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The size of the lobster fishery within selected harbours in the Maritime Provinces of Canada was determined. Sources of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) contamination in each harbour were evaluated by assessing point sources, population, industrial and commercial activity, international and domestic ship traffic, and number of commercial fishing vessels. Harbours were ranked based on these with Sydney the highest potential for PAH contamination, followed by Halifax, Saint John, Pictou, Port Hawkesbury (Ship Harbour), Dalhousie, Liverpool, Shelburne, Lunenburg, Clark's Harbour, Blacks Harbour, Pubnico, Lockeport, and Arichat, in order.

Lobster contamination with PAHs is reviewed. Present data on concentrations of PAHs and other contaminants in harbours and their biota, actual areas fished, and potential problems are reviewed for each harbour.

RÉSUMÉ

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On a déterminé l'ampleur des pêcheries de homard dans certains ports des provinces Maritimes du Canada. On a aussi cherché à cerner les sources de contamination par les hydrocarbures aromatiques polycycliques (HAPs) dans chacun de ces ports, en évaluant les sources ponctuelles de contamination, la population, l'activité industrielle et commerciale, le trafic maritime international et intérieur, et le nombre de bateaux de pêche commerciale. Les ports ont été classés en fonction de ces éléments. Il est apparu que Sydney présentait le plus grand risque de contamination par les HAPs, suivi, dans l'ordre, par Halifax, Saint John, Pictou, Port Hawkesbury (Ship Harbour), Dalhousie, Liverpool, Shelburne, Lunenburg, Clark's Harbour, Blacks Harbour, Pubnico, Lockeport et Arichat.

On étudie ici la contamination du homard par les HAPs, en examinant pour chaque port les données actuelles sur les concentrations de HAPs et autres contaminants dans le port et dans sa biote, les zones où la pêche est pratiquée et les problèmes possibles.

1. INTRODUCTION

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) comprise a suite of contaminants that enter the marine environment through natural, e.g. forest fires, volcanoes, and anthropogenic sources, e.g. industrial activities. PAHs, including carcinogenic compounds, bioaccumulate in the tissues of exposed American lobsters (*Homarus americanus*). High PAH concentrations in lobster tissues necessitated the closure of the lobster fishery in the South Arm of Sydney Harbour, Nova Scotia, in 1982. Elevated PAH concentrations, although well below those recorded in Sydney Harbour, also have been observed in lobsters from Halifax Harbour, Nova Scotia (Uthe et al. 1989; Prouse 1991).

PAH concentrations in lobsters from other harbours in the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island) have not been systematically assessed. Sources of PAHs to selected harbours were estimated to determine if there might be a reason for concern. This was done by evaluating the adjacent industrial and commercial activity, harbour uses, the surrounding population, and PAH point sources. Areas of lobster fishing and the number of permanent lobster holding facilities within each harbour were also determined.

This report details the extent of lobster fishing in each harbour area, possible PAH sources to the harbour, and the harbour's relative rank with respect to the potential for PAH contamination of its lobster fishery.

2. SELECTION OF HARBOURS

This report examines only those harbours in the Maritime Provinces with a surrounding population > 500. Navigational charts (Canadian Hydrographic Service) were used to define each harbour area. Harbours (Figure 1. Note: all Figures are in Appendix 1) selected for study were: (in Nova Scotia) 1. Digby; 2. Yarmouth; 3. Pubnico; 4. Clark's Harbour; 5. Shelburne; 6. Lockeport; 7. Liverpool; 8. Lunenburg; 9. Halifax; 10. Sheet Harbour; 11. Canso; 12. Arichat; 13. Port Hawkesbury (Ship Harbour); 14. Sydney; 15. Pictou; (in New Brunswick) 16. Saint John; 17. Blacks Harbour; 18. North Head, Grand Manan Island; 19. Dalhousie; 20. Bathurst; (in Prince Edward Island), 21. Charlottetown; and 22. Summerside. Belledune Harbour, New Brunswick, was closed to lobster fishing in 1980 due to the presence of cadmium in its lobsters and was not further assessed in this study. All harbours examined are closed for harvesting of bivalve shellfish, e.g. clams and mussels, because of bacteriological contamination.

3. HARBOURS WITH LOBSTER FISHING

Local Fishery Officers determined the magnitude and location of lobster fishing and lobster holding facilities in each harbour. Brief descriptions (see Table 1. Note: all Tables are in Appendix 2) of intraharbour lobster fishing and holdings for each location follow:

Digby Harbour

No lobster fishing is carried out within Digby Harbour. There is moderate fishing outside Digby in Annapolis Basin. No lobster holding facilities are present.

Yarmouth Harbour

There is no lobster fishing in either Yarmouth Harbour or Yarmouth Sound. There is lobster fishing in the approaches to Yarmouth Sound. No lobster holding facilities are present.

Pubnico Harbour

Twenty-four vessels fish up to 4000 traps in outer Pubnico Harbour, but not near any wharves. Lobsters are held near the government wharf in Lower West Pubnico.

Clark's Harbour

About 30 boats fish 625 traps in Clark's Harbour. There are two lobster holding pounds.

Shelburne Harbour

Up to 1300 traps are fished by 11 boats within Shelburne Harbour from the shipyard out to Gunning Cove (ca. 5 km outside Shelburne). Four holding facilities are located in the harbour.

Lockeport Harbour

Three boats fish 150 traps immediately outside the breakwater and several more fish outside the harbour proper. Lobsters are held in two pounds within the harbour.

Liverpool Harbour

A total of 8 vessels fish 600 traps within Liverpool Bay. There are no holding facilities in the harbour.

Lunenburg Harbour

There is no lobster fishing within the inner harbour. Three boats fish ca. 250 traps just inside the harbour limit. There are no lobster holding facilities in this area.

Halifax Harbour

Three fishermen fish approximately 300 traps within the inner harbour while upwards of 65 boats fish up to 7200 traps in the outer harbour. There are four lobster holding facilities located in Halifax Harbour.

Sheet Harbour

Lobster traps are set only at the mouth of Sheet Harbour inlet outside the harbour. There are no lobster holding facilities.

Canso Harbour

There is no lobster fishing within the harbour, only outside. There are no lobster holding facilities.

Arichat Harbour

Four vessels fish 36 traps within the harbour. There is one lobster pound.

Port Hawkesbury (Ship Harbour)

Thirty traps are fished by five fishermen in Ship Harbour, where Port Hawkesbury and Point Tupper are located. There are no lobster holding facilities in this area.

Sydney Harbour

The South Arm is closed to lobster fishing. There is extensive lobster fishing (ca. 4250 traps) by 52 boats elsewhere in Sydney Harbour. There are two lobster holding facilities located in the harbour.

Pictou Harbour

There is limited lobster fishing within the inner harbour (with up to 24 traps set per day). Over 20 boats set several hundred traps on each side of the outer harbour. Five Native fishermen set traps much of the year in three areas of the harbour. There is one holding pound at the Pictou government wharf.

Saint John Harbour

There is no lobster fishing in the inner harbour, where most wharves and commercial/industrial activity are concentrated. Three fishers set up to 900 traps in the outer harbour and there is moderate lobster fishing carried out in the approaches to Saint John Harbour from Partridge Island to Lorneville. Lobster fishing is associated with the "depot", where dredged material from the inner harbour has been dumped for the past thirty years. There are no lobster holding facilities.

Dalhousie Harbour

Three fishermen fish 320 traps in the southwest area of the harbour into Eel Bay. A Native subsistence fishery fishes 50 traps from May to October in the same area. There are no lobster pounds.

North Head Harbour, Grand Manan Island

There is no lobster fishing or holding within the harbour.

Bathurst Harbour

There is no lobster fishing or holding within the harbour.

Blacks Harbour

Five boats fish 75 traps within and immediately outside the harbour. There are no lobster holding facilities within the harbour.

Charlottetown Harbour

There is no lobster fishing or holding facilities within the harbour. Traps are set beyond the harbour outside Blockhouse Point.

Summerside Harbour

Seven fishermen fish traps outside the harbour and occasionally set a maximum of 5 traps at the harbour limit. There is no lobster fishing or holding facilities within the harbour.

Thus, lobster fishing and holding does not occur within several harbours, i.e. Digby, Yarmouth, Sheet Harbour, Canso, North Head, Bathurst, Charlottetown, and Summerside. They will not be considered further. The potential for PAH contamination in the remaining harbours was examined. Of these harbours, Halifax Harbour has the largest annual lobster fishery (ca. \$1,000,000.00), followed in descending order by Sydney Harbour, Clark's Harbour, Pubnico Harbour, Liverpool Harbour, Saint John Harbour, Pictou Harbour, Shelburne Harbour, Lunenburg Harbour, Lockeport Harbour, Dalhousie Harbour, Blacks Harbour, Arichat Harbour, and Port Hawkesbury (Ship Harbour). There are only small catches (< 2500 pounds a year. Note: The commercial lobster fishery in Canada deals in pounds - 0.454 kg) in the last four harbours.

4. DETERMINING THE POTENTIAL FOR PAH CONTAMINATION IN A HARBOUR

Uthe (1979), NRCC (1983), and Lavalin Environnement (1988) described PAH sources to the aquatic environment. Included are: 1. Diffuse sources, e.g. space heating, transportation, petroleum product spills, creosote-treated pilings; 2. Point sources, e.g. emissions from industries that pyrolyse fossil fuels such as petroleum refineries, steel mills; and 3. Secondary sources, e.g. release of PAHs from dumped dredged spoils and other waste dumps.

I used five criteria for evaluating potential PAH input to each harbour: 1. Point sources; 2. Surrounding human population; 3. Industrial and commercial activity; 4. International and domestic ship traffic; and, 5. The number of commercial fishing vessels (CFVs).

4.1. POINT SOURCES

Industrial processes that burn or pyrolyse organic matter can release PAHs. For example, coal coking at Sydney, Nova Scotia, resulted in discharges of coal tar to Sydney Harbour. As a result, high PAH concentrations occur in harbour sediments and lobsters (Matheson et al. 1983).

Currently there is "no single regional inventory for PAH source data" (O'Neill and Kieley 1992). However, potential PAH point sources to harbours in the Maritime Provinces have been identified by various authors and are listed in Table 2 (Uthe 1979; NRCC 1983; Eaton et al. 1984; Eaton et al. 1986; P. Lane and Associates Ltd. 1986; Lavalin Environnement 1988; O'Neill and Kieley 1992; Environment Canada, unpublished information).

4.2. POPULATION

The population surrounding the harbour was used as a criterion for ranking harbours due to the various potential PAH sources associated with human activity, including:

- space heating: combustion of wood and fossil fuels.
- transportation: engine fuel emissions, lubrication products, tire wear.
- open burning: land and grass clearing, municipal refuse.
- municipal effluents: treated and untreated sewage, runoff.

PAHs can enter a harbour through discharges, runoff, and wet and dry deposition, where they become available to aquatic organisms. The amounts of PAHs entering the watershed should relate positively to its surrounding human population. For example, PAH concentrations in mussels and oysters at 234 mussel watch sites in 1990 correlated highly with population in the vicinity of the sample site (O'Connor 1992).

Table 3 gives the population surrounding each harbour (Statistics Canada 1986a & b). The amounts and prior treatment of sewage entering the harbour are included (Anon. 1987). Population was used as index of probable contaminant input.

4.3. INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

Industrial and commercial activity surrounding a harbour should relate positively to PAH input to it, viz:

- space heating.
- industrial effluents (often part of municipal effluents).
- combustion sources, e.g. welding, foundries, industrial boilers.
- power sources, e.g. internal combustion engines.
- point sources (included to give more weight to this factor).

Table 4 summarizes the major commercial and industrial activities, number of manufacturing and processing firms, and total employment with these firms for each harbour. This information was compiled from the directory of manufacturers for each province (New Brunswick Department of Economic Development and Tourism 1992; Nova Scotia Department of Economic Development 1992). Total employment was used as an index for the amount of industrial and commercial activity in each harbour to assess this factor.

4.4. INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC SHIP TRAFFIC

Ships are a source of PAHs to the aquatic environment. The amount and kind of international and domestic shipping, i.e. the number of movements of commercial vessels in and out of each harbour, is recorded by Statistics Canada. This amount was used to indicate PAH input resulting from: 1. The number of wharves and their upkeep; 2. The frequency of oil spills or dumping of petroleum products; 3. The kinds of vessels and frequency, amount, and contaminant potential of products transported; and, 4. The combustion of fossil fuels.

4.4.1. Number of Wharves and Their Upkeep

Harbours require docking facilities. Most are constructed using pressure-treated creosoted wooden piles (personal communication, G. Frampton, Small Craft Harbours, DFO). Such piles are widely used to protect against wood-borers. Creosote, obtained by fractionating coal tar, contains high PAH concentrations (Uthe 1979). PAH contamination of sediment and biota, including lobsters, near creosoted wharves and in holding facilities (constructed with

creosote-treated timbers) has been documented (Eaton and Zitko 1978; Dunn and Fee 1979; McLeese 1983; Uthe et al. 1984). Contamination is greatest from freshly creosoted structures because of loss of surface creosote, particularly during the first year (Gibb 1978). Thus, it is probable that PAHs from this source sporadically increase as a result of pile replacement and other maintenance activities.

