



MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

2015 MARINE LOBSTER AND CRAB BAIT CLASSIFICATION

The following list includes all marine species that have been reviewed by the Department of Marine Resources. **Beginning June 1, 2015**, it is illegal to sell or use any marine or freshwater organism as bait to fish for or take lobsters or crabs that is classified as “prohibited”, or that has not been reviewed by the Department. Bait dealers may be granted an exemption that allows them to sell a “prohibited” bait if they agree to follow specific procedures that the Department considers sufficient to remediate the risks of introduction (e.g. establishing a chain of custody, pre-importation testing, processing). **Individuals may apply for review of a non-listed bait source, or petition for use of a prohibited bait source by completing the “Lobster and Crab Bait Review Form”**. If you have questions regarding the use or sale of a bait source, contact Sarah Cotnoir sarah.cotnoir@maine.gov or (207) 624-6596. Applications and additional information about the use of lobster and crab bait is available at <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/lobster/index.htm> under “Commercial Lobster Fishery Management”.

Marine Approved		
Species	Restrictions	Region of Origin
Any Species in the NEFMC Groundfish Complex		Gulf of Maine or Georges Bank
Atlantic Cod		US East Coast & Canada East Coast
Atlantic Herring		US East Coast & Canada East Coast
Croaker		US East Coast
Halibut		Atlantic & Pacific Ocean
Kinky (aka rockfish, long/short spinyhead, idiotfish) (Genus <i>Sebastes</i>)	Must be frozen	US West Coast & Canada West Coast
Lingcod		Atlantic & Pacific Ocean
Mackerel		US East Coast, Japan, & Portugal
Mullet (Genus <i>Mugilidae</i>)		US & Canada
Orange Roughy		Australia & New Zealand
Menhaden (aka Pogie, Bunker)		US East Coast
Pollock		Atlantic Ocean <i>only</i>
Redfish		N. Atlantic Ocean & Pacific Ocean
Red Alphonso		NE Atlantic Ocean
Roundnose Grenadier		NE Atlantic Ocean
River herring (alewife, blueback herring)		Maine
Rockfish (Genus <i>Sebastes</i>)	Must be frozen	US West Coast & Canada West Coast
Sablefish		Alaska & Western Canada
Skate		US Northeast Coast
Shad		Maine
Sole		US West Coast
Tuna		North Pacific Ocean
Any species that was legally caught in Maine coastal waters		

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Marine Prohibited		
Species	Region of Origin	Unacceptable Risk
Any salmonid fish species (prohibited pursuant to DMR Chapter 24.23)		
Alphonsino	New Zealand	Exotic pathogens
Bonito	Panama West Coast	Exotic pathogens
Cobia	South Atlantic Ocean, Carribean Sea	Unknown pathogen status
Cod	US West Coast & Canada West Coast	Possibility of exotic agent
Flatfish	Pacific Ocean	Possibility of exotic agent
Hake	US West Coast	Exotic pathogens
Horseshoe Crab	Asia	Possibility of invasives
Pollock	Pacific Ocean	Exotic pathogens
Pacific Sardine (South American Pilchard)	US West Coast & Canada West Coast	Exotic pathogens
Snapper	Panama West Coast	Exotic pathogens
Tilapia	Panama West Coast	Exotic pathogens