

## ENTERING LOBSTER FISHING EFFORT INFORMATION IN MAINE LEEDS

The instructions below explain how to fill out reporting fields that relate to traps hauled and traps in the water. Please contact us at 207-633-9414 if you have questions.

- 1) Once you've logged into LEEDS and selected to report on your lobster license, you'll see the following fields. Always choose "Pot & Trap Lobster" as your gear for lobster reporting. First, you will enter the total traps and number of sets hauled on this trip.

### Effort Information

#### Gear Information

Gear \*

POT & TRAP LOBSTER

Number of traps hauled \*

220

Number of strings, triples, pairs or singles hauled \*

110

Total traps in water at start of trip \*

Total buoys (endlines) in water at start of trip \*

*This is where you will enter the count of traps you hauled on this trip. In this example, 220 traps were hauled.*

*This is where you indicate how many sets you hauled, which depends on how you rig your gear up. In this example, we will be hauling pairs, so we will enter 110 into this field. This indicates the count of pairs hauled (110 pairs = 220 traps total). The value in this field will vary depending on individual gear rigging.*

2) Next you will report the total count of traps and buoys in the water at the start of your trip.

Effort Information

Gear Information

Gear \*

POT & TRAP LOBSTER

Number of traps hauled \*

220

Number of strings, triples, pairs or singles hauled \*

110

Total traps in water at start of trip \*

550

Total buoys (endlines) in water at start of trip \*

275

This is where you put the total traps you had in the water at the start of the trip. In this example there are 550 traps in the water.

This is where you put the TOTAL count of buoys you had in the water at the start of the trip. This will depend on gear rigging/number of endlines. In this example, we are still hauling pairs. If there are 550 traps in the water all rigged as pairs, we will have 275 buoys. **Do not include toggles in your count.**

3) What if you don't haul pairs? Below you will find two other examples with different gear configurations but with the same number of total traps and buoys in the water.

**Example 1: 5-Trap Trawls with ONE endline**

Effort Information

Gear Information

Gear \*

POT & TRAP LOBSTER

Number of traps hauled \*

220

Number of strings, triples, pairs or singles hauled \*

44

Total traps in water at start of trip \*

550

Total buoys (endlines) in water at start of trip \*

110

Here the number of sets is lower than if we were hauling pairs because we are hauling 5-trap trawls. The 44 indicates that we hauled 44 individual 5-trap trawls, for a total of 220 traps hauled.

Total buoys are lower because all 550 traps are rigged as 5-trap trawls with one endline and one buoy. 550 divided by 5 would be 110 5-trap trawls. 110 endlines multiplied by 1 buoy is 110. **Do not include toggles in your count.**

**Example 2: 10-Trap Trawls with TWO endlines**

**Effort Information**

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**Gear Information**

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Gear \*

POT & TRAP LOBSTER ▼

Number of traps hauled \*

220

Number of strings, triples, pairs or singles hauled \*

22

Total traps in water at start of trip \*

550

Total buoys (endlines) in water at start of trip \*

110

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*Here total sets are even lower because we are hauling 10-trap trawls. The 22 indicates that we hauled 22 individual 10-trap trawls for a total of 220 traps hauled.*

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*The total buoys hasn't changed. All 550 traps are rigged as 10-trap trawls with two endlines/two buoys. 550 divided by 10 would be 55 10-trap trawls. However, since each trawl has two endlines/two buoys, we need to multiply the 55 by 2 to get 110 endlines/buoys in the water. You still **do not include toggles in your count.***

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