4.4.2. Crude Oil and Petroleum Product Spills

Petroleum products and wastes contain PAHs; some contain very high concentrations (Uthe 1979), e.g. used crankcase oil. Release to harbours occurs through accidental spills and intentional dumping, e.g. flushing bilge tanks or dumping used engine oil into sewerage.

The enormous and widespread use of petroleum products presents the greatest risk of spills. Environment Canada (1985) listed 510 spills, representing 1,396,460 litres in the Atlantic region during 1983. The largest spill was fuel #2 (which had the highest PAH content of API reference oils analyzed [Pancirov and Brown 1975]). Greater shipping in harbours could relate to frequency of oil spills or dumping of petroleum wastes. PAHs from such spills are rapidly taken up by marine organisms, e.g. PAHs were present in lobster digestive gland within 10 hours of a diesel oil spill (Williams et al. 1985).

4.4.3. Kinds of Shipping

The amount, type, and frequency of shipping could directly impact PAH input into a harbour, e.g. oil tankers would have a higher risk of spillage. The risk would increase with the amount and frequency of this shipping.

4.4.4. Combustion of Fossil Fuels

Small amounts of PAHs emitted to the atmosphere from combustion of fossil fuels by vessels could eventually enter the harbour.

Table 5 provides the number of vessel movements for international and domestic shipping for each harbour in 1991 (Statistics Canada 1992).

4.5. COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS

Commercial fishing vessels (CFVs) release PAHs, which should relate to the number of CFVs using a harbour. Table 6 lists the number and tonnage of Canadian CFVs as registered by port (DFO Statistics 1992, unpublished data).

5. RANKING THE POTENTIAL INPUTS OF PAHS INTO HARBOURS

The above criteria should relate to the amounts of PAHs entering a harbour. It is difficult to quantify the amount contributed by each individual source, for example, under Point Sources scoring was based only on the number and not the magnitude of each point source. This method has uncertainties and imprecisions that provide limited resolution; final rankings are relative rather than absolute. However they can still be used to examine priorities for attention in harbours in terms of PAH contamination of lobster.

Significant amounts of PAHs can originate from point sources and this criterion was given more weight by including it with industrial and commercial activity. Otherwise, the five criteria were given equal weight. Each criterion was scored (From 1 - 4 to span the range within a criterion.) and harbours ranked by their total score. The higher the score, the more likely that biota from the harbour are contaminated. The scoring was as follows:

1. Point Sources: 1 = no point source; 2 = one point source; 3 = two point sources; and, 4 = three or more point sources.
2. Population: 1 < 2500 inhabitants; 2 = 2500 - 5000; 3 = 5001 - 8000; and, 4 > 8000.
3. Industrial and Commercial Activity: 1 < 250 total employment; 2 = 251-500; 3 = 501-1000; and, 4 > 1000.
4. Ship Traffic: 1 = no registered movements; 2 < 100; 3 = 101-200; and, 4 > 200.
5. Number of Commercial Fishing Vessels (CFVs): 1 < 50 boats; 2 = 50-100; 3 = 101-150; and 4 > 150.

Table 7 gives individual criterion scores and their total for each harbour. Based on total score (in parentheses), harbours ranked, from worst (most likely to yield lobsters contaminated with PAH), Sydney Harbour, N.S., to best, Arichat Harbour, N.S., in descending order:

1. Sydney Harbour (19)
2. Halifax Harbour (18)
3. Saint John Harbour (17)
4. Pictou Harbour (15)
5. Port Hawkesbury (Ship Harbour) (14)
6. Dalhousie Harbour (14)

7. Liverpool Harbour (13)
8. Shelburne Harbour (13)
9. Lunenburg Harbour (11)
10. Clark's Harbour (9)
11. Blacks Harbour (7)
12. Pubnico Harbour (7)
13. Lockeport Harbour (7)
14. Arichat Harbour (6)

6. POSSIBLE PAH CONTAMINATION OF LOBSTERS IN RANKED HARBOURS

Certain harbours in the Maritime Provinces, i.e. Sydney and Halifax Harbours, are known to contain lobsters with elevated PAH concentrations. The present ranking, showing that other harbours, i.e. Saint John, N.B. and Pictou, N.S., scored almost as high, suggests they may contain contaminated lobsters.

Other investigations on contamination in these harbours confirm the ranking. Ocean dumping permit applications are a source of harbour contaminant data. Material dredged from harbours must contain concentrations of controlled substances below regulated limits of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA 1988) for ocean disposal. Due to the need to dredge most harbours, there are data on contaminant concentrations in harbour sediments.

Oil and grease and PAH concentrations in harbour sediments indicate PAH contamination. Levy et al. (1988) examined concentrations of petroleum residues (non-polar aromatic hydrocarbons) in weathered harbour sediments. Harbours with major industrial activity had elevated sedimentary petroleum residues.

Lobsters and other benthic organisms living in contact with PAH-contaminated sediments are exposed to PAHs. Concentrations of nonalkylated PAHs in lipids of Baltic clams (*Macoma balthica*) and clam worms (*Nereis succinea*) were directly related to PAH concentrations in sediments collected from the same locations in Chesapeake Bay (Foster and Wright 1988).

Lobsters and crabs feeding on contaminated benthic invertebrates will themselves be contaminated. For example, diet accounted for most of the experimental cadmium uptake by *Cancer pagurus* (Davies et al. 1981).

Lobster digestive gland (hepatopancreas, tomalley) accumulates PAHs to much higher concentrations than other tissues (Dunn and Fee 1979; Uthe et al. 1984). Uptake can be rapid when lobsters are exposed to a PAH source, e.g. creosote (McLeese and Metcalf 1979). Unlike finned fish, lobsters do not metabolize PAHs, resulting in surprisingly high PAH concentrations in their fatty tissues (Uthe 1991).

Other factors must be considered in determining the extent of PAH contamination of harbour lobsters, i.e. the amount and location of lobster fishing within each harbour, hydrographic conditions, and additional PAH sources. The following is a description of each harbour, accompanied by an assessment of its potential for contaminating its lobster fishery.

6.1. SYDNEY HARBOUR

Sydney, with the highest score, ranks first for potential contamination of lobsters by PAHs. PAH contamination of Sydney Harbour is well documented (Hildebrand 1982; Matheson et al. 1983; Atwell et al. 1984; Kieley et al. 1988; Vandermeulen 1989). Operation of coal-coking facilities since 1899 resulted in high sedimentary PAH concentrations in South Arm. While Sydney Harbour receives PAHs from other sources, these are of minor importance compared to the coking oven discharges. The South Arm was closed to commercial lobster fishing in 1982. The closure line runs from South Bar to Point Edward (Figure 2). Outside the closed area, fifty-two boats fish over 4000 traps and catch ca. 8,000 pounds a day. Preferred fishing areas are the Northwest Arm up to the closure line and north of South Bar. Lobsters are heavily fished immediately outside the mouth of Sydney Harbour.

Elevated PAH concentrations in lobsters from South Arm were identified in 1980. A survey in 1982 confirmed the high PAH concentrations (Sirota et al. 1984). Benzo[a]pyrene concentrations in pooled digestive glands ranged 387-2240 ng·g⁻¹ wet wt. with tail muscle concentrations ranging 8-43 ng·g⁻¹ wet wt. in South Arm lobsters. Concentrations rapidly decreased seawards.

Sirota et al. (1984) concluded that PAH contamination of lobsters in the South Arm was a "stable and long term situation". This was corroborated by later studies (Uthe and Musial 1986; King et al. 1993). King et al. (1993) identified heterocyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (HACs) and other PAH compounds, e.g. the carcinogen benzo[c]phenanthrene, as contaminants in lobster digestive gland in their study of ca. 150 PAH compounds.

6.2. HALIFAX HARBOUR

Halifax Harbour serves the largest population in the Maritime Provinces and ranks second for potential PAH contamination. Numerous industries, including two oil refineries, significant commercial shipping, fishing, and naval activity potentially contribute to the contamination. Many scientific studies provide information on biological and chemical conditions in the harbour (Hargrave and Lawrence 1989). Recent work focused on the large

amount of raw sewage discharged into the harbour, its effects, and ways of dealing with it (Nicholls 1989).

Sediments in Halifax Harbour contain elevated contaminant concentrations. Buckley and Hargrave (1989) sampled 224 stations within the harbour and found sediments associated with "major sewage outfalls and industrial sources" enriched with organic carbon and heavy metals, particularly copper, lead, zinc, and mercury. Total sediment PAH concentrations at seven sites in the harbour ranged 510-25000 ng·g⁻¹ (dry wt.) (Tay et al. 1992). These concentrations were lower than those in a previous survey (Environment Canada, unpublished data). Gearing et al. (1991) examined one core from the Northwest Arm and found PAH concentrations were similar to those measured by Tay et al. (1992) with a subsurface maximum of benzo[a]pyrene of 2600 ng·g⁻¹ at 5-10 cm depth. Histopathological examination of liver from three winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) from the harbour demonstrated hepatic lesions, suggestive of exposure to PAH-contaminated sediment (Tay et al. 1992).

Limited lobster fishing is plied in the inner harbour, near Georges Island and Dartmouth Cove, and in Northwest Arm and Bedford Basin (Figure 3). More intensive fishing occurs outside the inner harbour, mainly on shoals (Ducharme 1989). The value of the harbour lobster fishery exceeds one million dollars annually. The season extends from the last Monday in November until May 31, with most effort occurring during December and April.

Lobsters from the inner harbour (four sites) had benzo[a]pyrene concentrations ranging 29-310 ng·g⁻¹ wet wt. in their digestive glands (Uthe et al. 1989; Prouse 1991).

6.3. SAINT JOHN HARBOUR

Saint John Harbour (Figure 4) is the second largest harbour in the Maritime Provinces for industrial activity and population. The harbour ranks third for potential PAH contamination. Concern over environmental quality and possible effects on fishing in the area have been noted (Hildebrand 1980; Lindsay and McIver 1983). Among the industries emitting a variety of toxic substances are a pulp and paper mill, an oil refinery, ship building and repair facilities, machine shops, two breweries, and an asphalt plant.

Toxic chemical surveys in Atlantic Canada showed Saint John Harbour sediments ranked sixth worst contaminated, after Sydney Harbour, St. John's Harbour, Nfld., St. Croix River Estuary, Port Aux Basques Harbour, Nfld., and Miramichi River Estuary (O'Neill 1988). Sediments near the docking facilities are frequently dredged to allow navigation and the spoils contain up to 1150 mg oil and grease·kg⁻¹ dry wt. (Levy et al. 1988). Other contaminants, including PAHs and heavy metals, have been above or near the concentration of rejection for ocean dumping (Environment Canada, unpublished ocean dumping data). Sediment samples had total PAH concentrations (Σ 18 compounds) in 1990 up to 4.23 mg·kg⁻¹ dry wt., exceeding the ocean dumping guideline concentration set under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act - Part VI (CEPA 1988) of 2.5 mg·kg⁻¹.

A survey of the dump site (where some lobster fishing occurs) showed a limited biomass of benthic organisms compared with two adjacent control sites (Yurick 1982). Heavy metals, PCBs, and PAHs were elevated in sediments collected at the site but were not at concentrations that would limit numbers and diversity of benthic fauna (Yurick 1982). Insufficient biomass was collected in the survey to allow measurement of contaminants.

6.4. PICTOU HARBOUR

Pictou Harbour (Figure 5) ranks fourth for PAH contamination. The area (including East River, Middle River, and West River) has a population of ca. 30,000. The area has much industrial activity and some intraharbour lobster fishing.

There are 55 manufacturing and processing firms employing 3979 persons in the area, which scores fourth highest for industrial activity. Tire, asphalt, chlor-alkali plants, foundries, and the Trenton coal-fired electric power plant are possible sources of PAH. Other contaminants are released from pulp and paper, paint, shipbuilding and repair, and coal mining industries. Wastes from the pulp and paper mill and tire plant are discharged to Boat Harbour to undergo settling and aeration before disposal into the mouth of Pictou Harbour. The Pictou Road-Pictou Harbour area has low flushing capacity, which could result in a buildup of effluent concentration from the Boat Harbour outfall (Krauel 1969).

The lobster fishing season is May 1-June 30. Intensive fishing begins at the mouth of Pictou Harbour (Figure 5): the first area extends outward around Mackenzie Head and eastward along the south shore; the second from Pictou Road north around Logan Point. Three boats set a total of 30 traps ($1-1.5 \text{ pounds trap}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$) during the season in the first area and several hundred are set by 20 boats in the second with a yield of $0.5-2 \text{ pounds trap}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$. Limited fishing is carried out in three areas within the harbour: one boat occasionally sets 6 traps ($0.5-1 \text{ pound trap}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$) near the coal pier off Pictou Landing, one boat sets 6 traps ($0.75-1 \text{ pound trap}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$) for half of the season off the Pictou government wharf, and one boat sets 12 traps ($1 \text{ pound trap}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$) along the causeway for most of the season. Annual total catch within the harbour is estimated at 2000 pounds.

