

Readopt Fis 602.11, effective 6-20-02 (Doc #7711), and amended 6-30-03 (Doc #7914, EXEMPT), as cited and to read as follows:

Fis 602.11 Lobsters.

(a) No person shall possess any V-notched female American lobster. For the purposes of this paragraph, V-notched lobster means any female lobster marked with a V-notch in the right flipper next to the middle flipper or any female lobster which is mutilated in a manner which could hide or obliterate the mark. The right flipper shall be determined when the underside of the lobster is down and its tail toward the person making the determination.

(b) No person shall be considered in violation of paragraph (a) if any such lobster is immediately returned to the natural habitat.

(c) All commercial and limited commercial lobster licensees shall immediately V-notch and return to the water, all egg-bearing female lobster captured in the process of taking lobster. For the purpose of this paragraph, a V-notch is a "V" shaped notch, cut by means of a sharp bladed instrument, of at least 1/4 inch and not greater than 1/2 inch in depth and tapering to a sharp point in the flipper next to and to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the female lobster when the underside of the lobster is down.

(d) Any person who has more than one area designated on their federal lobster permit shall comply with the most restrictive measures regardless of where the lobsters were taken.

Readopt Fis 603.08, effective 5-1-03 (Doc #7877), as cited and to read as follows:

Fis 603.08 Striped Bass.

(a) No person shall take, possess, or transport striped bass less than 28 inches in total length. Striped bass shall have head and tail intact while on or leaving the waters or shores of the state.

(b) No person shall possess more than the daily creel limit of 2 fish, and only one fish may be greater than 40 inches in total length.

(c) There shall be no closed season for the taking of striped bass.

(d) The sale of striped bass shall be prohibited regardless of origin.

(e) The taking of striped bass shall be prohibited by netting in any form except that striped bass may be landed by the use of a hand held dip net.

(f) The taking of striped bass by gaffing shall be prohibited.

(g) Striped bass legally taken in Maine, which do not meet the New Hampshire size and creel restrictions shall only be possessed on the waters of the Piscataqua and Salmon Falls rivers. All striped bass landed in New Hampshire shall meet New Hampshire's size and creel restrictions.

(h) No person shall cull any striped bass taken from or while on the waters under the jurisdiction of the state.