



# **MANAGEMENT OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR LOBSTER FISHERY**

**Presentation to the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council  
February, 2006**

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- **The Newfoundland and Labrador Lobster Fishery can generally be described as an artisanal fishery prosecuted by fishers operating near shore in small open boats. ( 16 - 28 feet LOA).**
- **Fishers usually fish single traps which have an identifying buoy attached.**
- **Typically the fishery would open in the southern areas in mid-April and later in the northern areas as ice conditions permit.**
- **The duration of the fishery varies depending on the LFA but usually runs for about 6-8 weeks.**
- **The Newfoundland and Labrador Lobster fishery represents a small portion of the fishery in Atlantic Canada.**

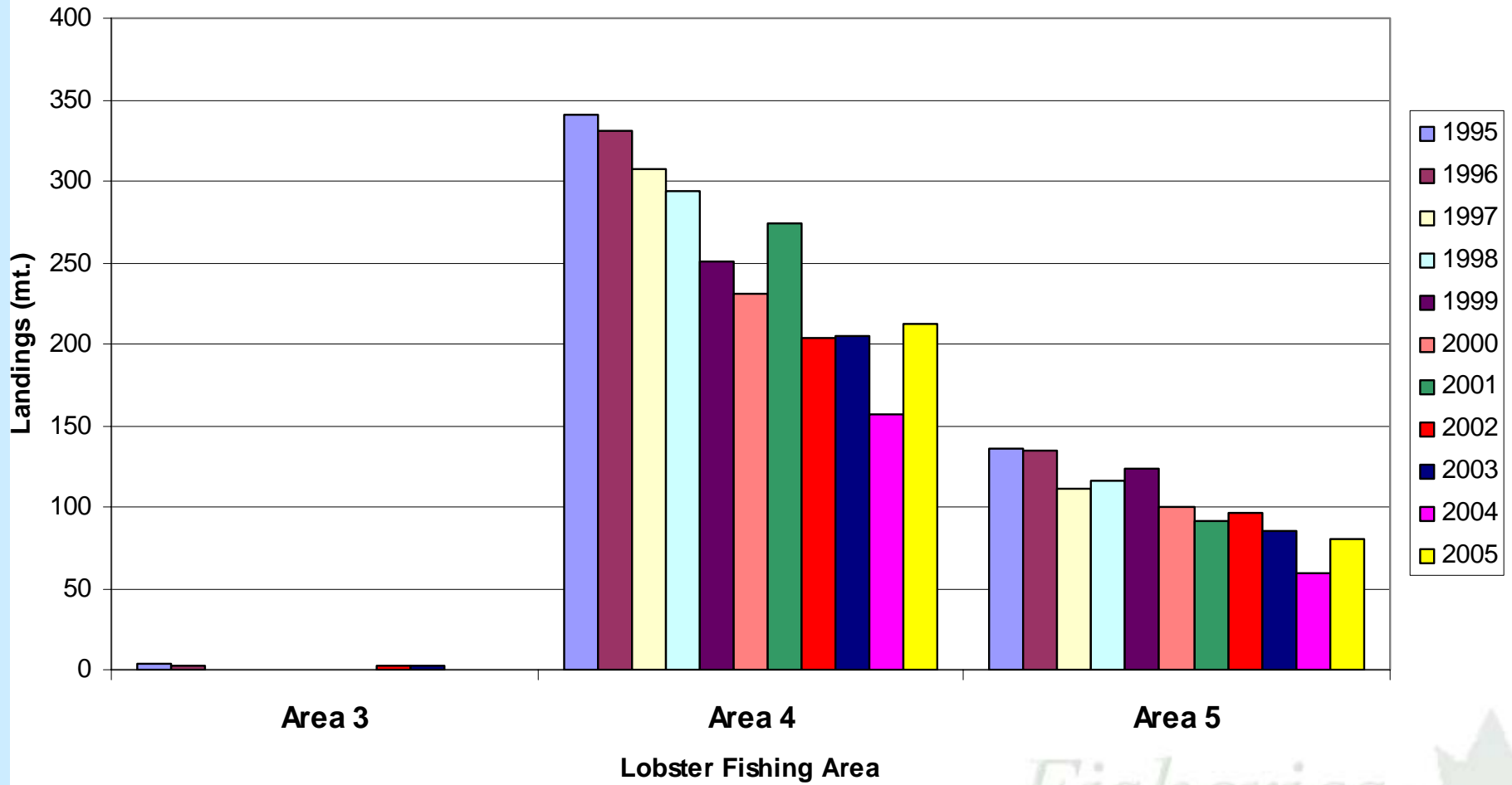


# LOBSTER FISHING AREAS (LFAs)



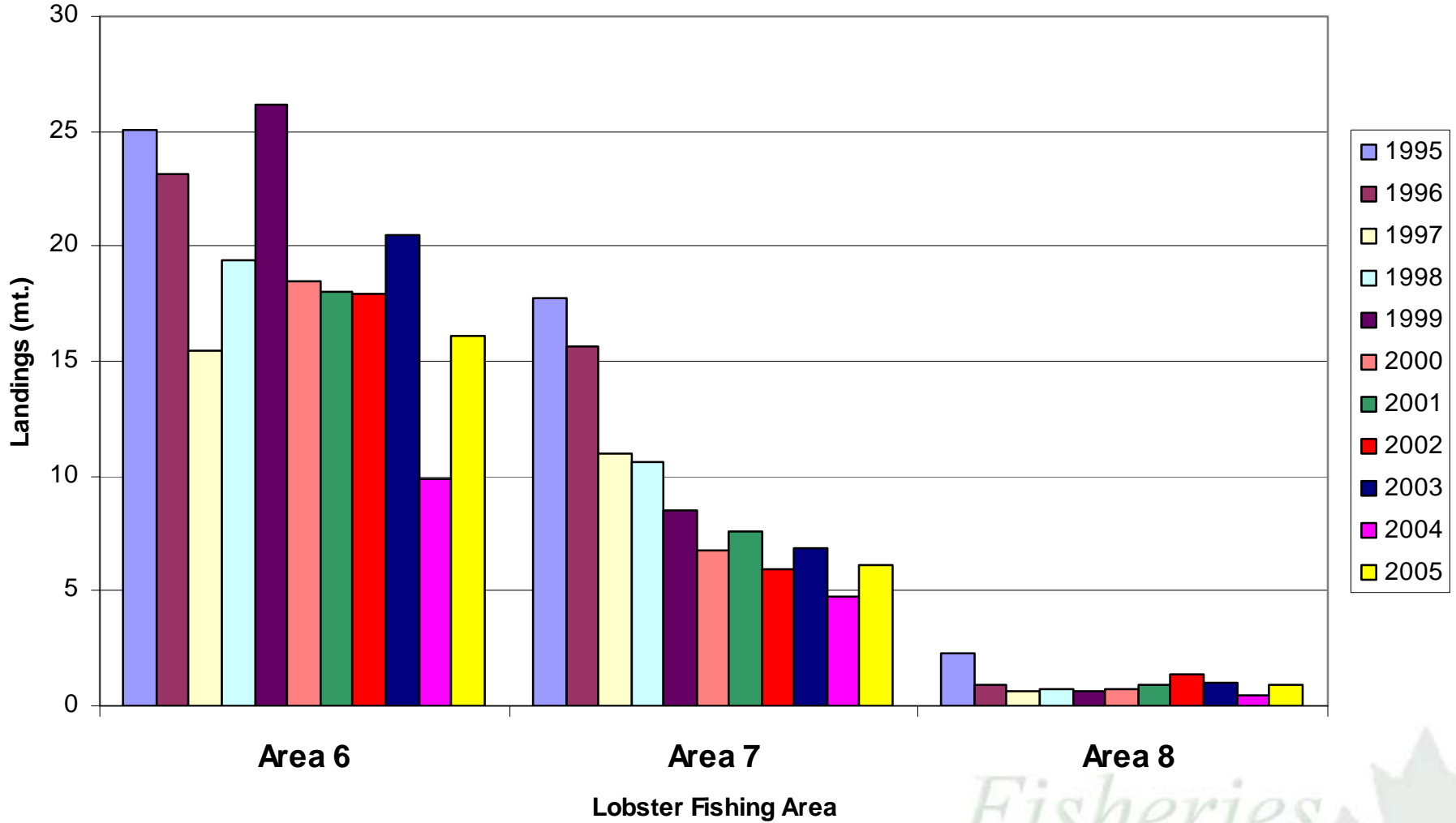


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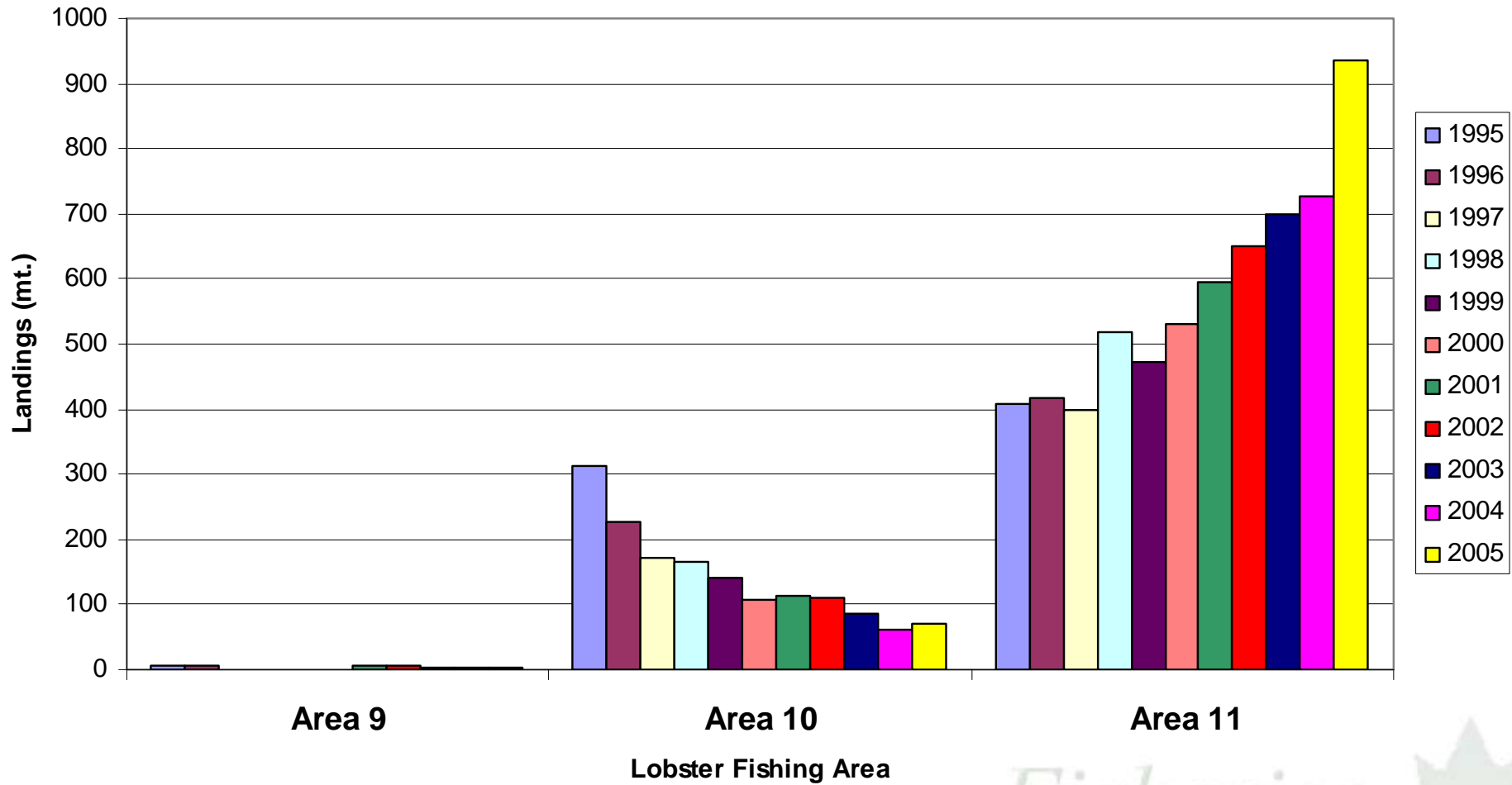