There are two wharves in the harbour where lobsters are landed, Pictou waterfront and Pictou Landing. Thirteen fishing boats use both and landed a value of \$274,000 of lobsters in 1989 (DFO Statistics, unpublished data). Most are lobsters taken from Pictou Road or outside the harbour. For example, Chance Harbour has 13 fishing boats which landed \$317,500 value the same year (DFO Statistics, unpublished data).

Five members of the Pictou Landing Band carry out subsistence fishing with no season. They fish at the harbour mouth and off Pictou Landing. The fishery officer described their total catch as insignificant compared with the commercial catch.

Data from the 1980s (Environment Canada, unpublished ocean dumping data) showed sedimentary concentrations of some contaminants, including cadmium, PCBs, and hydrocarbons, exceeded the ocean dumping guidelines at dredge sites in the channel between Trenton and Abercrombie and near a wharf in Pictou. Measurements of sediment cores from five sites in Pictou Harbour were at or near the detection limit for PAHs, PCBs, and total organic halogens (Painter and Stewart 1992).

Two studies have measured contaminants in biota from the Pictou area. Zenon (1989) found volatile organic compounds, PAH, and pesticides below or near the limits of detection in mussels collected from Pictou town and the causeway. Metal concentrations were also low. Low concentrations of dioxins and furans were detected in clam, mussel, crab, and lobster tissues sampled from Pictou Road and the Boat Harbour outfall (DFO 1989, cited in Painter and Stewart 1992).

Since 1989, Environment Canada has coordinated an environmental study to address public concerns about pollution in Pictou Harbour and adjacent sections of the Northumberland Strait. The final report (Anon. 1992) identified gaps in the assessment of environmental quality. The Report recommends ongoing study of contaminants in commercial fish and shellfish from the Pictou Harbour area.

6.5. PORT HAWKESBURY (SHIP HARBOUR)

Port Hawkesbury, along with Point Tupper, is located on Ship Harbour (Figure 6) and is an industrial and shipping centre for the Strait of Canso area and ranks fifth for PAH contamination. A pulp and paper mill, a coal-fired electric power plant, oil storage facilities, and an oil refinery (now closed) are located in the area. In 1993, the refinery at Point Tupper became a terminal for supertankers, with facilities to store, blend, and transfer crude and refined oils to smaller vessels.

Dredge spoils from Port Hawkesbury contained $4160 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ oil and grease in one sample (OceanChem 1985). Levy et al. (1988) reported concentrations of petroleum residues in sediments collected from the Port Hawkesbury and Point Tupper area ranged up to $247.0 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$. Total PAH concentrations outside Ship Harbour, in Strait of Canso sediments in 1987 ranged $0.039\text{--}2.94 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ dry weight, which were considered low (O'Neill and Kieley 1992).

Major industries are situated on the Strait of Canso, not in the actual harbour. Lobster fishing in Ship Harbour yields only 750 pounds annually from a few scattered pots, away from major contaminant sources. The likelihood of these lobsters being contaminated with PAHs is low. However, lobsters caught near industrial sites, e.g. the pulp and paper mill and ocean terminal, warrant study.

6.6. DALHOUSIE HARBOUR

Dalhousie Harbour (Figure 7) also ranks fifth (with Port Hawkesbury) for PAH contamination. A number of industrial activities, including a pulp and paper mill, an electric power plant, a chlor-alkali plant, and ore-loading facilities, are centred at this port.

Concern over contaminant inputs and concentrations around Dalhousie have been documented. Effluent from the chlor-alkali plant had elevated mercury concentrations in the past (Hildebrand 1984). High emissions of sulphur (SO_2) and heavy metals from the coal- and oil-fired electric power plant station on Eel Bay (Figure 7) have been reported (Hildebrand 1984).

Heavy metals and organics were measured in lobster collected from Eel Bay (Matheson and Bradshaw 1985). Lead and mercury concentrations in muscle homogenate (tail and claw) were elevated compared with lobster sampled from other areas in the Bay, but well below concentrations of concern. These concentrations probably resulted from industrial activities in the Dalhousie area. PCB content was near background. PAHs were not measured. The study concluded that contaminants in Chaleur Bay, including Eel Bay, were not at problematic concentrations.

Levy et al. (1988) reported petroleum residues in sediment were $5\text{--}28 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$, above the $10 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ limit for ocean dumping. The harbour is frequently dredged to accommodate shipping.

Lobster fishing in Dalhousie Harbour is minimal and confined to Eel Bay, near the electric power plant.

6.7. LIVERPOOL HARBOUR

Liverpool Harbour (Figure 8) ranks sixth (with Shelburne) for possible PAH contamination. Its major industries are a pulp and paper mill at Brooklyn, which discharges its effluent into Liverpool Bay, a fish processing plant, and a machine and metal shop.

Sediments near wharves in Liverpool and Brooklyn contained $0.4\text{--}11.8 \text{ mg}$ total PAH $\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ dry wt. (OceanChem 1985; Environment Canada, unpublished ocean dumping data). Oil and grease and cadmium concentrations were also elevated. There is lobster fishing only in outer Liverpool Bay, away from this dockage.

6.8. SHELburne HARBOUR

Industries involved with fishing are important to Shelburne Harbour (Figure 9), which ranks sixth (with Liverpool) for PAH contamination. The harbour supports 197 fishing vessels and commercial shipping is moderate with 110 vessel movements registered in 1992.

Annual lobster catch within Shelburne Harbour (out to Gunning Cove) is ca. 14000 pounds. Gunning Cove has a lobster pound. Cadmium concentrations in sediment near the public wharf in Gunning Cove exceed the ocean dumping regulatory limit and oil and grease concentrations, indicative of PAH, ranged up to $2875 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$, well above the $10 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ limit for ocean dumping (OceanChem 1985). Lobsters from Gunning Cove warrent study. Contaminant concentrations are not available for other areas of the harbour.

6.9. LUNENBURG HARBOUR

Lunenburg Harbour (Figure 10) has activities based on fishing, fish products, and ship building and repair. There is some commercial shipping and 88 CFVs use the harbour. Lunenburg Harbour ranks seventh for PAH contamination.

Sediments off wharves in the inner harbour often contained elevated contaminant concentrations. Mercury in sediments collected near the Fishermens Wharf in 1988 was near the allowable limit of $0.75 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ and lead and zinc were 2-3 times background concentrations (Environment Canada, unpublished ocean dumping data). Sediments sampled the same year from another site near wharves had cadmium concentrations above the allowable dumping limit and high concentrations of oil and grease, zinc, lead, and copper. Petroleum residue concentrations ranged $1.4\text{-}72.7 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ for inner and outer harbour (Levy et al. 1988).

There is no lobster fishing in the inner harbour. Several fishermen set traps in the outer harbour, at the harbour limit; three boats set $75\text{-}250 \text{ traps} \cdot \text{day}^{-1}$ in this area and catch ca. $1.5 \text{ pounds} \cdot \text{trap}^{-1} \cdot \text{day}^{-1}$. This is adjacent to a dredged channel and within 1500 m of highly contaminated sediment sampled off the wharves in the inner harbour.

6.10. CLARK'S HARBOUR

The economy of Clark's Harbour (Figure 11) is based on fishing and fish processing and the harbour ranks eighth for potential PAH contamination.

Clark's Harbour was identified as a "problem" harbour in a compilation of data concerning dredging and ocean disposal of dredged material (OceanChem 1985). Cadmium concentrations in sediment near the government wharf exceeded the allowable limit of $0.6 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ for ocean dumping. The source for cadmium could not be attributed to any harbour activity. PCBs were also elevated ($>0.2 \mu\text{g} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$). The source for PCBs has been attributed to fish processing plants in the harbour. High PCB concentrations (up to $75 \mu\text{g} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$ dry wt.) were found in sediment near the outfall of a herring plant (Wiltshire 1978).

Ship traffic and harbour activity can explain the elevated concentrations of PAHs and petroleum residues that have been documented in harbour sediments. Total PAHs in harbour sediments ranged $0.3\text{-}6.6 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ dry wt., above the screening concentration of $2.5 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ dry wt. for ocean dumping (OceanChem 1985). Oil and grease have also exceeded the $10 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$

limit for ocean dumping (Environment Canada, unpublished ocean dumping data). Wharves used by the fishing vessels are constructed of creosoted piles and cribwork and have an estimated area of 3200 m² (personal communication, L. Avery, Small Craft Harbours, DFO). Therefore, although Clark's Harbour ranks low for possible PAH contamination, the evidence suggests that a limited contamination problem might be present.

6.11. BLACKS HARBOUR

Blacks Harbour is a fishing port on the Bay of Fundy (Figure 12). A fish meal plant releases effluent, which has caused severe oxygen depletion within the harbour (Wildish and Zitko 1991). This effluent is diluted by strong tidal currents at the mouth of the harbour and any contaminants dispersed. Lobster fishing in this area, at 2000 pounds a season, is minimal. Blacks Harbour has a low ranking (ninth with Pubnico and Lockeport Harbours) for PAH contamination. This and the small annual catch suggest low potential for PAH contamination in lobsters.

6.12. PUBNICO HARBOUR

Fishing is the primary activity in the Pubnico Harbour area, e.g. Lower West Pubnico (Figure 13) has four fish processing plants employing 205 persons and is the home port for 141 CFVs. Pubnico Harbour ranks ninth for potential PAH contamination. Only data for Lower West Pubnico was used in this assessment.

Levy et al. (1988) found elevated sedimentary concentrations of petroleum residues ranging 2.6-219.0 mg·kg⁻¹ near Lower West Pubnico. Sediments from near fish plants on the east side of Pubnico Harbour, at Middle East Pubnico and Lower East Pubnico, had elevated PCB concentrations, possibly as the result of leakage from vessels or plant equipment (Wiltshire 1978).

Lobsters are fished away from the communities in Pubnico Harbour and there should be a minimal problem with PAH contamination.

6.13. LOCKEPORT HARBOUR

Lockeport (Figure 14) is a small fishing port, population 1200, ranking ninth, along with Blacks Harbour and Pubnico Harbour, for PAH contamination. A fish processing plant employs 92 people, but there are no industries which discharge PAHs into the harbour. However, 120 fishing boats require docking in Lockeport Harbour. The inner harbour is formed by north and south rock mound breakwaters surrounding creosoted piling wharves. These docking facilities have an estimated area of 2800 m² (personal communication, L. Avery, Small Craft Harbours, DFO).

Levels of petroleum residues ranged 1.4-73.5 mg·g⁻¹ in sediments from within and outside the breakwater of the inner harbour (Levy et al. 1988). In a review of ocean dumping

data, Lockeport was cited as a harbour with a potential contaminant problem: cadmium concentrations in sediments ranged $0.42\text{--}0.93\text{ mg}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$, frequently exceeding the ODCA limit of $0.6\text{ mg}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ (OceanChem Ltd. 1985). PAH concentrations in sediment or biota have not been measured.

Three fishermen set a total of 150 traps just outside the rock breakwaters and catch 3000 pounds a season. Lobsters at this site could be exposed to PAHs from the docking facilities. However, creosoted wood has not recently been used for major wharf repair or replacement in the inner harbour (personal communication, F. Hills, Small Craft Harbours, DFO). Therefore, Lockeport Harbour ranks low for PAH contamination.

6.14. ARICHAT

A single fish processing plant (employing 200 persons), low population (900), and limited shipping and fishing activity, gives Arichat (Figure 15) the lowest ranking. Four fishermen scatter a few traps within the harbour and catches are described as poor to fair; fishing effort is concentrated outside the harbour and the area closed to shellfish harvesting.

The small number of lobsters taken from this harbour should have minimal likelihood of PAH contamination.

7. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

The extent of the PAH problem for the two highest ranking harbours, Sydney and Halifax, has been documented by measuring PAH concentrations in sediments and lobsters. PAH concentrations in lobsters from Halifax Harbour are lower than concentrations found in Sydney Harbour animals. Studies of the next highest ranked harbours, Saint John and Pictou Harbours, should receive priority in the future. The rest, especially Blacks Harbour, Pubnico Harbour, Lockeport Harbour, and Arichat Harbour, rank low for PAH contamination and any PAH problem in lobsters should be minimal.

The use of creosoted wood in docking and other portside facilities has been problematic. In recent years creosote in pressure-treated lumber has been replaced by other agents. Chromated copper arsenate-treated (Wolmanized) timber is used because it is easy to handle and does not stain the sides of boats. There are indications that copper, chromium, and arsenic leach from Wolmanized timber, especially newly treated wood, in seawater and accumulate in sediments (Weis et al. 1993). These metals might pose another contaminant problem. Wharf construction with concrete is an alternative, but is expensive.

A high ranking for PAH contamination in a harbour also implies the presence of other toxic contaminants, e.g. trace metals and organics. Ocean dumping data from major harbours show, along with elevated PAH concentrations, elevated concentrations of heavy metals such as cadmium and mercury (Environment Canada, unpublished ocean dumping data). Sediments

from Sydney Harbour have high cadmium, mercury, lead, zinc, and PAH concentrations, resulting from steel and coking operations (Vandermeulen 1989). High concentrations of metals and hydrocarbons have been measured in sediments throughout Halifax Harbour (Buckley and Hargrave 1989) with concentrations increasing over time. Concentrations in Halifax Harbour are among the highest reported for similar marine coastal areas (Gearing et al. 1991). These contaminants could bioaccumulate in biota, e.g. PCBs and Cu concentrations exceeded background levels in the digestive glands of lobsters from Halifax Harbour (Uthe et al. 1989; Prouse 1991).

