Title	Describe and participate in rock lobster harvesting		
Level	3	Credits	12

Purpose	This unit standard is for people working in a commercial seafood operation.	
	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe and use safe work practices on a rock lobster harvesting vessel; describe handling requirements for captured rock lobster; participate in the baiting and setting of rock lobster pots, the retrieval of rock lobster pots, and the landing of captured rock; and describe and participate in the inspection and repair of rock lobster pots.	

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Available grade	Achieved
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# **Guidance Information**

- 1 All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with:
  - Workplace procedures;
  - Fisheries Act 1996;
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
  - Maritime Transport Act 1994; and any subsequent amendments.

# 2 Definitions

Vessel refers to a vessel that is operating a Maritime Operator Safety System (MOSS) that is recognised by Maritime New Zealand and meets the requirements of the Maritime Transport Operator Certificate and/or Plan.

Workplace procedures refer to the policies and procedures set out in a verbal or written form by the employer or organisation. Procedures must be consistent with current legislative requirements and manufacturer's recommendations or instructions where relevant.

# Outcome and performance criteria

#### **Outcome 1**

Describe and use safe work practices on a rock lobster harvesting vessel.

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#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe the safe work practice required for the operation of the vessel and equipment while rock lobster harvesting.
- 1.2 Describe the procedures to follow in the case of an emergency.
  - Range includes but is not limited to use of marine radio.
- 1.3 Use safe working practices while working on a rock lobster harvesting vessel, including the use of the required protective clothing and safety equipment.

#### Outcome 2

Describe the handling requirements for captured rock lobster.

### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe handling requirements for captured rock lobster in terms of minimising physical damage to both those retained on board as catch and those returned to the water.
- 2.2 Describe handling requirements for captured rock lobster in terms of sex and size determination, and compliance with fisheries law.
- 2.3 Describe handling requirements for harvested rock lobster in terms of the maintenance of product safety and quality.
- 2.4 Describe handling requirements for harvested rock lobster in terms of the operating requirements of the live tank.

#### Outcome 3

Participate in the baiting and setting of rock lobster pots.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Bait rock lobster pots.
- 3.2 Set rock lobster pots safely and consistent with the fishing environment.
- 3.3 Dispose of waste from the process of baiting and setting rock lobster pots.

## **Outcome 4**

Participate in the retrieval of rock lobster pots, and the landing of captured rock lobster.

#### Performance criteria

4.1 Retrieve rock lobster pots retrieved safely and to minimise damage to the vessel and rock lobster.

- 4.2 Handle captured rock lobster to maintain product safety and quality.
- 4.3 Dispose of waste from the retrieved pots.

#### **Outcome 5**

Describe and participate in the inspection and repair of rock lobster pots.

# Performance criteria

5.1 Describe the legal requirements for rock lobster pot dimensions.

Range escape gaps, entrance hole.

- 5.2 Participate in rock lobster pot inspection and repairs to prevent gear failure.
- 5.3 Participate in rock lobster pot repairs safely.

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# Comments on this unit standard

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