

Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

AGENCY: 13-188-Department of Marine Resources

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Chapter 26 Sea Urchin 2021-2022 Season

TYPE OF RULE (*check one*): Routine Technical Major Substantive

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER (*leave blank; to be assigned by Secretary of State*):

BRIEF SUMMARY: This regulation would establish open harvest days and tote limits for the taking of sea urchins by divers, rakers, trappers, and draggers in Zones 1 and 2 for the 2021-2022 season. For Zone 1, seasons are proposed for divers, trappers, rakers and draggers in 2021-2022, from which harvesters may only fish up to 15 days of their choosing, the same number of days allowed during the 2020-2021 season. For Zone 1, the daily tote limit is nine (9), the same as in the 2020-2021 season. For Zone 2, 40-day seasons are proposed for divers, trappers, rakers and draggers in 2021-2022, from which harvesters may only fish up to 30 days of their choosing. This proposal has the same number of fishing days and opportunity days as the 2020-2021 season. For the Whiting & Dennys Bays Limited Access Area in Zone 2, a 15-day season is proposed for Zone 2 divers, trappers, rakers and draggers in 2021-2022. For Zone 2, the daily tote limit is six (6), the same as in the 2020-2021 season.

Date, time and location of PUBLIC HEARING (*if any*): June 23, 2021, 5:00 p.m., held remotely via Microsoft Teams. For information on how to join the hearing, please visit: www.maine.gov/dmr. Instructions will be posted on DMR's homepage under meetings and events.

COMMENT DEADLINE: July 3, 2021

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CONTACT PERSON FOR SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT (*if different*): Same

FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES (*if any*): None

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 12 MRS §6749

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED (*if different*): Same

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X *The summary provided above is for publication in both the newspaper and website notices.*

The summary provided above is for the newspaper notice only. Title 5 §8053, sub-§5 & sub-§7, ¶D. A more detailed summary is attached for inclusion in the rule-making notice posted on the Secretary of State's website. Title 5 §8053, sub-§3, ¶D & sub-§6.

Please approve bottom portion of this form and assign appropriate AdvantageME number.

26.07 Sea Urchin Harvesting Season ~~2021-2022~~ ~~2020-2021~~ pursuant to 12 M.R.S. §6749. Harvesters may choose 15 of the available days in Zone 1 and 30 of the potential 40 available days in Zone 2.

1. Zone 1 [as defined by 12 M.R.S. §6749-N(1)]. Harvesters may choose 15 of the available fishing days.

- A. Early season for divers, trappers and rakers

The Zone 1 season for divers, trappers and rakers who have certified the early season on forms provided by the Commissioner, is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in September and October, ~~2021-2020~~. Divers, trappers, and rakers may fish no more than 15 of these days.

- B. Late season for divers, trappers and rakers

The Zone 1 season for divers, trappers and rakers who have certified the late season on forms provided by the Commissioner, is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in December, ~~2021-2020~~; and January and February ~~2022, 2021~~; ~~except Friday, December 25, 2020 and Friday, January 1, 2021 which shall be closed~~. Divers, trappers, and rakers may fish no more than 15 of these days.

- C. Season for draggers [in accordance with 12 M.R.S. §6749-V]

The Zone 1 season for draggers is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in December, ~~2021-2020~~; and January and February ~~2022, 2021~~; ~~except Friday, December 25, 2020 and Friday, January 1, 2021 which shall be closed~~. Draggers may fish no more than 15 of these days.

- D. Designation of Zone 1 early or late season:

- (1) A diver, trapper, or raker who holds a sea urchin harvesting license for Zone 1 may not harvest sea urchins in Zone 1 unless that person certifies on forms provided by the Commissioner that the person will fish for or take sea urchins during either the early season or the late season.
- (2) Divers, trappers and rakers who have certified the early or late season may, between May 1st and August 15th change that certification to the other time period as the time period in which that person will fish for or take sea urchins.

2. Zone 2 [as defined by 12 M.R.S. §6749-N(2)]. Harvesters may choose 30 of the potential 40 days.

- A. Early season for divers, trappers and rakers

The Zone 2 season for divers, trappers and rakers who have certified the early season on forms provided by the Commissioner, is open September 21, 22, 23, 28, and 29, 2021; and, October 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28, 2021; and, November 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, and 24, 2021; and, December 1, 2, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 28, and 29, 2021, 23, 24, 29 and 30, 2020; and, October 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29, 2020; and November 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, and 25, 2020; and December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, and 23, 2020. Divers, trappers, and rakers may fish no more than 30 of these days.

B. Late season for divers, trappers and rakers

The Zone 2 season for divers, trappers and rakers who have certified the late season on forms provided by the Commissioner, is open December 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30, 2021; and January 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, and 26, 2022; and February 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 22, 23 and 24, 2022; and March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16, 2022.~~1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 29, 30, and 31, 2020; and January 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 26, 27, and 28, 2021; and February 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 23, 24, and 25, 2021; and March 2, 3, 9, and 10, 2021.~~ Divers, trappers, and rakers may fish no more than 30 of these days.