Other contaminants can affect the lobster fisheries in harbours. Operation of a lead smelter at Belledune Harbour on Chaleur Bay resulted in high cadmium concentrations in lobsters and forced the closure of this fishery in the harbour in 1980 (Uthe and Chou 1985). The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts Department of Public Health 1988) has issued a health advisory to avoid eating lobsters and other fishery products from Boston Harbour because of chemical and microbiological contamination. The advisory also cautioned against consuming digestive gland of lobsters from any location due to its high contaminant concentrations.

As long as lobsters are commercially fished in areas of known contamination, it is necessary to ensure that no significant contamination problems are present. Studies should focus on: 1. Classical contaminants in lobsters taken from suspect areas that have not been previously studied; and, 2. Hitherto unidentified contaminants in lobsters taken from seriously contaminated areas, such as Sydney and Halifax Harbours, both the sites of substantial lobster fisheries.

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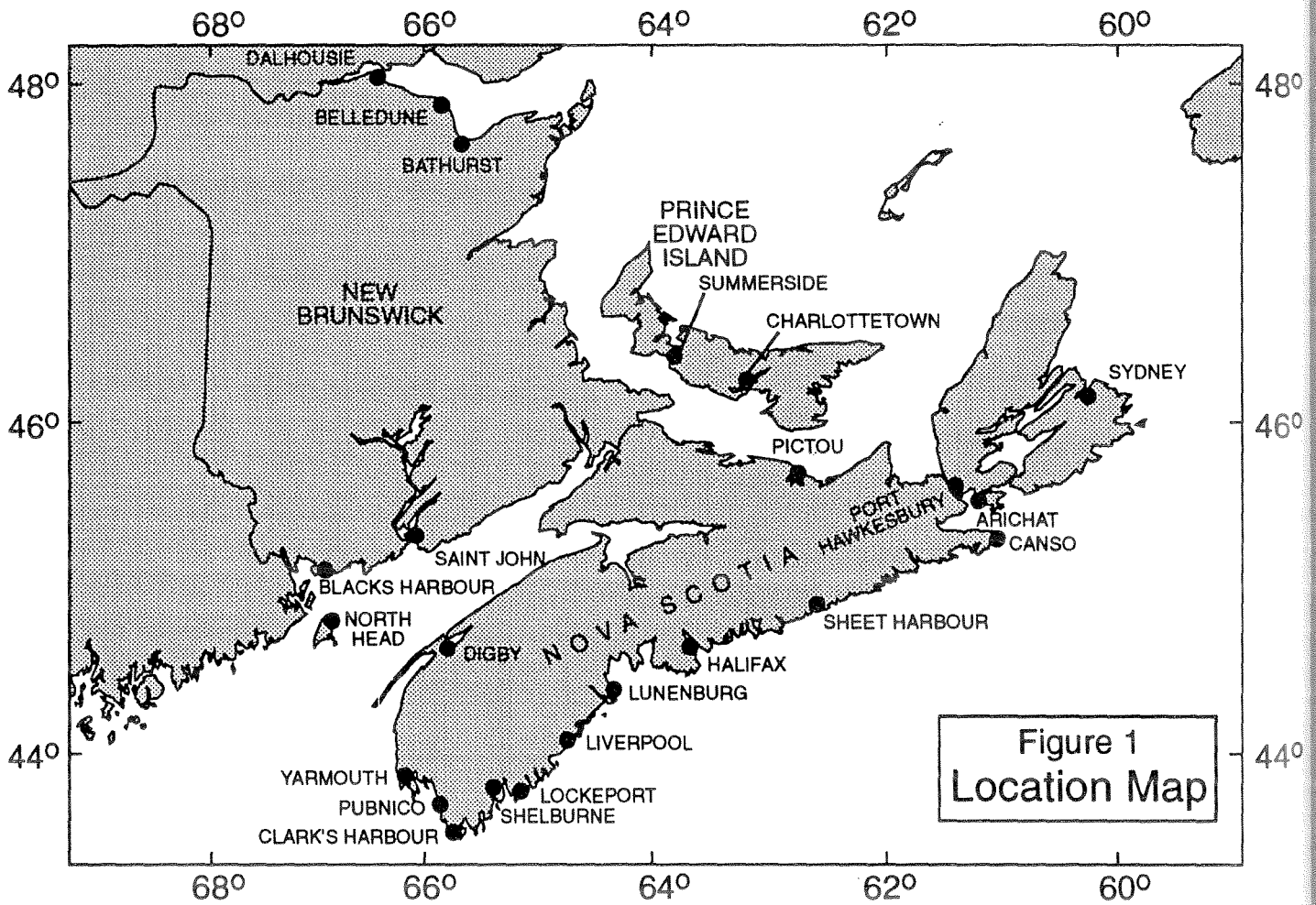
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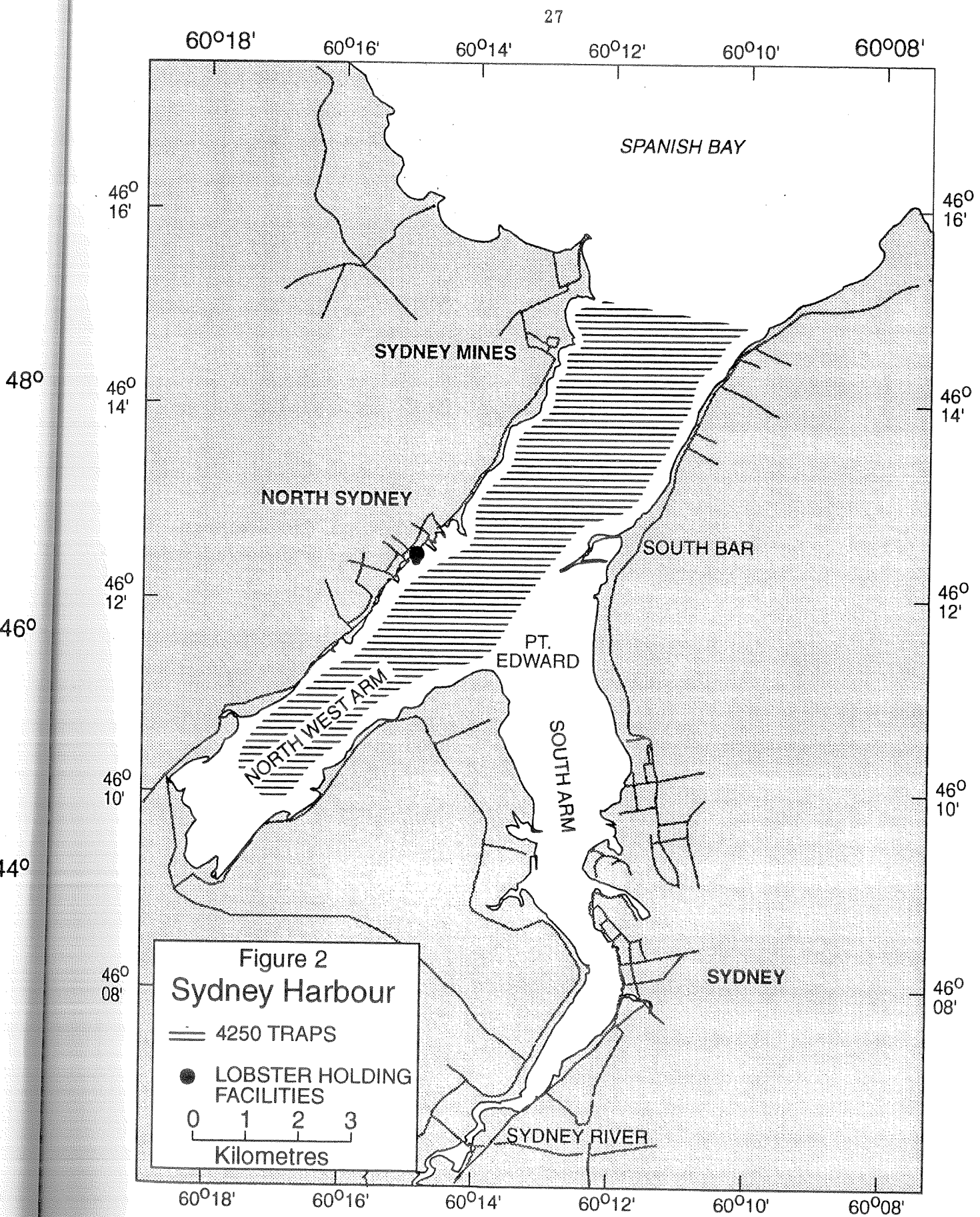
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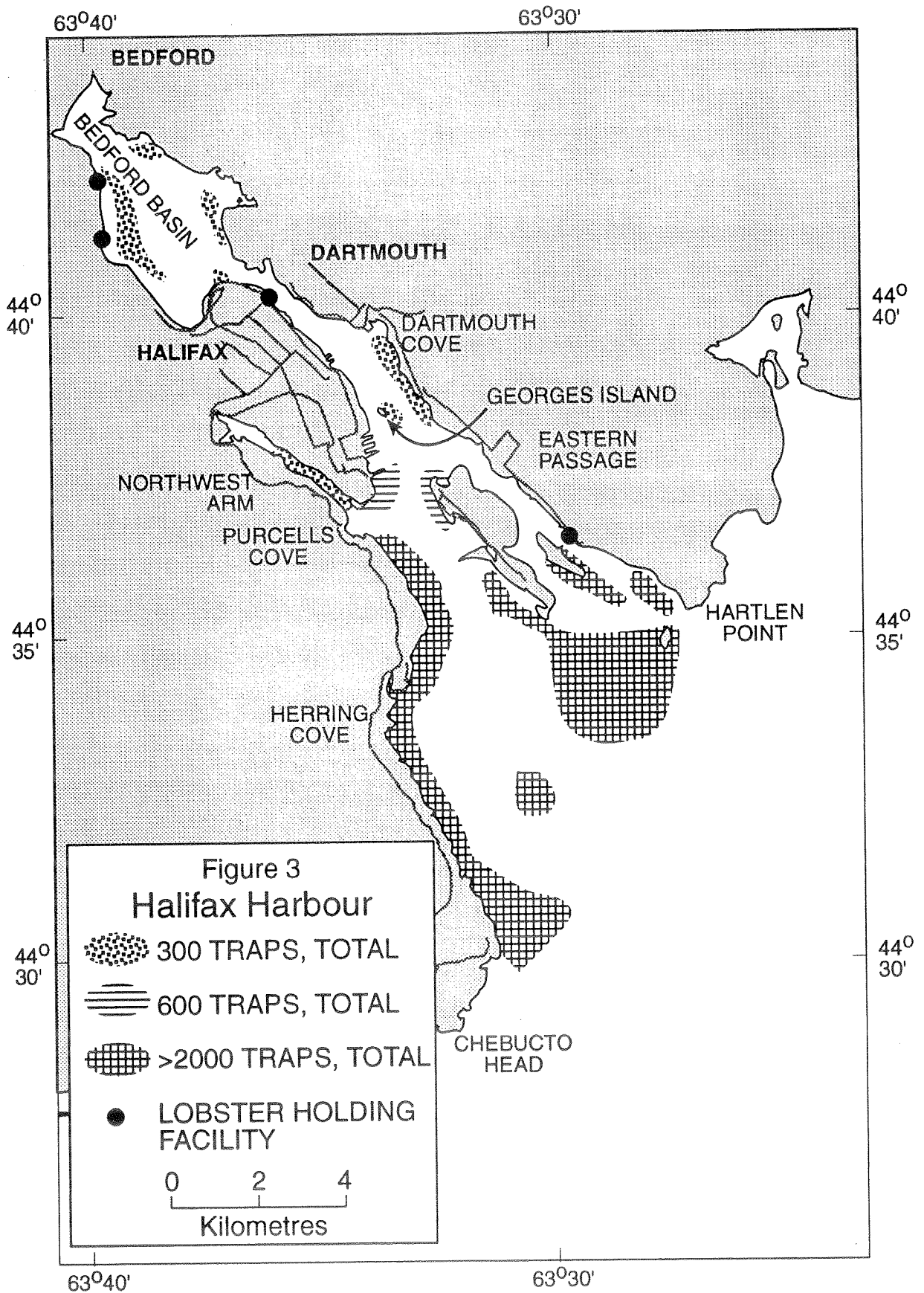
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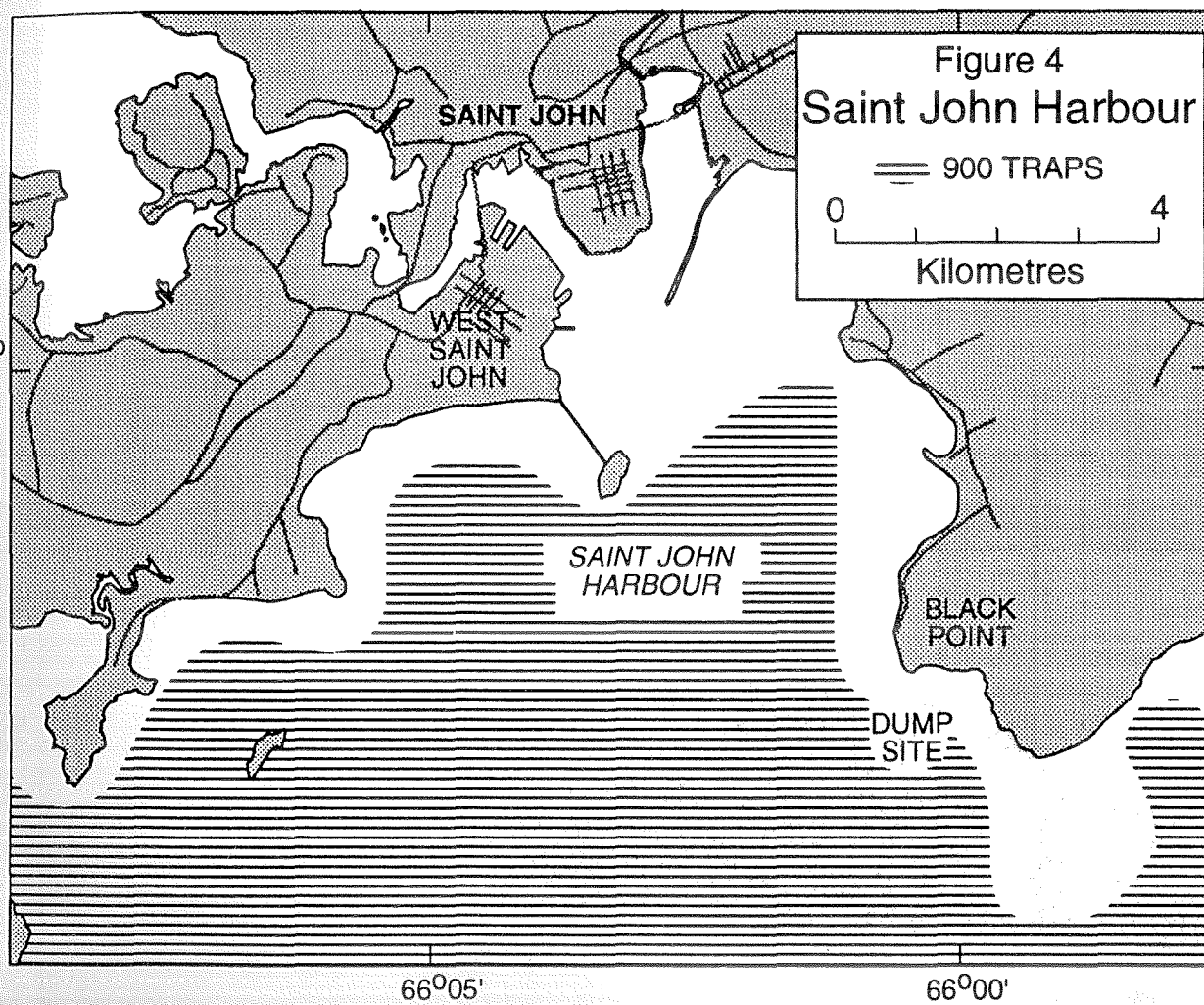


