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27.01 Sea Cucumber Drag Size Restrictions

A. Drag Configuration

It shall be unlawful to possess on any vessel fishing for sea cucumbers, or to fish for or take sea cucumbers with, any drag having the following configurations:

- (1) Drag width, exceeding 5 feet, 6 inches, measured from the extreme outside edge to extreme outside edge, consistent with 12 M.R.S.A. §6812(1);
- (2) Drag total length in excess of twenty-two feet (22'), measured from the top of the head bail to the terminal end; and,
- (3) A drag head bail that is constructed of greater than one and one-half inch (1 1/2") round steel stock.

27.02 Nighttime Harvesting Prohibition

It shall be unlawful to fish for or take sea cucumbers during the nighttime hours between sunset (as defined in 12 M.R.S.A. Section 6001 46) and sunrise (as defined in 12 M.R.S.A. Section 6001 45) within Maine's territorial seas.

27.03 Sea Cucumber Reporting and Restrictions

A. Reporting required: See Chapter 8.20(B) Landings Program

B. Incidental Take; unlawful to land or sell

It shall be unlawful to fish for or take sea cucumbers by any method unless the license holder is aboard the vessel in accordance with 12 M.R.S.A. §6801-A.

(1) Exception.

No violation of this regulation shall occur if the sea cucumber is immediately liberated alive.

27.05 Definitions

A. Head bail

"Head bail" means that portion of the drag, which is the framework that is attached to the towing cable and holds the bag portion of the drag.

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