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Q: How long have you been lobstering?

A: I've had a license since I was six, but didn't go by myself until I was nine or ten.

Q: What other family members lobster?

A: My father, grandfather, and my sister.

Q: Who do you go lobstering with?

A: My dad and sister sometimes.

Q: How many times do you go lobstering in a week?

A: Two or three times in a week.

Q: What months do you fish?

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A: The summer months.

Q: Do you have a lobster license?

A: It's only a junior license, but I'm getting an official license next year.

Q: What do you have to do to get a license?

A: You have to send in a application; it takes sometimes three weeks.

Q: Where do you fish?

A: I go to Walkers Beach by myself, but any farther I go with my dad.

Q: How do you know where you can set your traps?

A: I pretty much guess, but sometimes I can tell by the plotter.

Q: When does your day begin?

A: The day begins at about 5 a.m. usually, and I get in at about noontime.

Q: What is your job on the boat?

A: I do everything on the boat because I go by myself. I haul a trap, bait bait bags, and put them on the traps, also take out lobsters and measure and band them.

Q: What color is your pot buoy?

A: They are red and black.

Q: What do you use for bait?

A: I use herring and pogies as top bait.

Q: How many traps do you set?

A: I set 100-150 traps.

Q: What is the normal catch for a day?

A: I catch about 100 pounds a day.

Q: How do you keep from getting pinched by a lobster?

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A: Hold it right and band it.

Q: How do you know what lobsters to catch?

A: I measure them, and their shell size has to be from 3 1/4 inches.

Q: What other kinds of fish get caught in a trap?

A: You usually get stripers, flounder, and eels.

Q: What sea life do you encounter while lobstering?

A: Porpoises, seals, and seagulls.

Q: Where do you sell your lobsters?

A: I sell my lobsters at Hatchet Cove Co-op.

Q: Describe your lobster boat.

A: My boat is an 18-foot Sea Way, and it is named *Crustaceans Nightmare*.

Q: What do you use for a bathroom on the boat?

A: I use a bucket.

Q: What do you wear when you go to haul?

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

Q: What are the parts of a lobster trap?

A: The head, the parlor, and the small hole where a baby lobster can get out.

Q: Do you use a toggle?

A: Yes, I use a toggle once in a while to keep the rope from snagging on the rocks.

Q: How do you know where to go in the fog?

A: I use a radar.

Q: Have you ever lost a trap while lobstering?

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A: Yes, some get caught in the rocks.

Q: What do you like the most about lobstering?

A: The money.

Q: How often do you eat lobster?

A: I eat lobster two times a month.