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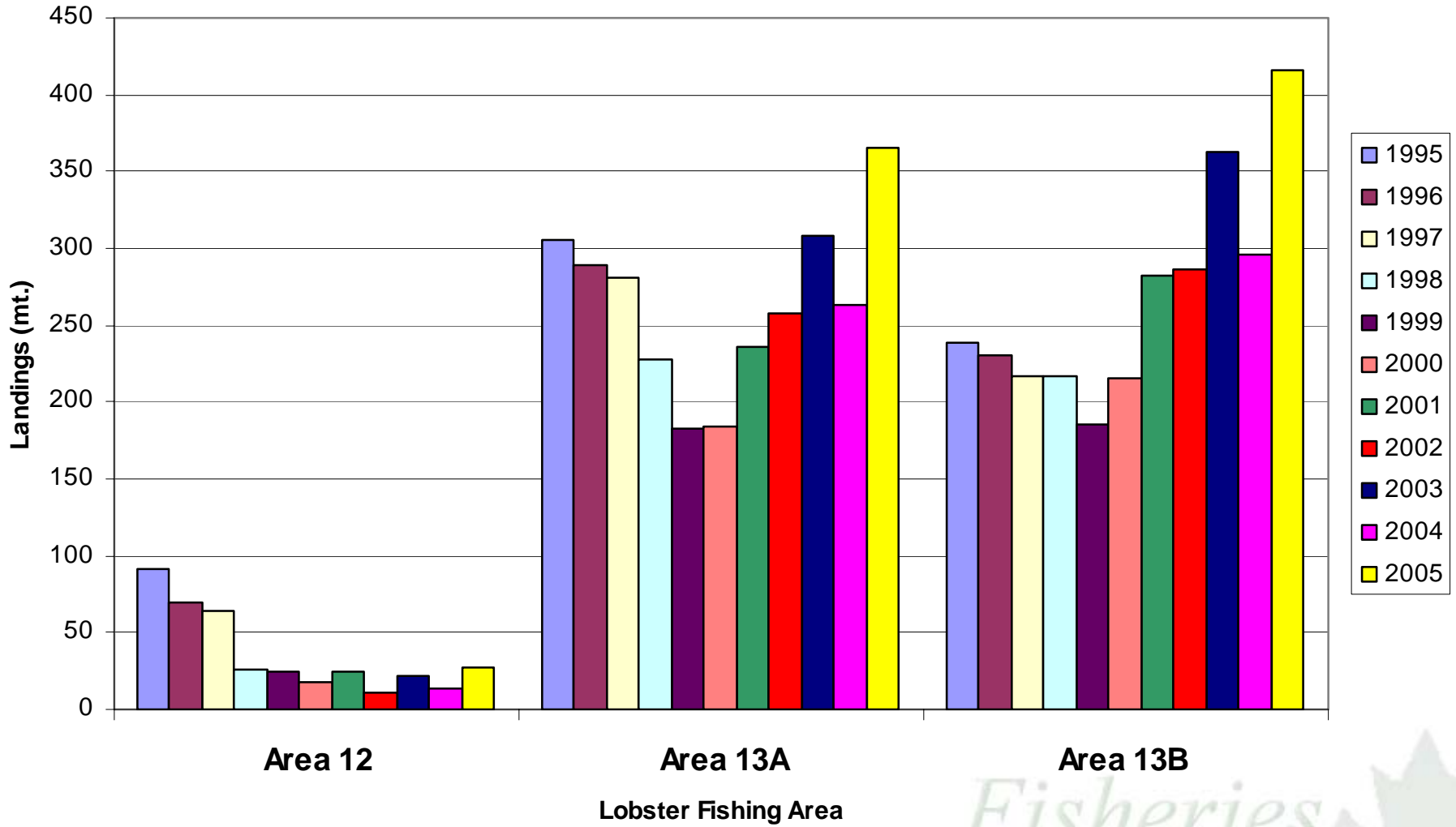


