
Trescott	2
Dennysville	4
Pembroke	2
Perry	2

Mussels

Total issued in the state: 87
Total issued in Cobscook Bay: **0**

Mahogany Quahog

Total issued in the state: 57
Total issued in Cobscook Bay: **0**

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.

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