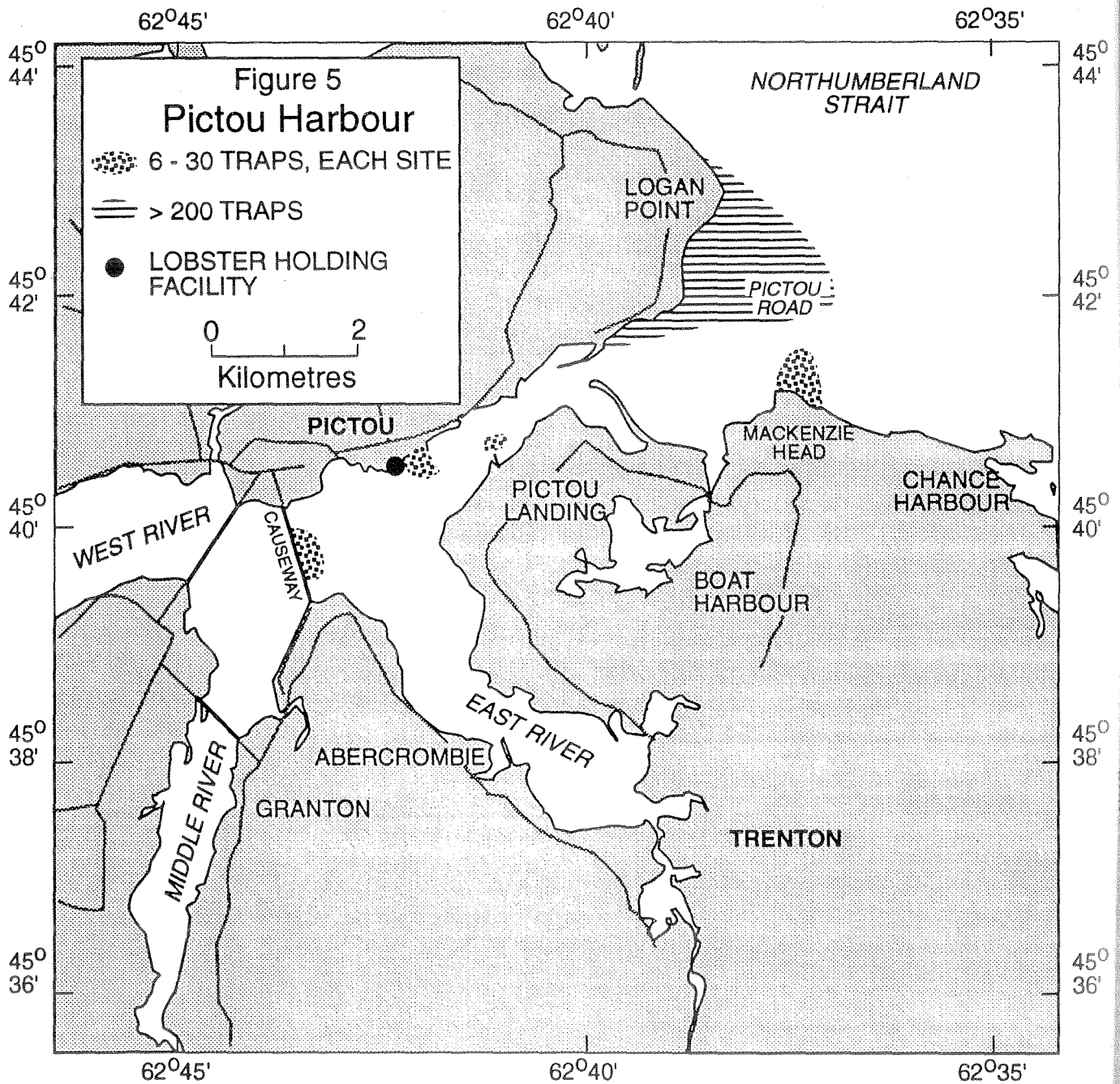


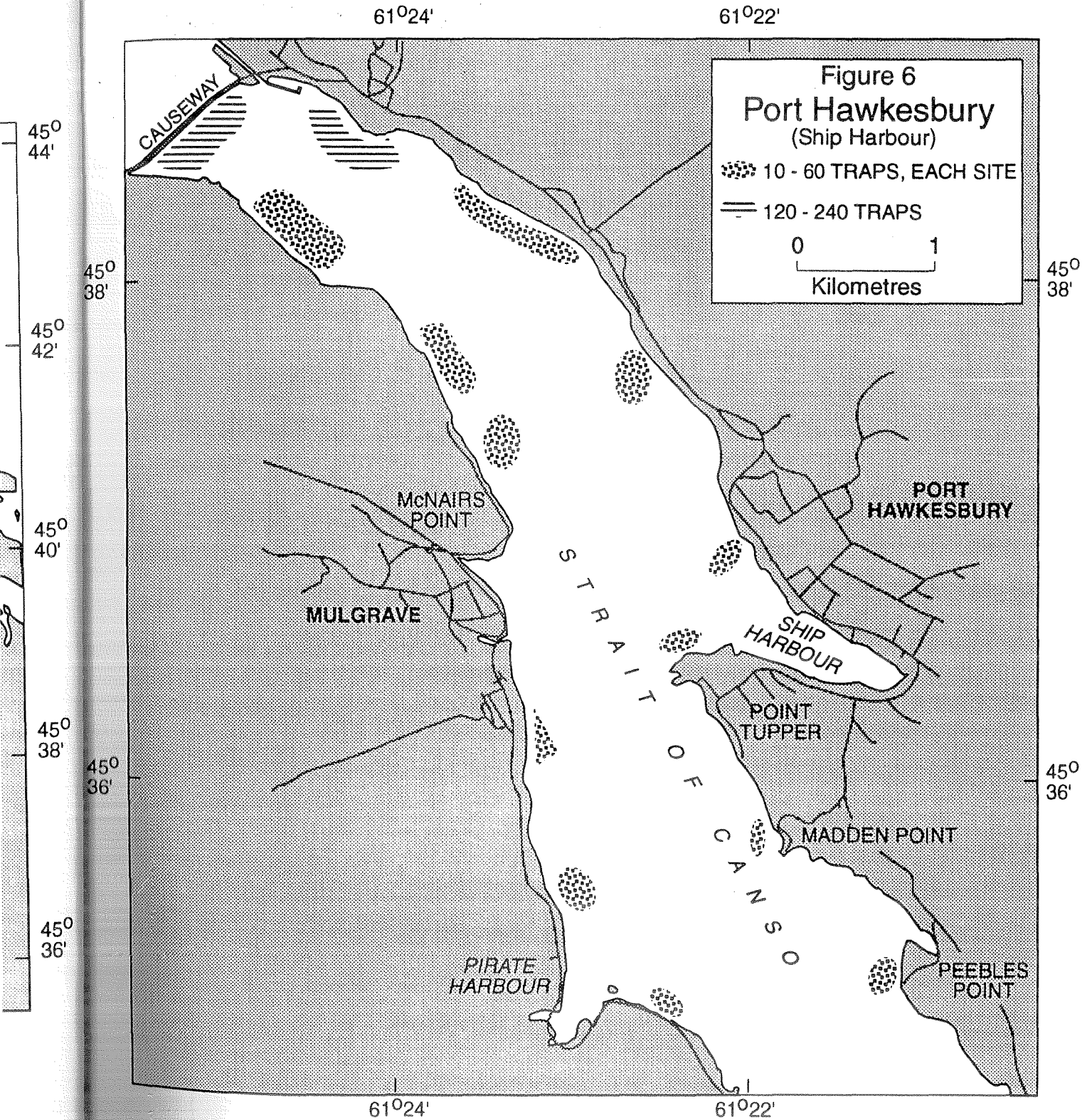
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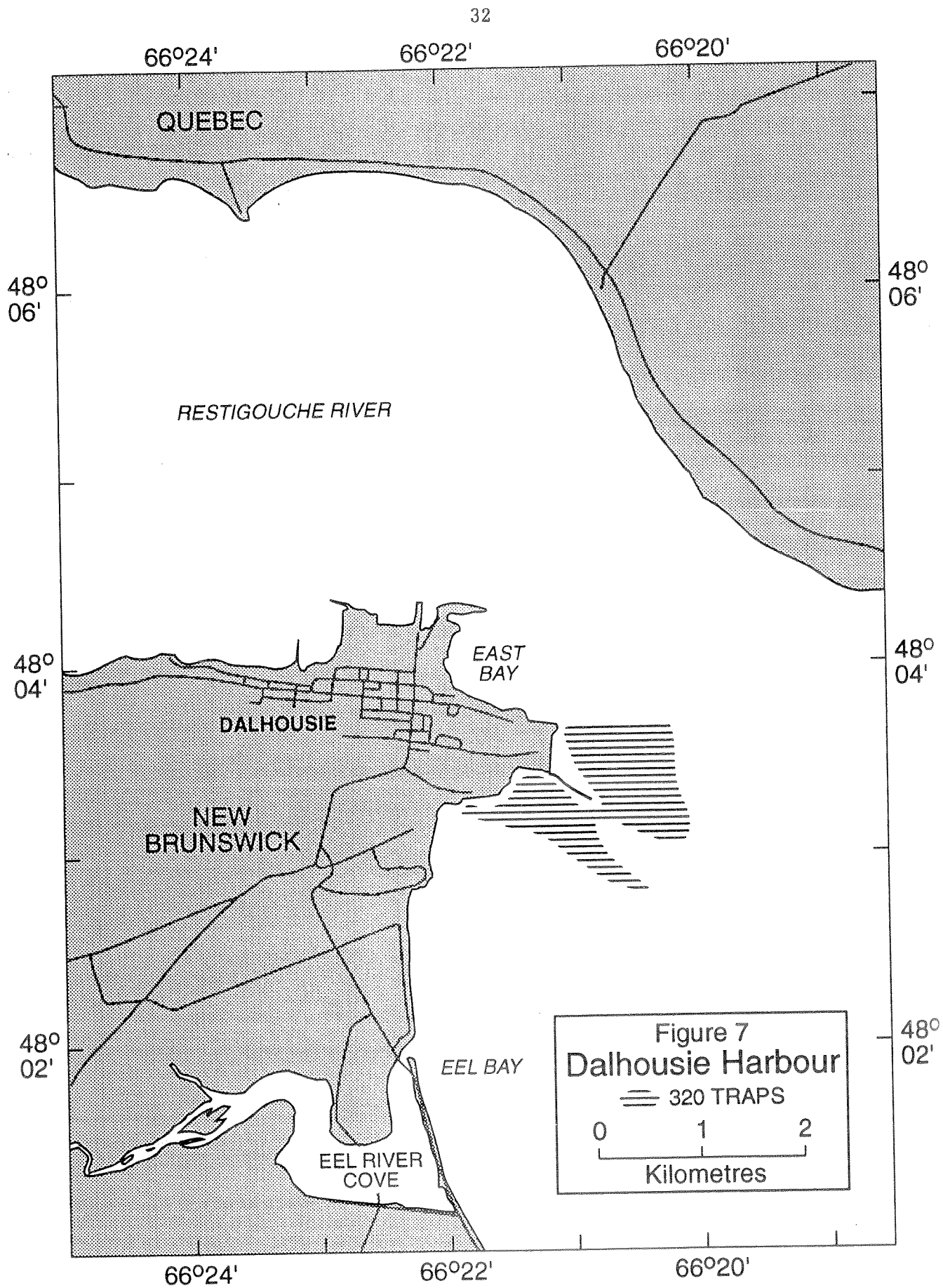
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