

Softshell Clams (SOOE Extended)

Methods and Data Sources

Data for softshell clams, neoplasia, and green crab abundance are from the annual Seabrook Station Environmental Monitoring Reports funded by NextEra Energy (Normandeau 2021). These reports present softshell clam data as a density ($\#/m^2$) rather than standing stock. Future PREP reports should use density rather than standing stock because density is less likely to be affected by changes in the areas of the flats. Furthermore, the areas of the flats are not assessed every year. Density is a metric that is less likely to be affected by extraneous variables such as erosion or accretion to the clam flats.

References

Normandeau 2021. Seabrook Station 2020 Environmental Monitoring in the Hampton-Seabrook Area. A Characterization of Environmental Conditions, Chapter 7.0 Softshell Clam. Prepared for NextEra Energy Seabrook.