

DOUGLAS B

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Q: What months do you fish?

A: The summer months.

Q: Where do you fish?

A: Out around Cranberry Island and in the river.

Q: When does your day begin? When does it end, too?

A: I go to haul at about 5:00, and I get in at about 8:00.

Q: Describe how you set a trap. How much line do you put on it?

A: To set a trap, you push it overboard and put the line out so the buoy can float so you know where it is. How much line do I put on it? I put on about how deep the water is at high tide and about six feet.

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Q: What color is your pot buoy?

A: My pot buoy is yellow and black.

Q: What do you use for bait, and where do you get it?

A: I use herring, and I get it at the wharf.

Q: How many traps do you set?

A: Twenty-five.

Q: How do you feel about getting pinched by a lobster claw?

A: It hurts a little bit, but it doesn't hurt that bad. You've got to be careful not to be bit by them. You have to hold them in the right spot.

Q: What other kinds of sea life do you capture while you're fishing?

A: Porpoises, sometimes you see mackerel jumping, and seals.

Q: Where do you sell your lobsters?

A: I'm not sure where I'm going to sell them.

Q: What do you wear when you go lobstering?

A: Oil pants, a jacket, knee boots, and gloves.

Q: Describe the parts of a lobster trap.

A: The heads, the door, and where you open it there's a bungee cord with a hook on it, and you take that off, and that's how you open it. And the lobsters go through the head, and then they get trapped. And then there's a door that small undersized lobsters can get out of.

Q: Do you ever use toggles.? Explain what they are.

A: Yes, I use toggles to prevent snarls in the rocks.

Q: How do you know where you're going in the fog?

A: You use radar so you can see the other boats and can see the islands, and you don't run right smack into an island.

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Q: What safety equipment do you have on your boat?

A: Life jackets, flare guns, safety suits.

Q: Have you ever fallen overboard?

A: No.

Q: Have you ever gotten seasick?

A: No.

Q: What's the scariest thing that's ever happened to you?

A: The time I got bit by a lobster.

Q: What do you like most about lobstering?

A: I like to get a lot of lobsters; it's fun when you get a lot of lobsters.

Q: What do you like least about it?

A: The smell of bait.

Q: Do you like to eat lobster? How often do you eat it? How do you like it cooked?

A: Yes, I eat it about once every two months in the summer and hardly ever in the winter.