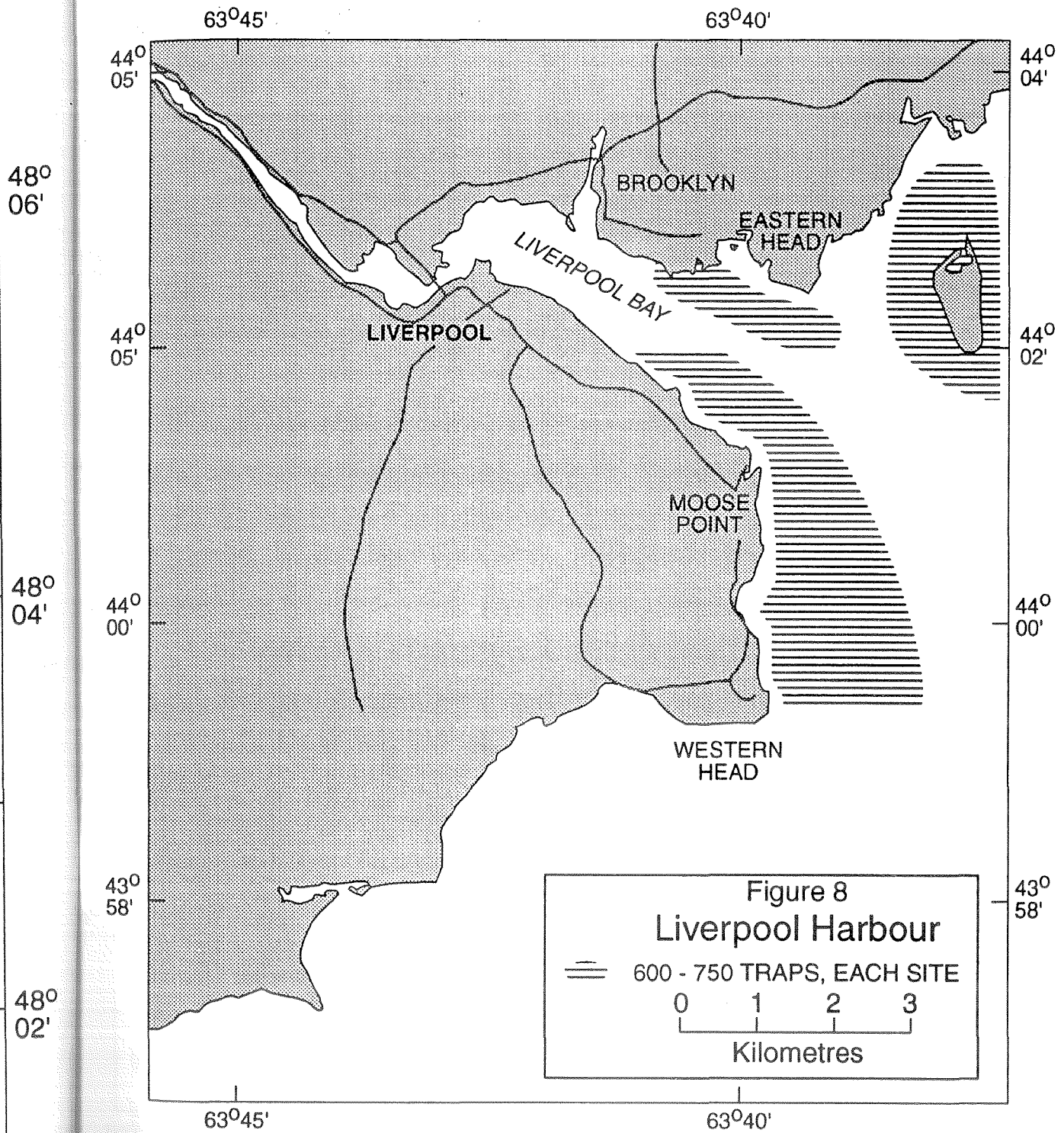
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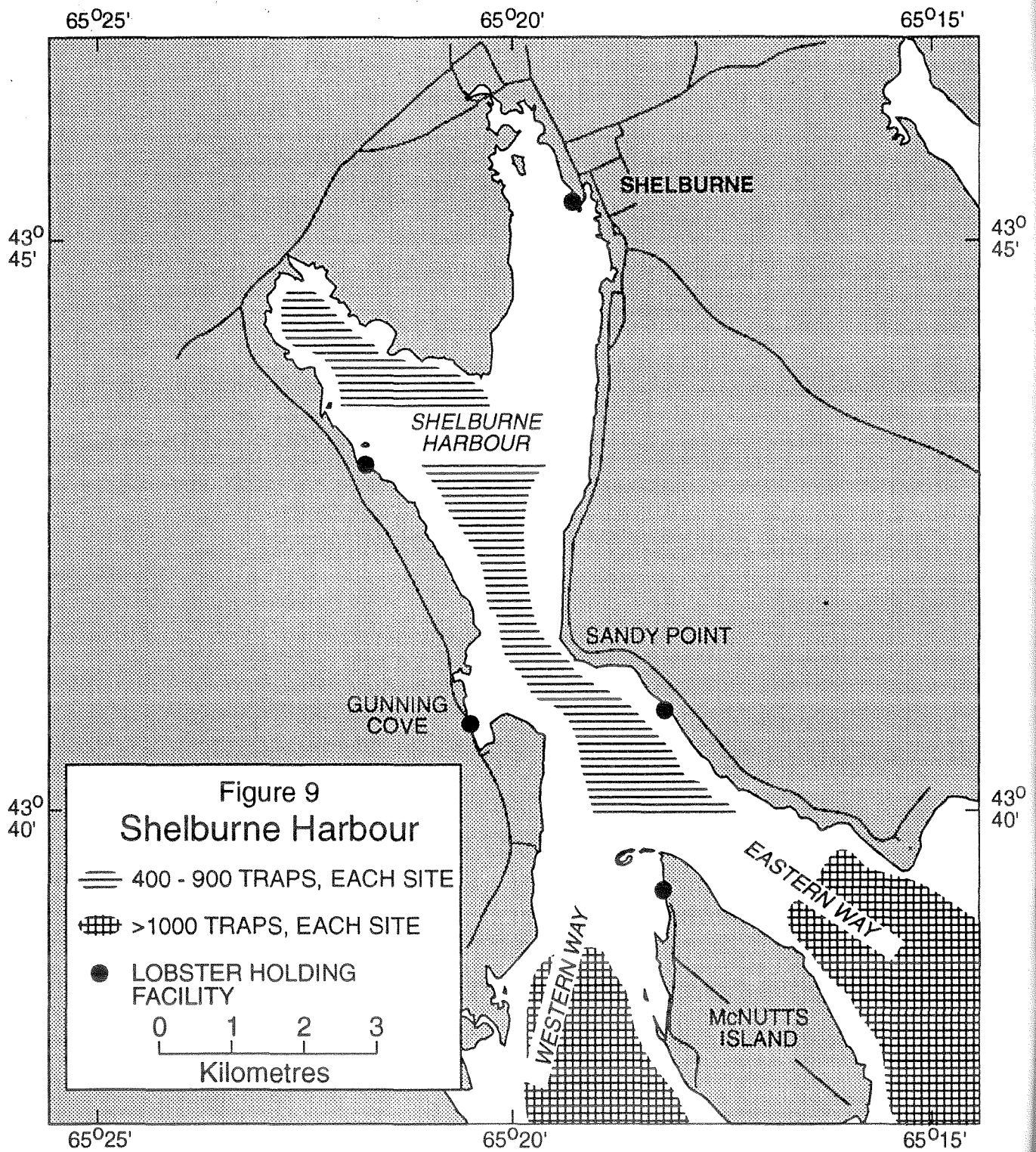
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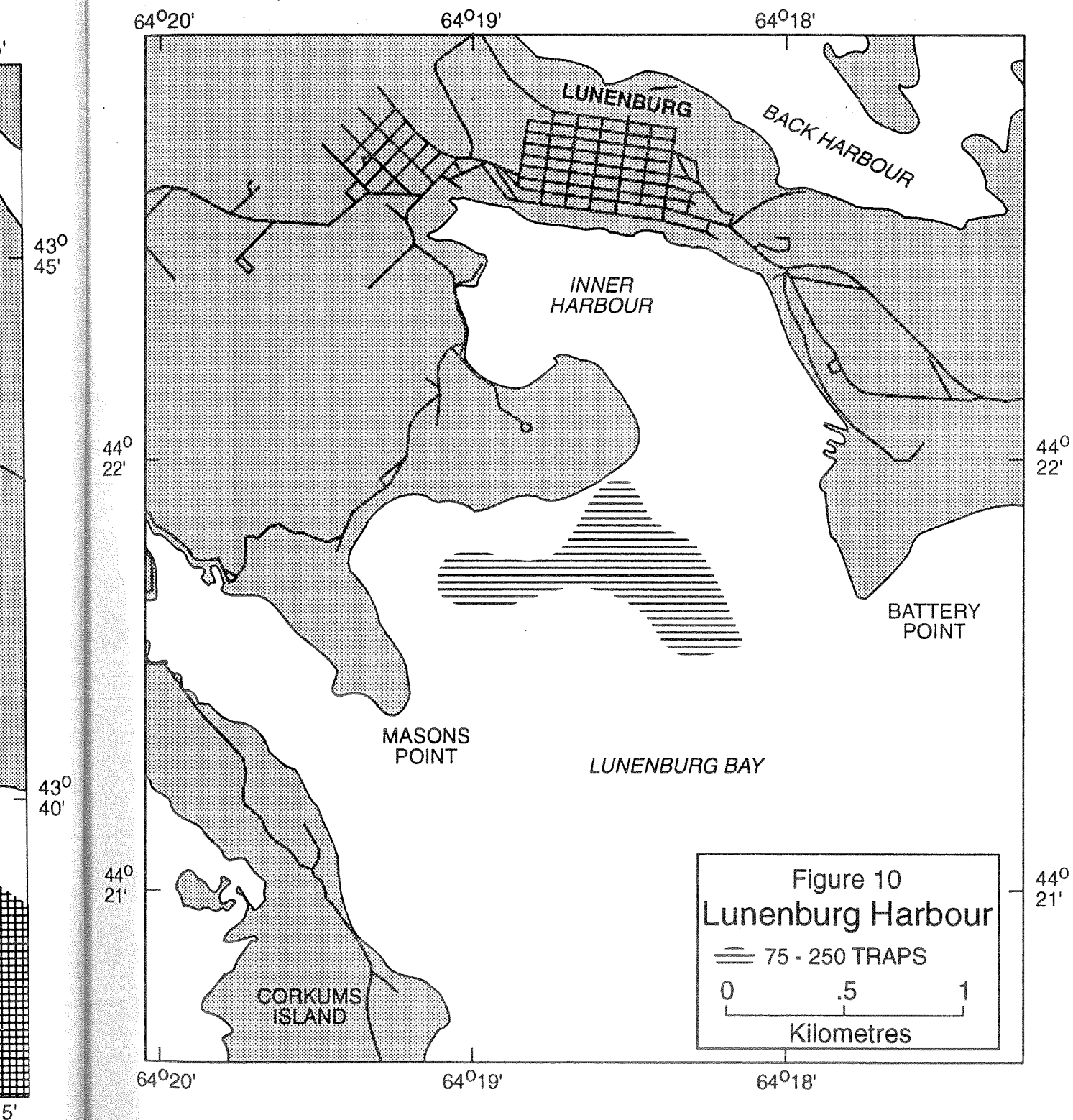


