Overview of Stock Status
American Lobster, *Homarus americanus*

**American Lobster Commercial Landings**

**Trends in Landings and Relative Abundance for Lobster in Long Island Sound**
Source: CT DEP (with data from CT DEP and NYSDEC)

**Management Considerations:**
Condition: Overfishing is occurring.

**FMP Stock Rebuilding Goals:**
Restore egg production over overfishing definition, which is defined as when the lobster resource is harvested at a rate that result in egg production on a egg per recruit basis that is less than 10% of the level that is produced from an unfished population.

**FMP Status:**
Amendment 3 (Dec 1997) and Addenda I – IV, established 7 management areas and specific management measures to meet the egg rebuilding schedule by 2008. Addendum IV to be implemented by the states in 2004/2005.

**Primary Management Measures:**
The commercial fishery is primarily controlled through minimum/maximum size limits, trap limits, and v-notching of egg-bearing females.

**NOTE:** From 1985 to 2002, combined landings for Area 2 and Long Island Sound averaged 20% of coastwide landings.