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2022 Groundfish Seminar Series

**Cheryl Denton and Adam Cook, Dept. of Fish. and Oceans, Canada** Tuesday, December 6th @ 10 am Pacific The Canadian Inshore Lobster Trawl Survey (ILTS) –A lobster focused multi-species trawl survey in the Eastern Gulf of Maine and Bay of Fundy



An annual trawl survey is conducted in Southwestern Nova Scotia and the Bay of Fundy to assess the lobster stocks. The survey is conducted with the NEFSC Center Ecosystem Survey Trawl (NEST), a small mesh trawl with a cod end liner, which ensures the capture of various sizes of lobster. Catch from each tow is separated by species, weighed and counted. Length frequency data is collected on select groundfish and crab species, detailed morphometric data is collected on each lobster. Data resulting from the survey provides a primary indicator of lobster stock status.

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