

Sea Grant's Long Island Sound Lobster Initiative



The American Lobster is one of the most important seafood products harvested in New York and Connecticut both in terms of the total value of lobsters landed and the number of commercial fishermen who make their living in the lobster fishery. Earning a dockside value in New York alone of over \$29 million in 1998 according to National Marine Fisheries Service

statistics, the New York lobster catch was greater than the value of all finfish combined in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

The current state of NY-CT's Long Island Sound Lobster Industry may be in question. Therefore, in doing our part to better inform decision-makers, connect with researchers studying probable causes, and educate reporters and the interested public searching for answers, New York and Connecticut Sea Grant programs and our affiliates provide the latest on lobster-related health concerns. This includes a wide range of information including user-friendly fact sheets and analyses of the area's lobster industry to details on Sea Grant-sponsored workshops intended to evaluate effective research-based methods best suited to address the issues.

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