



American lobster *Homarus americanus* *NEPHROPSIDAE*

Size: up to 60 cm

Peculiarities: abdomen compressed dorsoventrally (1); three first pairs of legs armed with claws, the first pair being the most developed (2).

Habitat: inshore waters to about 100 fathoms.

Food: nocturnal predator consuming a wide variety of animals (worms, crabs, fishes, mussels, urchins...) depending of the availability.

Enemies: cod, halibut

Relation to man: the lobster contributes greatly to the economy of the Maritimes.