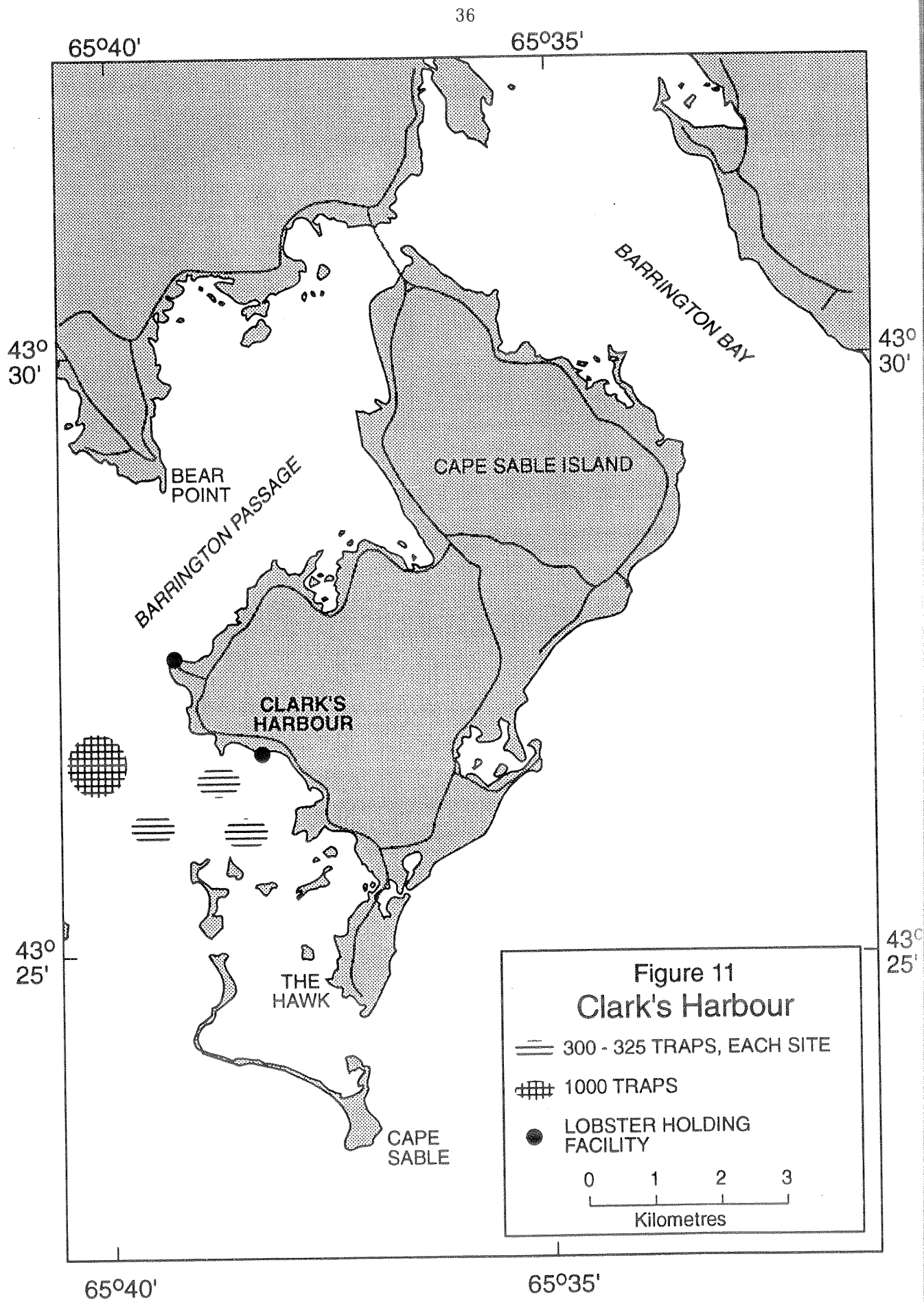












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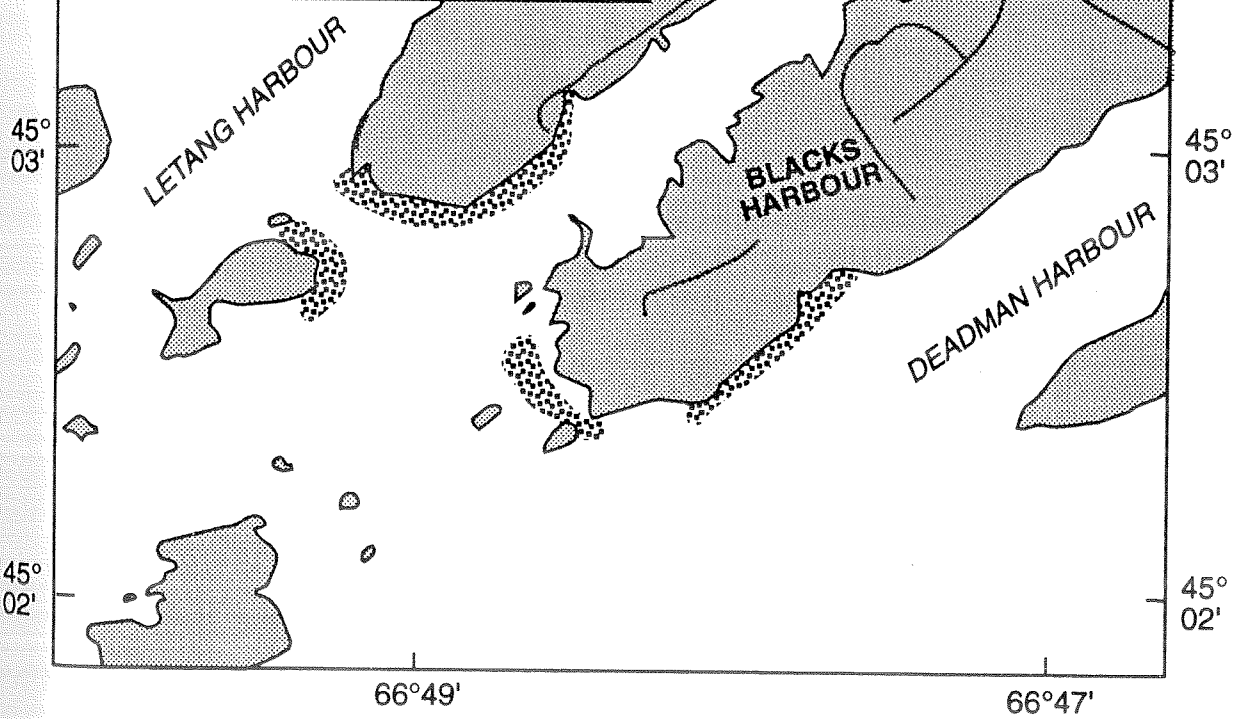
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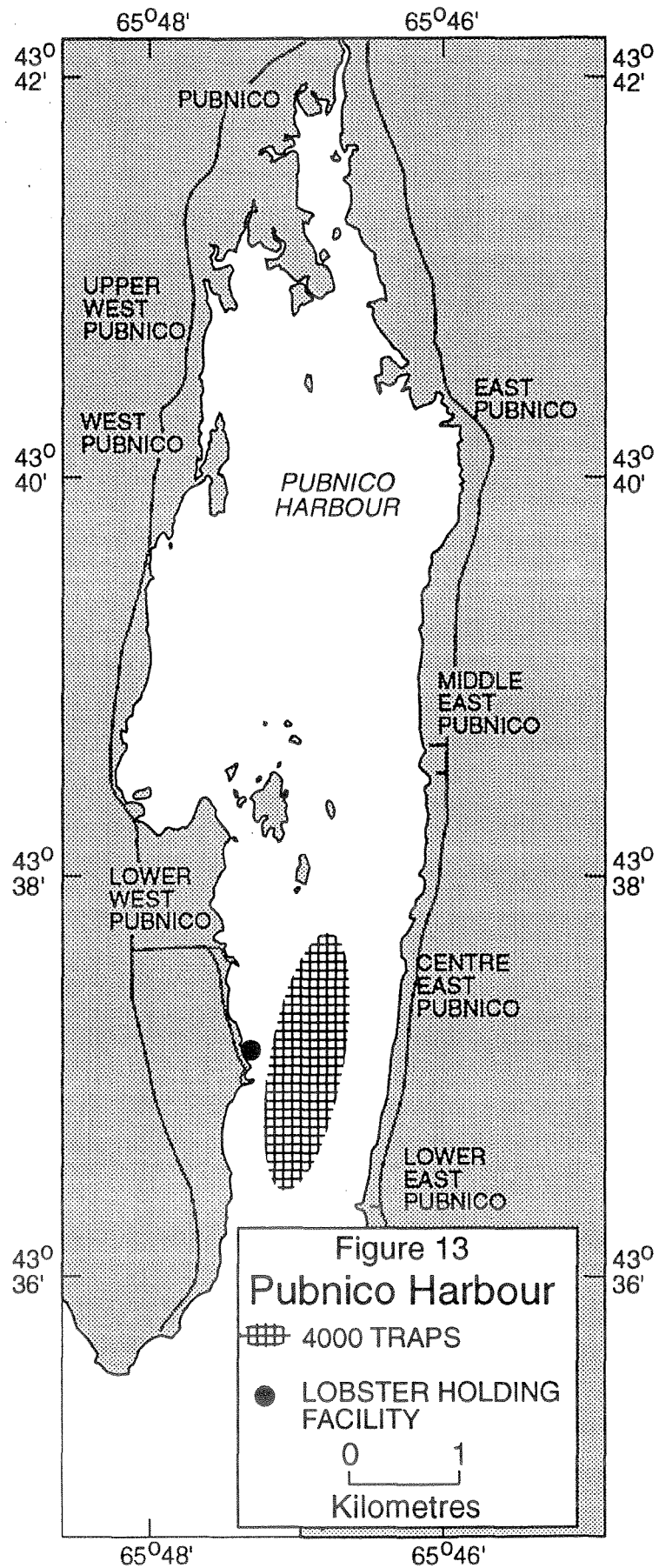
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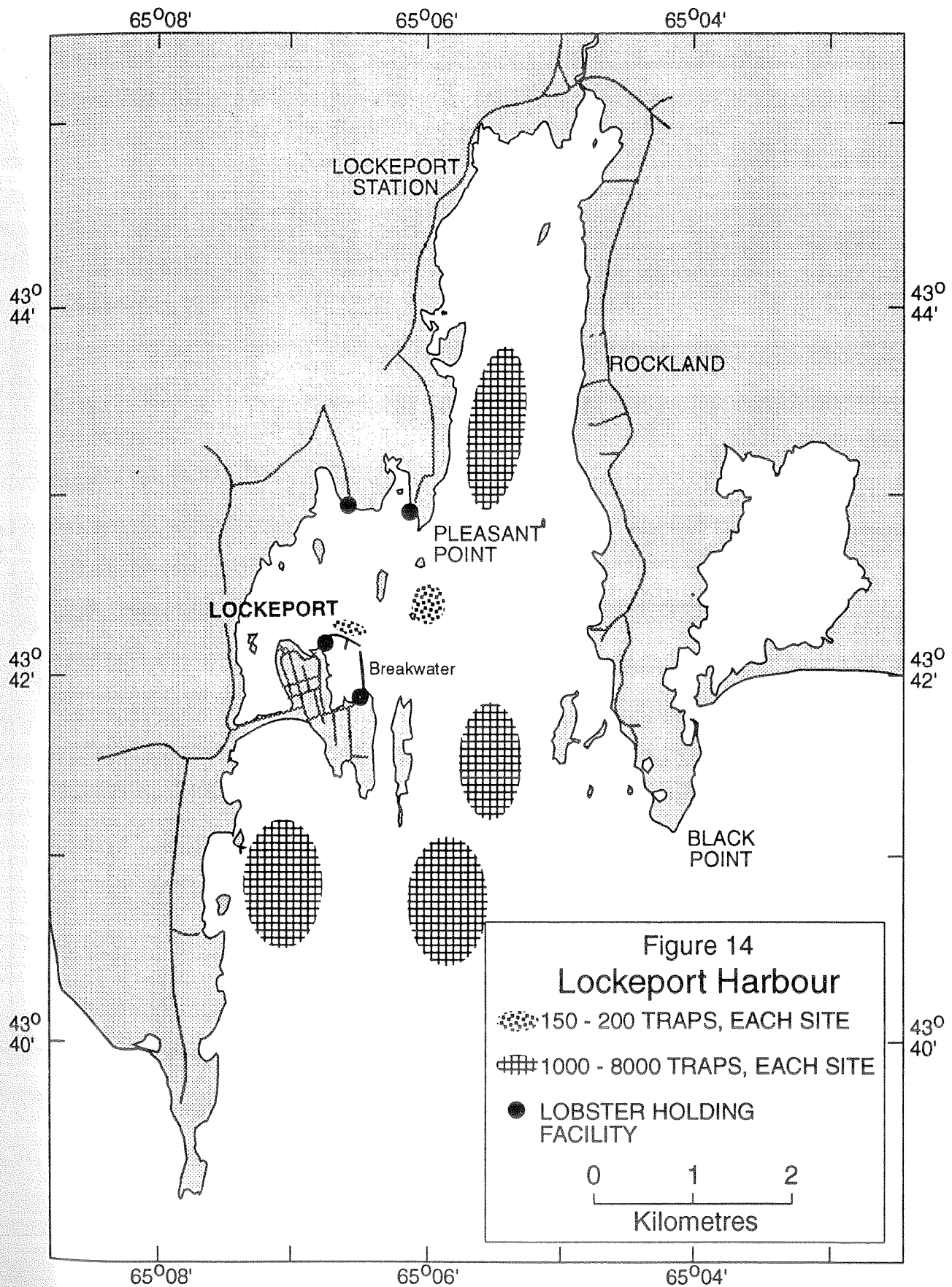
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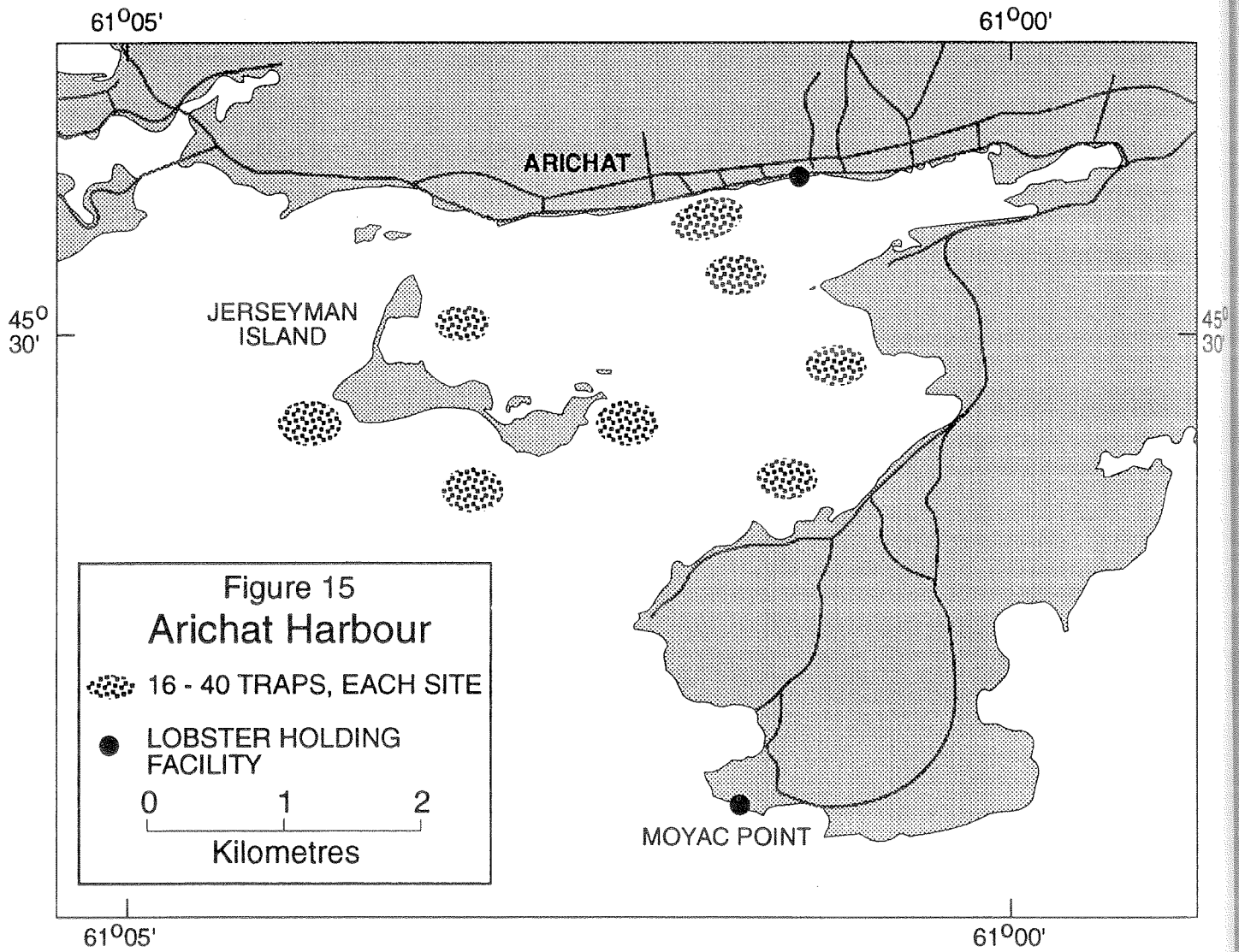
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APPENDIX 2

