

GOING LOBSTERING AND THE NIGHT BEFORE

The night before we go lobstering we go fishing for macrael to mix with the haring to use for lobster bait. Before we go to the dock we go into grammy's basement and get the fishing poles and our lifejacket's and a bucket we hope we catch a lot of bait. We usually fill a 5 gallon bucket half full.

In the morning, my brother, dad, gramp and I go lobstering. We need to put on our life jackets on and collect all of the other stuff. We need bait bag's, lobster trap's, buoy and rope, glove's, and haring for bait. We need to put all the stuff on the dock so when gramp picks us up it is all ready to go into the boat. Then gramp is coming in slow because he is in the harbor. His boat is white and blue. Gramp comes into the side of the dock. Gramp ties onto the dock while we put the stuff on the boat. Then we go to the no wake buoy after we go past the buoy we get to go fast until we spot our blue and light blue buoys. We slow down so we can hook the first buoy with the gaff and Gramp put's the rope on the lobster holler which pulls up the lobster trap to the side of the boat and we open the trap up and measure the lobster's one at a time with a special lobster measure. If they are to small we throw them back, if they are to big we throw them back, but if they are just right we keep them. We put rubber band's on their claws to protect ourselves so they don't pinch us. If they have eggs on them we put a V on there tail because that tells other fishermen that this is a female lobster and they need to throw it back. If we are going to keep the lobster's then we put them in a crate to take home. Before we put the trap back in the water we put more bait in the trap. The bait is made of dead fish. Gramp closes the trap and drops it back in the water. We look for the next buoy and Gramp goes up to the buoy slowly so he can gaff it and haul it up with the lobster hauler. We do this for all five traps. Sometimes we find fish, crab's, sea snails, and sea cucumbers in our traps. When we are all done for the day we need to head for the dock to drop off our stuff and take Gramp's boat to the mooring. Sometimes Gramp lets me drive the skiff in. I can drive fast until I get close to the dock. Some night's we have lobster for dinner!