



# THE STATE OF THE FISHERY

## AMERICAN LOBSTER

In Maine, you can only catch lobsters with stationary traps. These traps are not very efficient. About 10% of lobsters that find a trap will enter it, and only 6% of those will be trapped. That means that 0.6% of lobsters that find a trap are caught.

Maine lobstermen share management of the lobster fishery via 8 lobster zone councils.



**Did you know that lobsters can live for up to 100 years?**

The American lobster fishery is managed by Maine State Department of Marine Resources and the Atlantic States Fisheries Management Council



Over the past 35 years, American lobster landings have steadily increased. 75% of all lobster landings occur in the Gulf of Maine.

The commercial American lobster fishery is managed through minimum/maximum size limits and trap limits. Fishermen mark egg bearing females so they won't be eaten.



Maine lobster is plentiful, and responsibly regulated. Eat as much lobster as you want!