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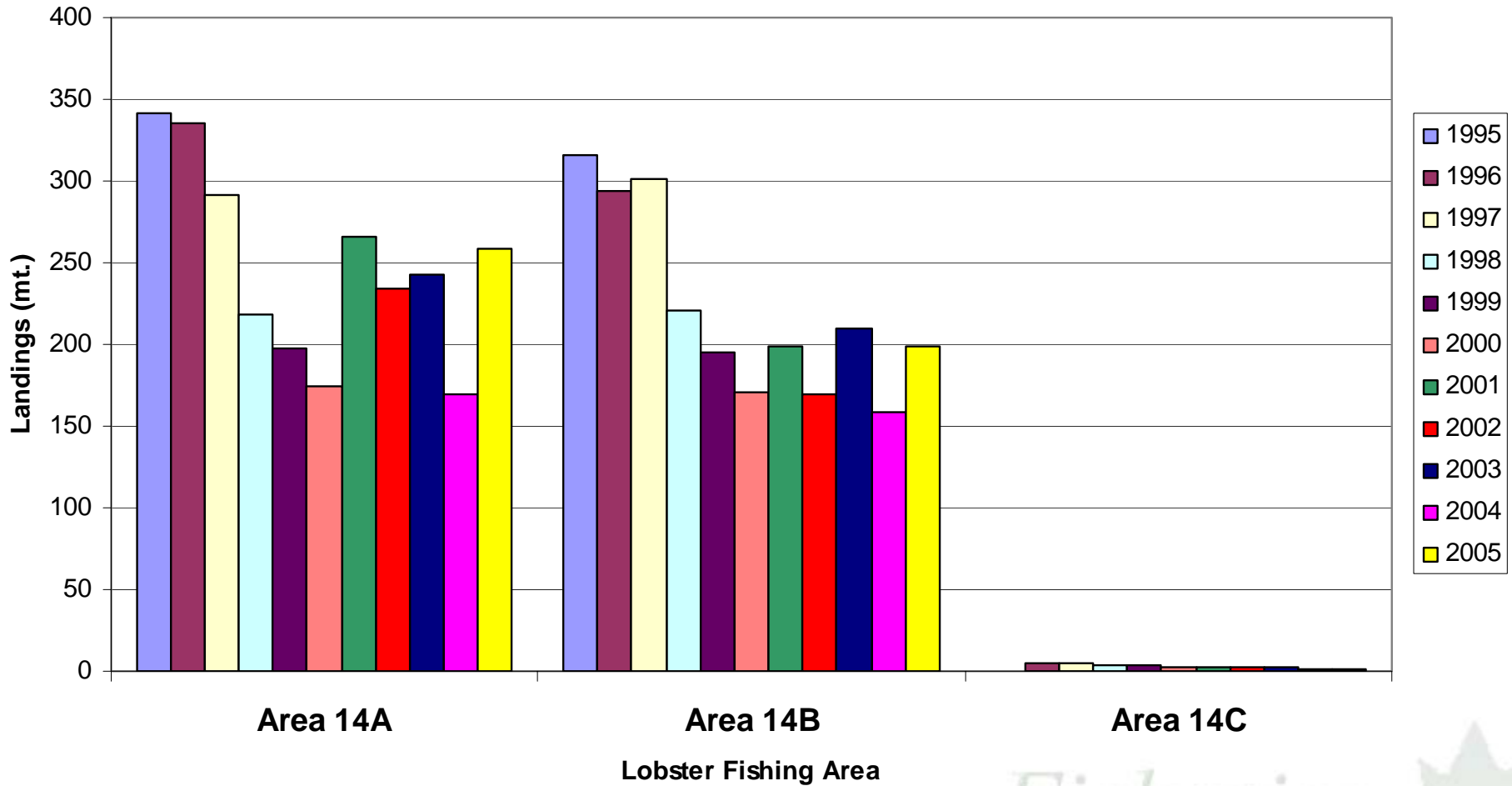


