

# Monthly summary of Back of Boat Lobster Sales (BoBS)

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

## August - 2025.

### Main summary

This report contains information relating to the landing of western rock lobsters by licensed commercial fishers in the West Coast Rock Lobster Fishery, under the 'Back of Boat Sales' (BoBS) mechanism, which was introduced into the legislation on 12 September 2020. A maximum limit of 100 lobsters per landing was initially applied to the mechanism. To match demand and allow for an expansion in the program the limits changed at the end of November 2021 to allow for 200 lobsters for every month, except for December where they can land 400 lobsters. This limit was further increased to 999 lobster from 1 July 2023.

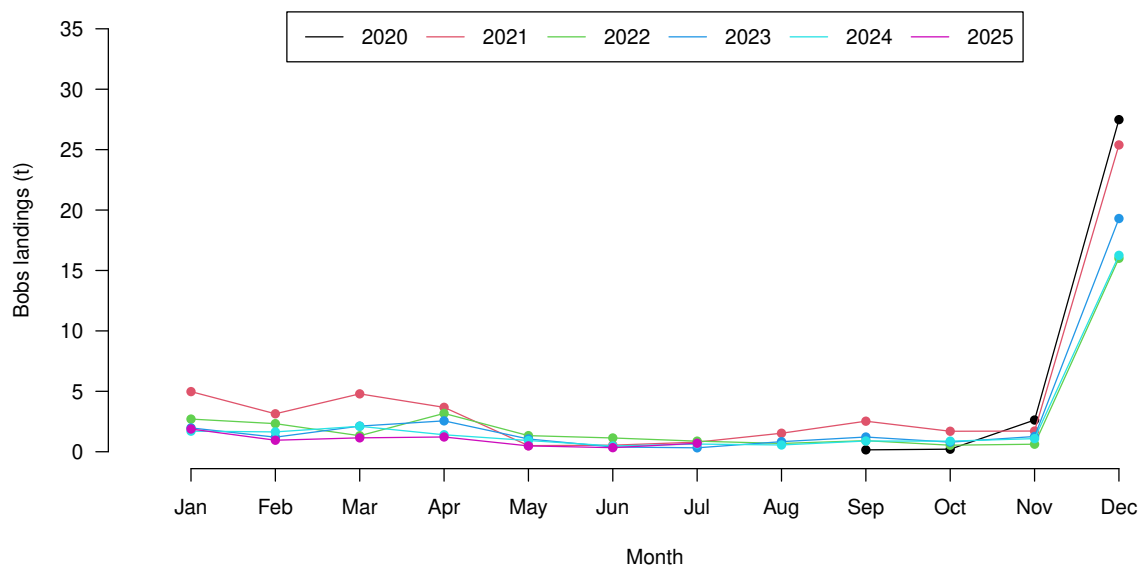
*Disclaimer: This report contains data to the end of July 2025. Please note that the data used has not been formally validated and reporting errors may be present. As a result, this data should be considered as preliminary, and subject to change.*

- Since the program began, a total of 109 different vessels have landed BoBS lobsters at 21 landing areas.
- To date a total of 181,695 kg of lobsters have been landed for BoBS.
- This weight of lobsters was comprised of 303,771 individuals at an average weight of 598.13 gm.
- Currently 0.52% of the commercial catch landed since its inception has been BoBS lobsters.

