

Green Crab Trapping 2019

On June 22, 2019 the Arrowsic Shellfish Conservation Committee and a few dozen neighbors conducted a survey of green crabs in our rivers. On the morning tide two boats put baited crab traps down in 12 spots around the island. In the afternoon the traps were retrieved, all 799 crabs were counted. 798 were measured, color-graded, and sexed, and then the assembled crew had a potluck dinner and hamburgers near Doubling Point.

This year, more than 90 percent of the crabs caught in the traps off the North and South Squirrel clam flats were female, though females made up just 68 percent of the catch for all sites. The data we gathered went off to the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust.

Photos from 2019 trapping event