C. Early season for draggers

The Zone 2 season for draggers who have certified the early season on forms provided by the Commissioner, is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in October 2021; and November 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, and 30, 2021; and December 2, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 29, and 30, 2021; and January 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20, 2022. ~~and November 2020; except Thursday October 1, 8 and 15, 2020, and Thursday, November 26, 2020; and December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, and 23, 2020; and January 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20, 2021.~~ Draggers may fish no more than 30 of these days.

D. Late season for draggers

The Zone 2 season for draggers who have certified the late season on forms provided by the Commissioner, is open Wednesdays and Thursdays in December 2021; Wednesdays and Thursdays in January, 2022 and on Tuesday January 25, 2022; and Wednesdays and Thursdays in February 2022 and on Tuesday February 15 and Tuesday February 22, 2022; and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in March 2022 except for March 24, 29, 30 and 31, 2022. ~~December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30, 2020; and January 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 26, 27, and 28, 2021; and February 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 23, and 24, 2021; and March 2, 3, 9, and 10, 2021.~~ Draggers may fish no more than 30 of these days.

E. Designation of Zone 2 early or late season:

- (1) A person who holds a sea urchin harvesting license for Zone 2 may not harvest sea urchins in Zone 2 unless that person certifies on forms provided by the Commissioner that the person will fish for or take sea urchins during either the early season or the late season.
- (2) A person who has certified the early or late season may, between May 1st and August 15th change that certification to the other time period as the time period in which that person will fish for or take sea urchins.

26.10 Log Book: See Chapter 8.10(P) Landings Program

26.12 Tagging: Each tote of sea urchins transported or shipped whole must be accompanied by a tag with date of purchase and harvester license number affixed by a license dealer.

26.15 Sea Urchin Harvester License Limited Entry System

Beginning August 1, 2004, no new sea urchin harvesting licenses will be issued, and no lotteries will be held.

26.19 Limited Access Areas:

Transiting exception:

Any vessel possessing urchins onboard, may transit the Limited Access Area, only if the vessel has all fishing gear (dredges, drags, regulators, buoyancy compensators, fins, tanks, weight belts) securely stowed. Securely stowed shall mean the main wire shall not be shackled or connected to the dredges or drags, and the towing swivel will be at the block or on the winch for draggers, while regulators, buoyancy compensators and tanks should be disconnected with fins and weight belts removed for divers.

(1) Whiting and Denny's Bay Area (Zone 2). Harvesters may choose up to 15 days of the following applicable season open days for the Whiting and Denny's Bay limited access area to fish within their 30 days available for harvest.

A. Early season for divers, trappers and rakers

It shall be unlawful to fish for, take, or possess urchins west of a line starting at the western end of Mahar Point, Pembroke, due south to the nearest point of land on Crow Neck, Trescott, to include all of Whiting and Denny's Bay except by divers, trappers, and rakers who have certified the early season on forms provided by the Commissioner, on September 28 and 29, 2021; and October 6, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27, 2021; and Wednesdays in November 2021; and Wednesdays in December 2021 except for December 22 and 29, 2021, 29, and 30, 2020; and October 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, and 29, 2020; and November 5, 12, 19, and 25, 2020; and December 3, 10, and 17, 2020.

B. Late season for divers, trappers and rakers

It shall be unlawful to fish for, take, or possess urchins west of a line starting at the western end of Mahar Point, Pembroke, due south to the nearest point of land on Crow Neck, Trescott, to include all of Whiting and Denny's Bay except by divers, trappers and rakers who have certified the late season on forms provided by the Commissioner on Wednesdays in December 2021, except for December 1, 2021; and Wednesdays in January and February 2022; and March 2, 9, and 16, 2022. December 3, 10, 17, and 31, 2020; and January 7, 12, 14, 19, and 28, 2021; and February 4, 11, 16, and 25, 2021; and March 2 and 9, 2021.

C. Early season for draggers

It shall be unlawful to fish for, take, or possess urchins west of a line starting at the western end of Mahar Point, Pembroke, due south to the nearest point of land on Crow Neck, Trescott, to include all of Whiting and Denny's Bay except by draggers who have certified the early season on forms provided by the Commissioner, on Thursdays Wednesdays in October, November and December 2021 2020, except November 25 December 30, which shall be closed; and January 6, 13 and 20, 2022. 2021.

D. Late season for draggers

It shall be unlawful to fish for, take, or possess urchins west of a line starting at the western end of Mahar Point, Pembroke, due south to the nearest point of land on Crow Neck, Trescott, to include all of Whiting and Denny's Bay except by draggers who have certified the late season on forms provided by the Commissioner, on Thursdays Wednesdays in December, 2021 except for December 2, 2021; 2020; and Thursdays Wednesdays in January, and February 2022;2021; and March 3, and 10, and 17, 2022. 2021.