TABLES



Table 1. Estimated lobster fishing and catch in major harbours in the Maritime Provinces.
(Note: The commercial fishery deals in pounds [0.454 Kg].)

Harbour	# Boats Fishing Lobster	Total # Traps set day ⁻¹	Seasonal Catch (lbs)	Comments
<u>Nova Scotia</u>				
Digby		- no fishing in harbour		
Yarmouth		- no fishing in harbour		
Pubnico	24	4000	50000	
Clark's Harbour	30	625	125000	
Shelburne	11	1300	14000	to Gunning Cove
Lockeport	3	150	3000	outside breakwater
Liverpool	8	600	36000	in outer harbour
Lunenburg	3	250	9300	outer harbour
Halifax	68	7500	500000	mainly outer harbour
Sheet Harbour		- no fishing in harbour		
Canso		- no fishing in harbour		
Arichat	4	36	1400	poor to fair fishing
Port Hawkesbury	5	30	750	few scattered pots
Sydney	52	4250	200000	
Pictou	26	250	15000	outer harbour
<u>New Brunswick</u>				
Saint John	3	900	20000	medium effort
Blacks Harbour	5	75	2000	outer harbour
North Head, Grand Manan Island		- no fishing in harbour		
Dalhousie	3	320	2250	outer harbour
Bathurst		- no fishing in harbour		
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>				
Charlottetown		- no fishing in harbour		
Summerside		- no fishing in harbour		

Table 2. Point sources of PAHs from industries and utilities in harbours with lobster fishing in the Maritime Provinces (NRCC 1983; P. Lane & Associates Ltd. 1988; Lavalin Environnement 1988; O'Neill and Kieley 1992; Environment Canada, unpublished information).

Harbour	Point Source	Products
<u>Nova Scotia</u>		
Pubnico	-	
Clark's Harbour	-	
Shelburne	-	
Lockeport	-	
Liverpool	petroleum and coal products industry	asphalt
Lunenburg	-	
Halifax	2 oil refineries petroleum and coal products industry other steel industries oil-fired generating station industrial inorganic chemical industry	petroleum asphalt steel products electric power acetylene
Arichat	-	
Port Hawkesbury	oil refinery (closed) coal-fired generating station	electric power
Sydney	steel mill coke ovens, now closed coal mining industrial inorganic chemical industry	steel coke acetylene
Pictou	tire plant coal mining industrial inorganic chemical industry coal-fired generating station petroleum and coal products industry	rubber products chlorine, lye electric power asphalt

Table 2 (Continued)

Harbour	Point Source	Products
<u>New Brunswick</u>		
Saint John	petroleum and	asphalt
	coal products industry	
	oil refinery	petroleum
	industrial inorganic chemical industry	acetylene
Blacks Harbour	-	
Dalhousie	industrial inorganic	
	chemical industry	chlorine, lye
	coal/oil-fired generating station	electric power

Table 3. Population and sewage treatment in major harbours with lobster fishing (Anon. 1987; Statistics Canada 1986a & b).

Harbour	Population (1986)	Sewage Treatment Type	Flow (m ³ ·day ⁻¹)	Percent Population Served
<u>Nova Scotia</u>				
Pubnico	818	lagoons	250	100
Clark's Harbour	1082	secondary	400	92
Shelburne	2700	secondary	1500	100
Lockeport	1200	secondary	410	88
Liverpool	3650	secondary	300	27
Lunenburg	3150	none	—	0
Halifax	122000	none	—	0
Dartmouth	80000	none	—	0
Eastern Passage				
Cole Harbour	25000	primary	12000	80
<u>Bedford, Sackville</u>	<u>35600</u>	<u>secondary</u>	<u>13200</u>	<u>84</u>
Σ Halifax Harbour	262600	limited	25200	19
Arichat	900	secondary	600	100
Port Hawksbury	4500	secondary	1400	100
Sydney	35000	none	—	0
North Sydney	7800	none	—	0
<u>Sydney Mines</u>	<u>9000</u>	<u>none</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>0</u>
Σ Sydney Harbour	51800	none	—	0
Pictou	4630	none	—	0
Abercrombie	590	none	—	0
Westville	4520	secondary	3500	77
Trenton + Stellarton +				
<u>New Glasgow</u>	<u>19050</u>	<u>secondary</u>	<u>14700</u>	<u>100</u>
Σ Pictou Harbour	28790		18200	78
<u>New Brunswick</u>				
Saint John	80521	secondary	4550	49
Blacks Harbour	1356	none	—	0
Dalhousie	5707	lagoons	5460	96

Table 4. Industrial and commercial activity in major harbours in the Maritime Provinces (New Brunswick Department of Economic Development and Tourism 1992; Nova Scotia Department of Economic Development 1992).

Harbour	# Manufacturing and Processing Firms	Total Employment	Major Commercial/Industrial Activity
<u>Nova Scotia</u>			
Pubnico	6	209	fishing, fish products
Clark's Harbour	14	331	fishing, fish products, boat building and repair
Shelburne	15	522	fishing, fish products, boat building and repair, machine shop industry
Lockeport	3	98	fishing, fish products
Liverpool	13	1015	fishing, fish products, newsprint, machinery and equipment industries
Lunenburg	16	1679	fishing, fish products, shipbuilding and repair, machinery and equipment industry
Halifax	394	9348	food and beverage industries, plastic products, transportation and equipment industries, refined petroleum, other petroleum industries, printing, publishing, and allied industries, ship building and repair, fabricated metal product industries
Arichat	5	240	fishing, fish products
Port Hawkesbury	7	1590	newsprint industry
Sydney	95	2656	steel plant, fishing, fish products, coal mining, non-metallic mineral products
Pictou	55	3979	rubber products, pulp industry, primary metal industries, industrial inorganic chemical industry, coal mining, other petroleum and coal products, fish products

Table 4. (continued)

Harbour	# Manufacturing and Processing Firms	Total Employment	Major Commercial/Industrial Activity
<u>New Brunswick</u>			
Saint John	142	9940	chemical and chemical products industry, food and beverage industries, refined petroleum products, pulp and newsprint industries, fabricated metal product industries, shipbuilding and repair
Blacks Harbour	1	50	fishing, fish products
Dalhousie	8	1099	industrial inorganic chemical industry, newsprint industry

Table 5. Ship traffic recorded as number of vessel movements, international and domestic shipping by port, 1991 (Statistics Canada 1992). Included are cargo movements (arriving and departing with cargo) and ballast movements (no cargo unloaded when arriving or loaded when leaving). Not recorded are cargo vessels under 15 gross registered tons, tugs, naval or fishing vessels, research vessels, and tow boats. (-) indicates no registered movements for the port.

Harbour	Shipping- Number of Vessel Movements		Total
	International	Domestic	
<u>Nova Scotia</u>			
Pubnico	-	-	-
Clark's Harbour	-	-	-
Shelburne	68	42	110
Lockeport	-	-	-
Liverpool	101	5	106
Lunenburg	6	0	6
Halifax	3022	826	3848
Arichat	-	-	-
Port Hawkesbury	237	39	276
Sydney	408	152	560
Pictou	11	18	29
<u>New Brunswick</u>			
Saint John	1271	500	1771
Blacks Harbour	118	0	118
Dalhousie	130	13	143

Table 6. Number and tonnage of Canadian Fishing Vessels (CFV's) in harbours with lobster fishing in the Maritime Provinces (DFO Statistics 1992, unpublished data).

Harbour	Number of CFV's	Total Tonnage
<u>Nova Scotia</u>		
Pubnico	141	7269
Clark's Harbour	187	3263
Shelburne	197	21104
Lockeport	120	3553
Liverpool	52	3371
Lunenburg	88	27457
Halifax	86	3689
Arichat	79	1076
Port Hawkesbury	4	4
Sydney	132	10964
Pictou	9	-
<u>New Brunswick</u>		
Saint John	35	740
Blacks Harbour	19	1834
Dalhousie	7	-

Table 7. Scores for ranking the potential for PAH contamination of lobster in major harbours in the Maritime Provinces. (Total score = (a) + (b) + (c) + (d) + (e). Maximum score indicating the highest potential is 20.)

Harbour	(a) Point Sources	(b) Population	(c) Industrial Activity	(d) Shipping	(e) CFVs	Total Score
<u>Nova Scotia</u>						
Pubnico	1	1	1	1	3	7
Clark's Harbour	1	1	2	1	4	9
Shelburne	1	2	3	3	4	13
Lockeport	1	1	1	1	3	7
Liverpool	2	2	4	3	2	13
Lunenburg	1	2	4	2	2	11
Halifax	4	4	4	4	2	18
Arichat	1	1	1	1	2	6
Port Hawkesbury	3	2	4	4	1	14
Sydney	4	4	4	4	3	19
Pictou	4	4	4	2	1	15
<u>New Brunswick</u>						
Saint John	4	4	4	4	1	17
Blacks Harbour	1	1	1	3	1	7
Dalhousie	3	3	4	3	1	14