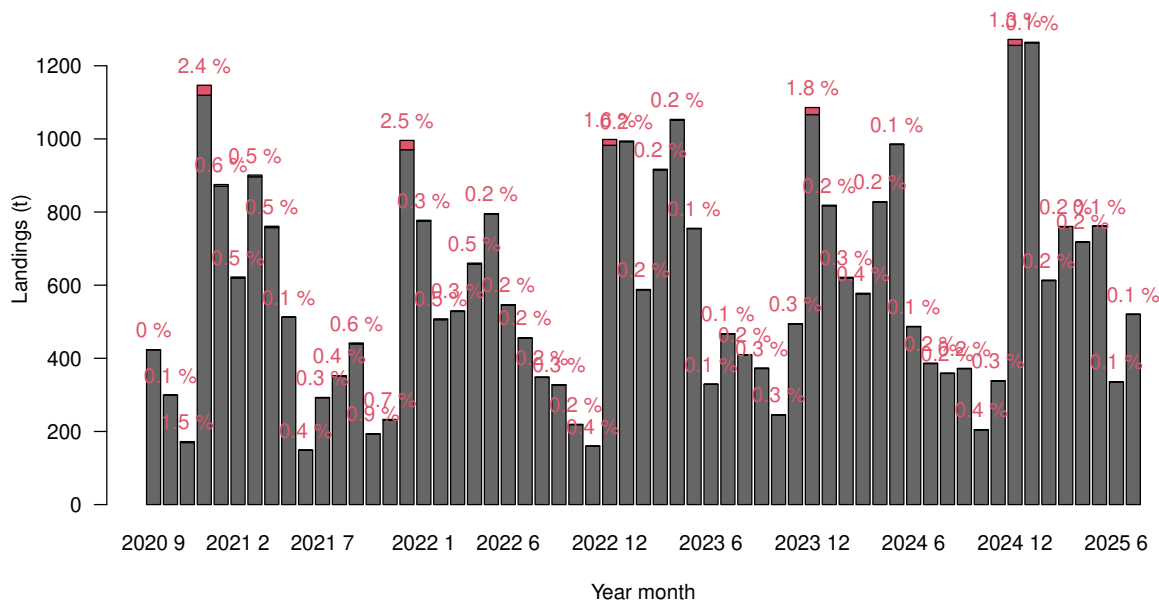
| Year | Month | Weight.kg | Num_Lob | Num_Fisher | Av.Lob.Weight |
|------|-------|-----------|---------|------------|---------------|
| 2020 | 9     | 156.5     | 314     | 7          | 0.498         |
| 2020 | 10    | 211.1     | 403     | 7          | 0.524         |
| 2020 | 11    | 2623.5    | 3864    | 22         | 0.679         |
| 2020 | 12    | 27482.1   | 45496   | 61         | 0.604         |
| 2021 | 1     | 4976.1    | 8123    | 40         | 0.613         |
| 2021 | 2     | 3140      | 4953    | 28         | 0.634         |
| 2021 | 3     | 4789.9    | 8352    | 42         | 0.574         |
| 2021 | 4     | 3673.5    | 6243    | 32         | 0.588         |
| 2021 | 5     | 504.3     | 942     | 21         | 0.535         |
| 2021 | 6     | 541.6     | 1096    | 6          | 0.494         |
| 2021 | 7     | 794.5     | 1406    | 10         | 0.565         |
| 2021 | 8     | 1530.5    | 2774    | 16         | 0.552         |
| 2021 | 9     | 2528      | 4704    | 29         | 0.537         |
| 2021 | 10    | 1694.1    | 2879    | 31         | 0.588         |
| 2021 | 11    | 1712      | 2898    | 25         | 0.591         |
| 2021 | 12    | 25389.6   | 44228   | 43         | 0.574         |
| 2022 | 1     | 2701.9    | 4292    | 26         | 0.63          |
| 2022 | 2     | 2324.5    | 3777    | 24         | 0.615         |
| 2022 | 3     | 1323.8    | 2194    | 20         | 0.603         |
| 2022 | 4     | 3170.8    | 5122    | 28         | 0.619         |
| 2022 | 5     | 1333.1    | 2099    | 18         | 0.635         |
| 2022 | 6     | 1138.4    | 1723    | 14         | 0.661         |

| Year | Month | Weight.kg | Num_Lob | Num_Fisher | Av.Lob.Weight |
|------|-------|-----------|---------|------------|---------------|
| 2022 | 7     | 875.8     | 1459    | 12         | 0.6           |
| 2022 | 8     | 685.1     | 1220    | 15         | 0.562         |
| 2022 | 9     | 915.1     | 1752    | 14         | 0.522         |
| 2022 | 10    | 540.1     | 930     | 16         | 0.581         |
| 2022 | 11    | 622.6     | 871     | 13         | 0.715         |
| 2022 | 12    | 16006.8   | 28815   | 35         | 0.556         |
| 2023 | 1     | 1972.2    | 3068    | 25         | 0.643         |
| 2023 | 2     | 1205.2    | 1917    | 23         | 0.629         |
| 2023 | 3     | 2122      | 3828    | 29         | 0.554         |
| 2023 | 4     | 2555.1    | 4355    | 40         | 0.587         |
| 2023 | 5     | 1055.8    | 1815    | 24         | 0.582         |
| 2023 | 6     | 392.4     | 721     | 11         | 0.544         |
| 2023 | 7     | 324.7     | 652     | 11         | 0.498         |
| 2023 | 8     | 834       | 1491    | 15         | 0.559         |
| 2023 | 9     | 1217.4    | 2398    | 20         | 0.508         |
| 2023 | 10    | 792.6     | 1448    | 21         | 0.547         |
| 2023 | 11    | 1261.5    | 2446    | 22         | 0.516         |
| 2023 | 12    | 19298.9   | 28108   | 40         | 0.687         |
| 2024 | 1     | 1702.5    | 2924    | 19         | 0.582         |
| 2024 | 2     | 1641.6    | 2785    | 25         | 0.589         |
| 2024 | 3     | 2104.7    | 3700    | 28         | 0.569         |
| 2024 | 4     | 1404.2    | 2772    | 22         | 0.507         |
| 2024 | 5     | 928.7     | 1606    | 16         | 0.578         |
| 2024 | 6     | 480.4     | 879     | 13         | 0.547         |
| 2024 | 7     | 635       | 1204    | 12         | 0.527         |
| 2024 | 8     | 559.6     | 1080    | 12         | 0.518         |
| 2024 | 9     | 887.3     | 1720    | 13         | 0.516         |
| 2024 | 10    | 876.7     | 1606    | 14         | 0.546         |
| 2024 | 11    | 1085.5    | 2135    | 21         | 0.508         |
| 2024 | 12    | 16252     | 25398   | 38         | 0.64          |
| 2025 | 1     | 1879.1    | 2941    | 23         | 0.639         |
| 2025 | 2     | 952       | 1546    | 19         | 0.616         |
| 2025 | 3     | 1148.8    | 1740    | 19         | 0.66          |
| 2025 | 4     | 1220.3    | 1774    | 14         | 0.688         |
| 2025 | 5     | 482.7     | 950     | 9          | 0.508         |
| 2025 | 6     | 336.8     | 556     | 9          | 0.606         |
| 2025 | 7     | 700       | 1279    | 13         | 0.547         |

