



FishAbility – Maine AgrAbility helps a man continue to fish

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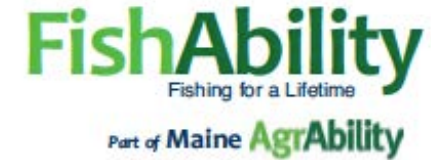
Mission: To help Maine farmers, fishermen and forest workers overcome disabilities, injuries or other barriers so they can continue to work safely and productively.





LogAbility supports forest workers who experience barriers to employment such as aging, injury, or chronic illness.

- 2015 – With this renewal, Maine AgrAbility expanded its scope of service to include individuals involved in fishing and logging.
- Developed FishAbility and LogAbility brochures
- Networked with these communities to both increase our knowledge base and to promote services
 - Producer meetings
 - Maine Fisherman's Forum – the equivalent of an annual Ag Trade Show

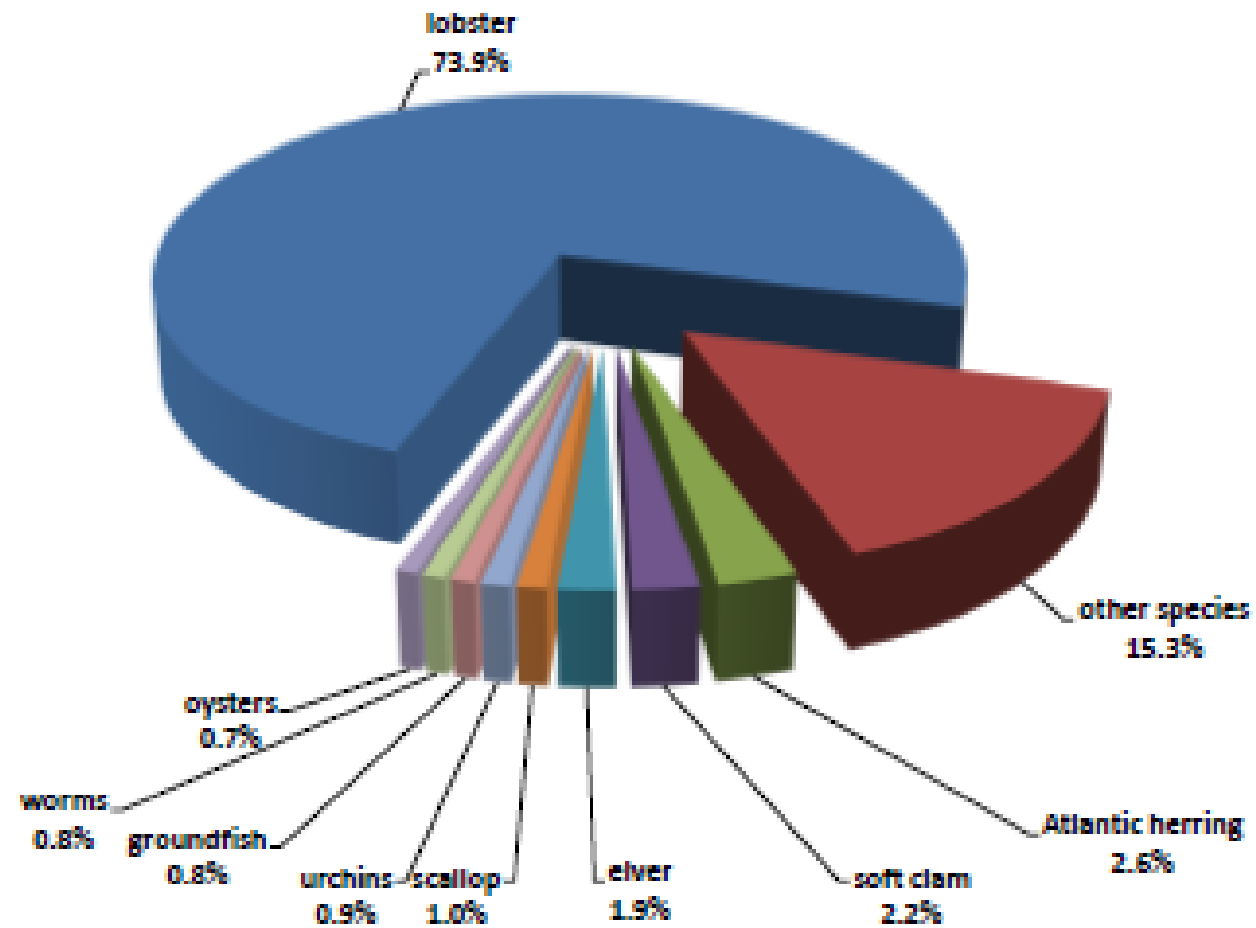


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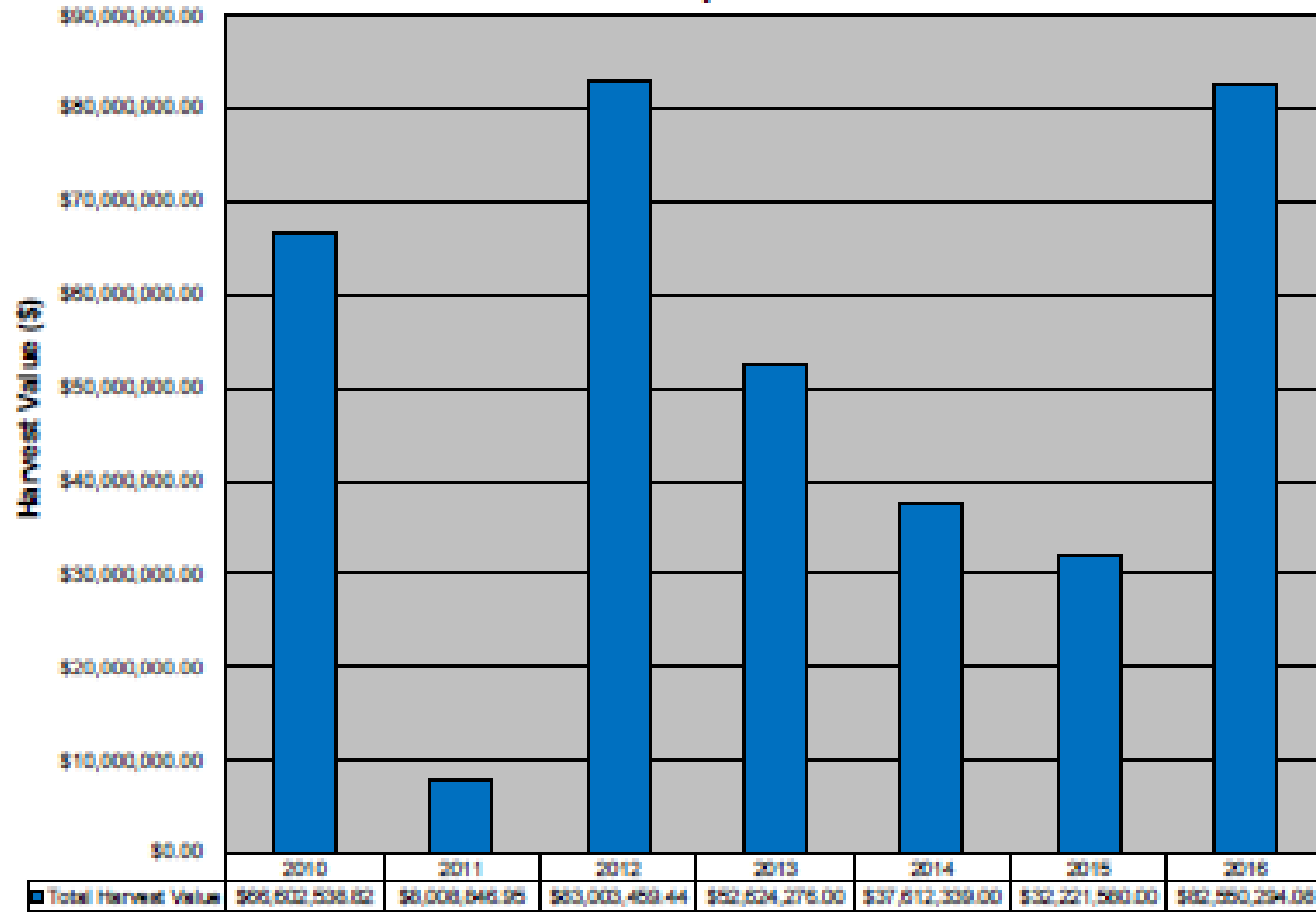
About Maine's Fishing Industry

- The state's 3,478-mile "tidal shoreline" is the fourth-longest in the nation, even beating out expansive states like Texas and California (the latter by just 51 miles)
- Maine has a craggy coastline — abundant with peninsulas, coves, and islands. These islands have year round fishing communities.

Preliminary 2016 Commercial Maine Landings By Ex-vessel Value
Total: \$721,197,482 as of 2/21/17



Total Maine Aquaculture Harvest Value



What kind of physical tasks do you think would be involved in these jobs? Are these similar to those of the farmer?

Bending
Climbing
Twisting
Lifting
Repetition

What physical issues do you think those in the fishing industry may develop?

Arthritis
Hearing Loss
Back Issues











“I forget I am disabled when I am out on the boat. Being a fisherman is who I am.”









Thank you

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