

Use this workbook below to understand the information needed to complete the 2025 ME Lobster Survey

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Lobster license # _____
- Caught over or under 1000 lbs. of lobster in 2024 _____
- If Lobstering in ME, the Zone you operate in _____
- Home Port location _____
- Age _____
- # of years with commercial license/permit _____
- # of years planning to lobster _____

VESSEL INFORMATION

- Material of hull _____
- Length of vessel _____
- Horsepower _____
- Year built _____
- Average speed in knots _____
- Years owned _____
- Years planning to own _____
- Year of last engine replacement/rebuild _____

- Estimated replacement value of vessel on used market _____
- Estimate replacement value of vessel of new market _____
- Money owed on vessel or equipment _____
- Use of vessel for activities beyond lobstering- YES OR NO _____
- % of vessel activity attributed to lobster fishing/other activities (shrimping, etc.) _____
- P & I Insurance? YES or NO?
 - IF YES, TOTAL COST? _____

TRAP INFORMATION

- # of traps owned in 2024 _____
- Average cost of 100 traps fully outfitted _____
- # of traps fished per quarter Q1 _____ Q2 _____ Q3 _____ Q4 _____
- Trap configuration used most often (quarterly) Q1 _____ Q2 _____
Q3 _____ Q4 _____
- Average # of traps hauled per day (quarterly) Q1 _____ Q2 _____
Q3 _____ Q4 _____
- # of traps replaced _____
- Typical # of traps replaced in an average year _____

TIME, EFFORT & RESOURCES

- Average steam time to fishing grounds (quarterly)

Q1 _____ Q2 _____ Q3 _____ Q4 _____

- Average # of hours spent on each fishing trip (quarterly)

Q1 _____ Q2 _____ Q3 _____ Q4 _____

- Days per week lobstering (quarterly)

Q1 _____ Q2 _____ Q3 _____ Q4 _____

- # of sternmen on each trip (quarterly) Q1 _____ Q2 _____

Q3 _____ Q4 _____

- Average # of gallons of fuel per trip (quarterly) Q1 _____ Q2 _____

Q3 _____ Q4 _____

- Total amount of fuel for vessel in 2024 _____

- Hours per week spent on gear maintenance / repair (quarterly)

Q1 _____ Q2 _____ Q3 _____ Q4 _____

- Hours per week spent on paperwork for business (quarterly)

Q1 _____ Q2 _____ Q3 _____ Q4 _____

- # of oil changes performed IN 2024 _____

COSTS

- Total cost of vessel maintenance- including engine and electronics _____
- Total cost of fuel for vessel _____
- Average cost for oil change _____
- Total cost replacement for all fishing related gear _____
- Total cost for safety equipment/wet weather gear and replacements _____
- Total cost for wharf fees, mooring, storage and boat hauling _____
- Total cost of primary bait _____
- Total cost of secondary bait _____
- Total cost of non-fishing payments to crew _____
- Total cost for bank fees, charges, accountants and legal fees to run business _____
- Total cost of taxes, including property taxes on fishing business related property, but do not include income tax _____
- Total cost for permits, licenses, and trap tag fees _____
- Total cost for other vehicles and expenses used _____
- Total cost for office supplies and other administrative expenses _____
- Total cost for other expenses _____

CATCHES & REVENUE

- Lbs. of lobster landed _____
- % of lobster landed that received hard shell or select price _____
- Gross revenue earned _____
- Hourly wage could be/ is earned NOT lobstering _____
- Total bait bill _____
- % of gross revenue paid to crew _____
- Fuel and bait deductions _____
- Total amount paid to crew _____
- % of total household income that comes from lobster business _____

BAIT USED

- Primary & secondary bait used _____
- Quantity of primary & secondary bait purchased
(lbs., bushel, barrel, etc.) _____