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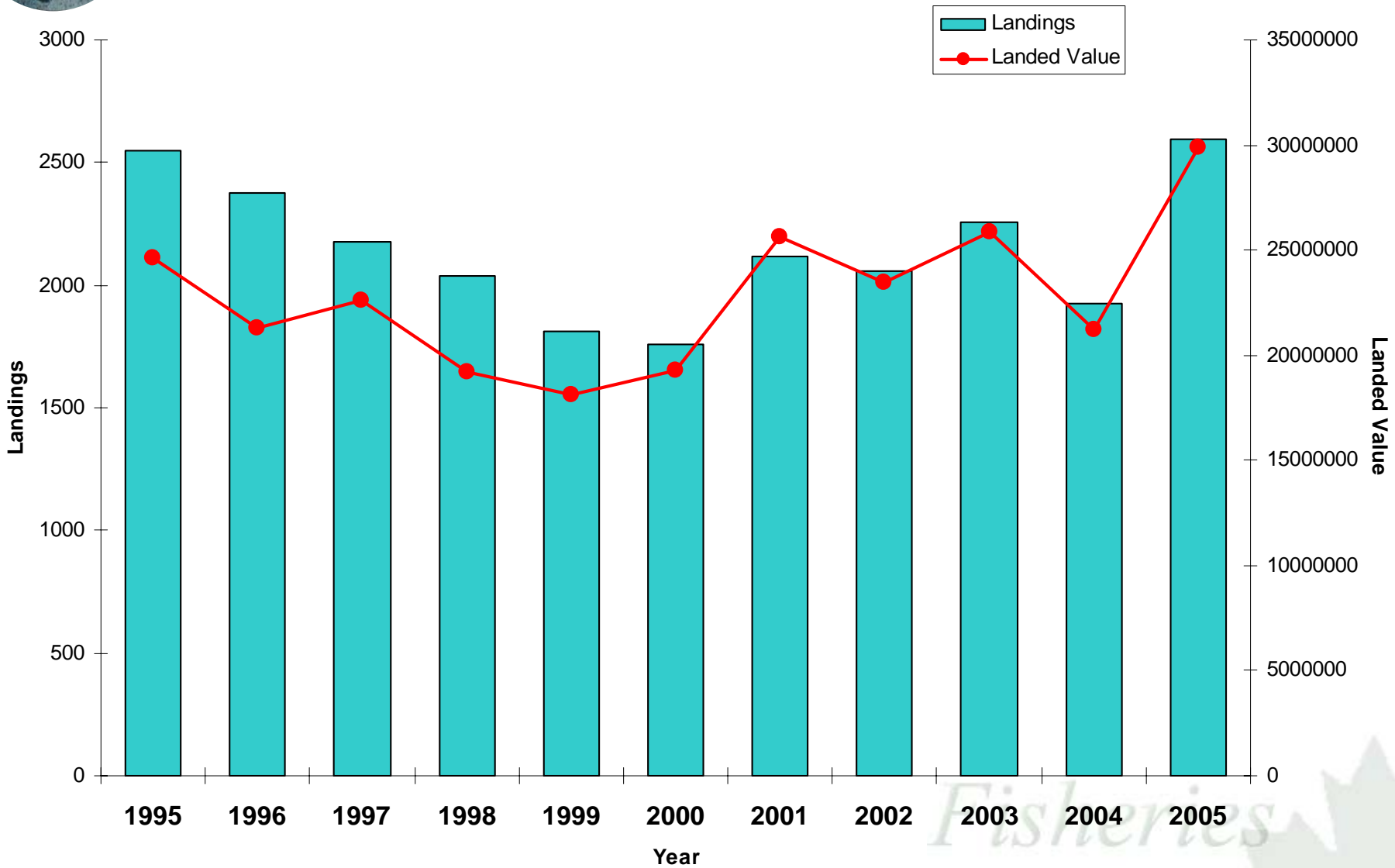


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## Landed Value and Landings By Year (all areas)





## Number of Lobster licenses 1995 vs 2005

LFA	1995	2005	% Reduction	# Active
3	102	57	-44	2
4	1060	657	-38	402
5	326	249	-24	108
6	262	208	-21	75
7	188	155	-18	20
8	92	78	-15	9
9	48	36	-25	8
10	444	343	-23	184
11	378	320	-15	311
12	69	44	-36	45
13A	207	148	-29	145
13B	320	171	-47	158
14A	306	205	-33	172
14B	319	235	-26	131
14C	10	5	-50	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4131</b>	<b>2911</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>1774</b>



<b>Year</b>	<b>LFA</b>	<b>Measure</b>
1998	all	Carapace increase from 81 mm to 82.5mm
1996	All	Mandatory Trap Tags
1996	All	Voluntary V-Notching, No possession
	4	Four closed areas
1996	5	MPA in the inner BB / Eastport Peninsula area including closed areas (Duck Islands & Round Island).
	6	Closed Area Gooseberry Island



<b>Year</b>	<b>LFA</b>	<b>Measure</b>
1998	7	Trap Reduction 200 to 150
1998	9	SMB fishery closed 1998 – 2000 Trap reduction from 200 - 100
	10	Reduced Traps 300 -200, Reduced season, No fishing on Sunday
	11	Shorten Season 7 days



<b>Year</b>	<b>LFA</b>	<b>Measure</b>
	12	Shorten season 5 days
	13A	Shorten season 4 days
	13B,	Closed Area, Reduced Traps 275-250, Shorten season 5 days + no Sundays
	14A	Closed Area, Reduced Traps 275-250, Shorten season 10 days + no Sundays
	14B	Reduced Traps 500-350, Shorten season 10 days + no Sundays
	14C	Reduced Traps 350-300, Shorten season 6 days + no Sundays



- **IN CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL'S REVIEW, THE NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR REGION IS CONSIDERING EXTENDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR THE 2003 – 2005 IFMP.**
- **IF REALISED THIS WILL AFFORD TIME FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM COUNCIL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI-YEAR PLAN BEYOND 2007.**