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The Lobster



The fishermen must load their boats with traps and set them, beginning a new season, usually on the first Saturday of May. On average, it takes 2-3 trips to load all 285 traps, depending on the size of the boat.



The buoy is hooked with a gaff and pulled aboard.



A hydraulic hauler is then used to pull the trawl aboard.





The lobsters are removed from the trap and placed in rings on a table to be measured, banded, then placed into a water tank.





The traps are then baited (flounder is shown here), then placed on a rack waiting to be set.





The traps are then pushed off when ready to be set.

Between the sail from trawl to trawl, the lobsters are measured to be sure they are the legal size and if not, they are thrown back in the water.



Lobsters are banded to keep from them opening their claws and biting someone.



They are then placed in a tank full of water until they get ashore.



Once ashore, the lobsters are removed from the tank and placed in crates to be sold to the buyer. After the crates are full, they are lifted out of the boat by wharf workers and placed on a scale to be weighed.





Once the lobsters have been weighed, they are lifted into a truck to be transported to the factory. Upon arrival, they are removed from the truck.





Once the crates are unloaded from the trucks, they are distributed amongst the workers who then go over them to ensure there are no dead, spawndy or short lobsters.





Once the lobsters have been checked, the crates are dragged to the front of the factory where they are then weighed again to ensure each crate contains 100 pounds.





Once the crates have been weighed, they are placed in a tank where they are kept until sold to other buyers or processing plants.

