



THE STATE OF THE FISHERY

GULF OF MAINE SHRIMP

Gulf of Maine shrimp live in the cold waters of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. They are an important link in ocean food webs. They eat plankton and benthic invertebrates (small animals that live on the bottom of the ocean), and are eaten by fish like cod, redfish, and silver hake.

Inshore trawls, where boats drag nets behind them, and traps are used to harvest Gulf of Maine Shrimp.



The Interstate Fisheries Management Program manages the Gulf of Maine shrimp fishery.

Did you know that Gulf of Maine shrimp are hermaphroditic? That means they are both male and female in one body.



Rising ocean temperatures in the Gulf of Maine are making it harder for the Gulf of Maine shrimp to recover.

The Gulf of Maine Shrimp Section stopped all shrimping for the 2014, 2015, and 2016 fishing season. This is the first time the fishery was closed in over 30 years. This means that you probably won't find any Gulf of Maine shrimp in the store. If you do, it is left over from a test trawl for science, so it is responsible to eat.