(2) Blue Hill Bay Area (Zone 2). Harvesters may fish in the Blue Hill Bay limited access area only in accordance with the following provision:

It shall be unlawful to fish for, take, or possess urchins in Blue Hill Bay, north of a line starting at southernmost tip of Lopaus Point to the northern most point of Black Island; continuing from the westernmost tip of Black Island to the northern most tip of Swans Island Head; continuing to the most southeastern point of Naskeag Point, Brooklin except by draggers, divers, trappers, and rakers who possess aboard their fishing boat, a Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking unit provided by the Department. The spatial tracker must be turned on and continuously recording data for the entire duration of each season, chosen by the harvester. This limited access area will sunset April 1, 2022.

Underline as new calendars

2021-2022 Sea Urchin Season for Maine Zone 1

A Zone 1 harvester may choose to fish 15 of the open days

O = open = closed

Early Season for Divers, Rakers, and Trappers

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Late Season for Divers, Rakers and Trappers

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Zone 1 Dragging Season

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2021-2022 Sea Urchin Season for Maine Zone 2

A Zone 2 harvester may choose to fish 30 of the 40 open days

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2021-2022 Sea Urchin Season for Maine Zone 2

For Whiting & Dennys Bays Limited Access Area

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Early Season for Divers, Rakers and Trappers

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~~2020-2021 Sea Urchin Season for Maine Zone 1~~

A Zone 1 harvester may choose to fish 15 of the open days

O = Open = Closed

Early Season for Divers, Rakers and Trappers

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Late Season for Divers, Rakers and Trappers

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Zone 1 Dragging Season

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~~2020-2021 Sea Urchin Season for Maine Zone 2~~

A Zone 2 harvester may choose to fish 30 of the 40 open days

O = Open = Closed

Early Season for Divers, Rakers and Trappers

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Late Season for Divers, Rakers and Trappers

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Early for Season Dragers

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Late for Season Dragers

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~~—2020-2021 Sea Urchin Season for Maine Zone 2—~~
~~—for Whiting & Dennys Bays Limited Access Area—~~

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Early Season for Divers, Rakers and Trappers

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Late Season for Divers, Rakers and Trappers

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Early for Season Draggers

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Late for Season Draggers

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Rule-Making Fact Sheet

(5 M.R.S., §8057-A)

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND RULE: Chapter 26 Sea Urchin 2021-2022 Season

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRS §6749

DATE AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING(S): June 23, 2021, held remotely via Microsoft Teams

COMMENT DEADLINE: July 3, 2021

PRINCIPAL REASON(S) OR PURPOSE FOR PROPOSING THIS RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(A)&(C)]

This regulation would establish open harvest days and tote limits for the taking of sea urchins by divers, rakers, trappers, and draggers in Zones 1 and 2 for the 2021-2022 season. For Zone 1, seasons are proposed for divers, trappers, rakers and draggers in 2021-2022, from which harvesters may only fish up to 15 days of their choosing, the same number of days allowed during the 2020-2021 season. For Zone 1, the daily tote limit is nine (9), the same as in the 2020-2021 season. For Zone 2, 40-day seasons are proposed for divers, trappers, rakers and draggers in 2021-2022, from which harvesters may only fish up to 30 days of their choosing. This proposal has the same number of fishing days and opportunity days as the 2020-2021 season. For the Whiting & Dennys Bays Limited Access Area in Zone 2, a 15-day season is proposed for Zone 2 divers, trappers, rakers and draggers in 2021-2022. For Zone 2, the daily tote limit is six (6), the same as in the 2020-2021 season.

IS MATERIAL INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE RULE? ___ YES ___ X ___ NO [§8056(1)(B)]

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(B)&(D)]

This proposed rule seeks to conserve the sea urchin resource for utilization in the future; if it is successful in doing so it will have a positive impact on small business (sea urchin harvesters and sea urchin processors) in the long term.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF RELEVANT INFORMATION CONSIDERED DURING DEVELOPMENT OF THE RULE (including up to 3 primary sources relied upon) [see §§8057-A(1)(E) & 8063-B]: The Department considered feedback provided by the Sea Urchin Zone Council, Department staff and Maine Marine Patrol.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(C)]

Enforcement of these proposed amendments will not require additional activity in this agency. Existing enforcement personnel will monitor compliance during their routine patrols.

FOR EXISTING RULES WITH FISCAL IMPACT OF \$1 MILLION OR MORE, ALSO INCLUDE:

ECONOMIC IMPACT, WHETHER OR NOT QUANTIFIABLE IN MONETARY TERMS:

[*see* §8057-A(2)(A)]

INDIVIDUALS, MAJOR INTEREST GROUPS AND TYPES OF BUSINESSES AFFECTED AND HOW THEY WILL BE AFFECTED: [see §8057-A(2)(B)]

BENEFITS OF THE RULE: [see §8057-A(2)(C)]

Note: If necessary, additional pages may be used.