

Green crab fishery and market development



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If you can't beat 'em, eat 'em



Crab fishers in Venice sell soft-shell green crabs for as much as \$55 USD/lb

Photo: Jonathan Taggart

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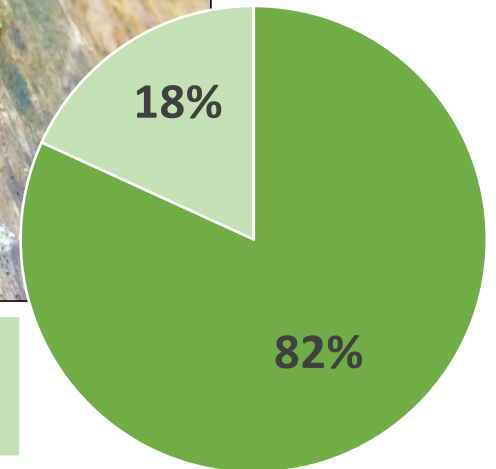
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- Molting occurs May-July (males)



Molt

No molt



- Pilot production:
 - ~100 crabs/week from June-July in 2018/2019
- Sold to local restaurants for \$3/each (~\$25-30/lb)
- Restaurants put on menu for \$9/crab, sold out immediately every time
- Caveat: only ~15% of catch is pre-molt, even at height of season





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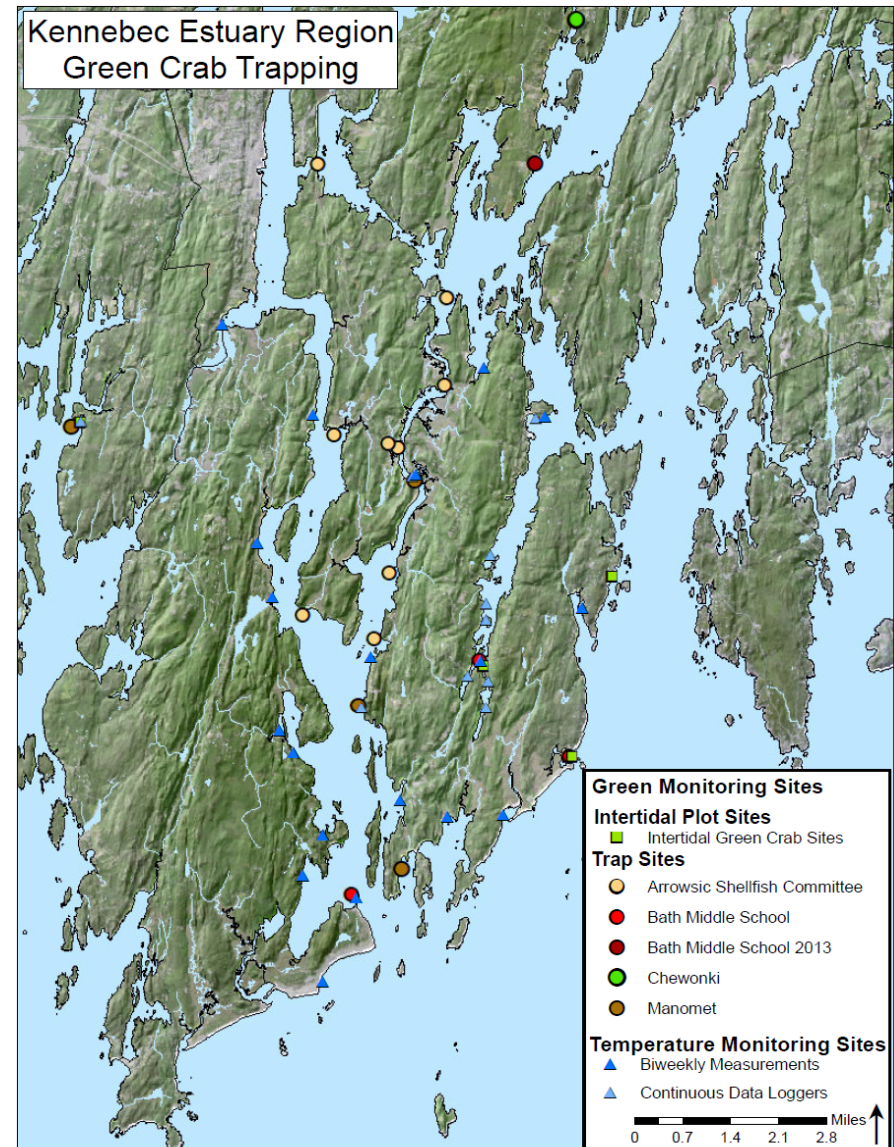


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Monitoring efforts

- Many different organizations collecting data on green crabs, but who is using it?
- Compile all data and create interactive website
- Tool for municipal shellfish programs, students, researchers, etc.
- Start with Kennebec region, but eventually expand?





Soft-shell Training Workshop

- June 20th 9am-12pm
- Back River Boat Yard,
Georgetown

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