## BoBS landings by year and month

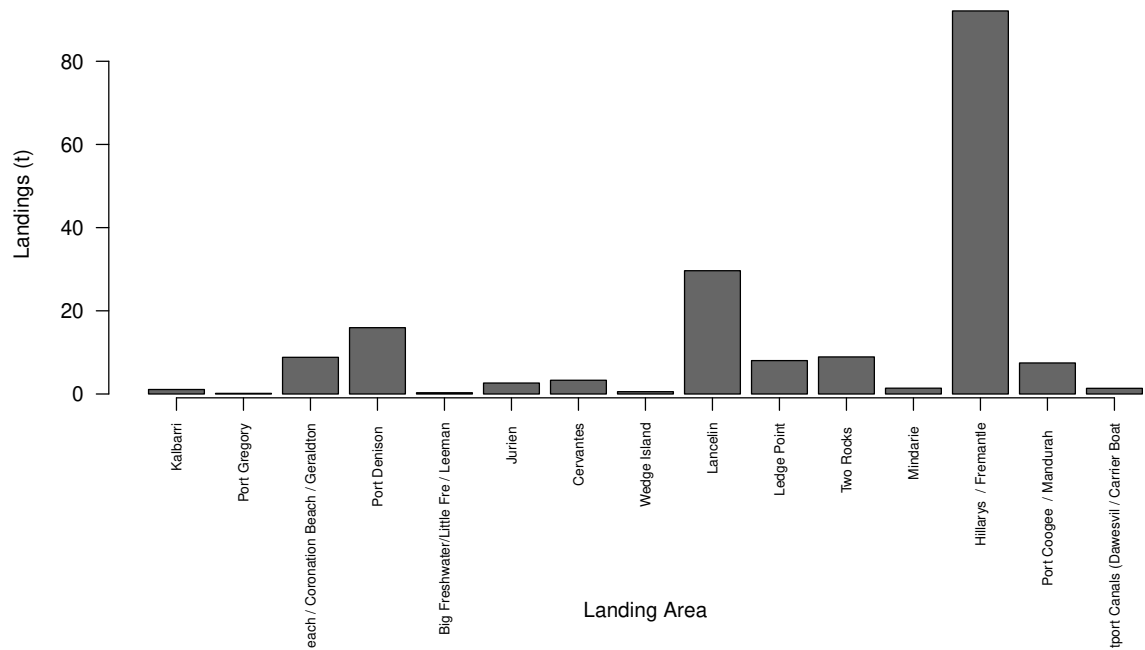


## Proportion of Catch landed as BoBs



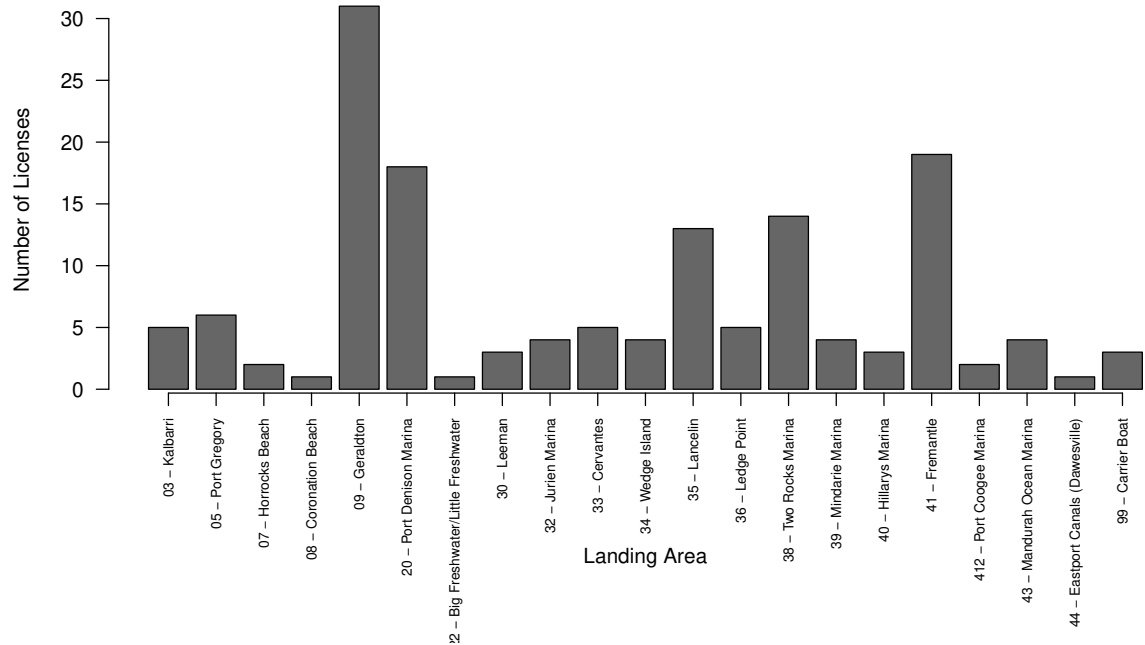
Registered receiver (grey) and BoBS (red) commercial catches by month. Numbers (red) indicate the percentage of catch for that month which was landed as BoBS lobsters.

## Total BoBS Catch landed by Area (all months combined)

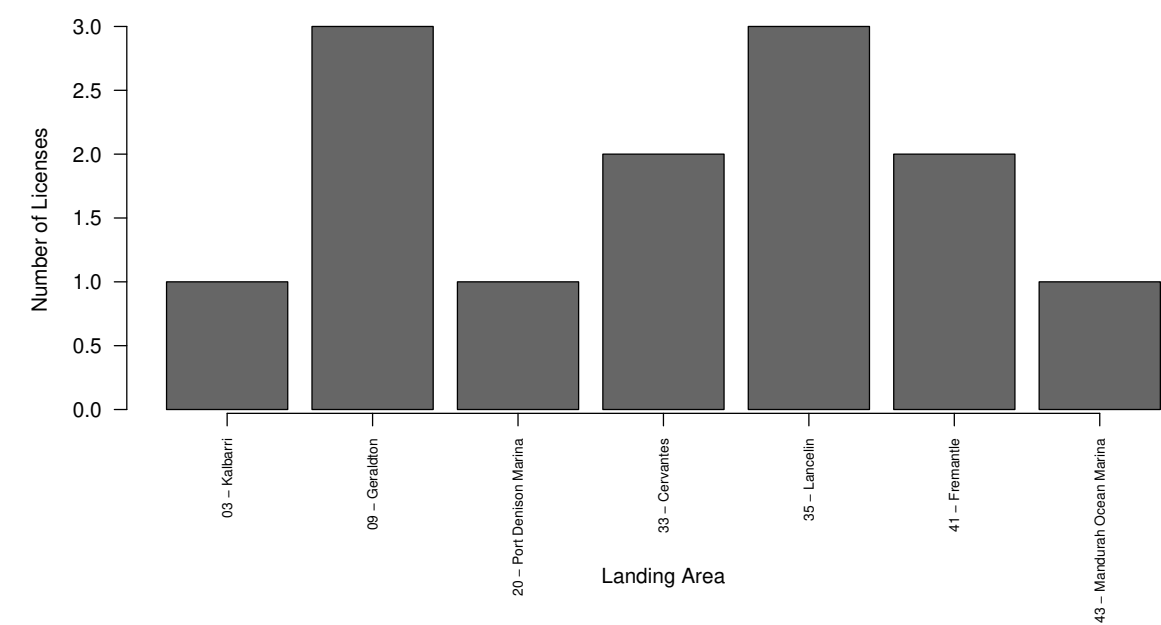


Note when the number of fishers landing catch is < 4 in a Landing Area their statistics have been combined with an adjacent area for confidentiality reasons.

## Number of Vessels landing BoBS lobsters by Area



Number of Vessels landing BoBS lobsters by Area during July 2025



Number of licenses (vessels) landing BoBS by month and year.

