

## Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

AGENCY: 13-188-Department of Marine Resources

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Chapter 26 Sea Urchin; 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 season. For Zone 1, seasons are proposed for divers, trappers, rakers and draggers in 2023-2024, from which harvesters may only fish up to 15 days of their choosing, the same number of days allowed during the 2022-2023 season. For Zone 1, the daily tote limit is nine (9), the same as in the 2022-2023 season. For Zone 2, 40-day seasons are proposed for divers, trappers, rakers and draggers in 2023-2024, 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 2022-2023 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 2023-2024. For Zone 2, the daily tote limit is six (6), the same as in the 2022-2023 season.

Date, time and location of PUBLIC HEARING (*if any*):

- July 10, 2023, 5:30 p.m., DMR HQ, room 118 Marquardt Building (32 Blossom Lane, Augusta ME), with an option to participate remotely via Microsoft Teams. For information on how to join the hearing, please visit: [www.maine.gov/dmr](http://www.maine.gov/dmr). Instructions will be posted on DMR's homepage under meetings and events.
- July 11, 2023, 5:00 p.m., Moore Community Center, Ellsworth, Theatre Auditorium (125 State St, Ellsworth, ME)

COMMENT DEADLINE: July 21, 2023

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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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**26.07 Sea Urchin Harvesting Season 2023-2024 ~~2022-2023~~ 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. One season for divers, trappers, rakers and draggers

The Zone 1 season for all sectors, who have certified Zone 1 on forms provided by the Commissioner, is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in October, November and December 2023, and January and February 2024. Divers, trappers, rakers and draggers may fish no more than 15 of these 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, 2022. 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, 2022; and January and February 2023. 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, 2022; and January and February 2023. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in October and November 2023, with the exception of being open on Monday, November 20 and closed on Thursday November 23, 2023; and Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in December 2023. 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 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in December 2023; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in January 2023 and February 2023, except February 20, 21, and 22, 2024, which shall be closed; and March 5, 6, 12, and 13, 2024. 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 and November 2023, except Tuesday, November 14 and Thursday, November 23, 2023 which shall remain closed; Thursdays and Fridays in December 2023; and January 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19, 2024. 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 Thursdays and Fridays in December 2023; Thursdays and Fridays in January 2024; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in February 2024, except February 6, 13 and 23, 2024, which shall remain closed; and March 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21, 2024. Draggers may fish no more than 30 of these 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 27 and 28, 2022; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in October 2022; November 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 30, 2022; and, December 1, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 27 and 28, 2022. 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 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in December 2022, except for December 1, 2022 which shall be closed; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in January 2023 and February 2023, except February 21, 22 and 23, 2023 which shall be closed; and March 1, 2, 7, 8, 14 and 15, 2023. 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 2022; November 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 22, 23, 29, 30, 2022; Thursdays and Fridays in December 2022 and also Wednesday, December 21, 2022; and January 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20, 2023. 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 November 30, 2022; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in December 2022; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in January and February 2023; and January 24, 2023. Draggers may fish no more than 30 of these days.~~

## 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 27 and 28, 2022~~; Wednesdays in October, and November and December 2023; and also October 17 and 24, 2023. 2022; October 18 and 25, 2022; and December 7 and 14, 2022.

- 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 Tuesdays in December ~~2023~~ 2022, Tuesdays in January and February ~~2024~~ 2023, except Tuesday, February ~~20, 2024~~ 21, 2023, which shall be closed; Wednesday, February ~~14, 2024~~ 15, 2023 and March ~~5 and 12, 2024.~~ 7, and 14, 2023.

- 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 in October, November and December ~~2023~~ 2022, except November ~~23, 2024~~ 24, 2022 which shall be closed; and January ~~4, 11 and 18, 2024.~~ 5, 12, and 19, 2023.

- 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 in December, ~~2023~~ 2022; Thursdays in January,

and February ~~2024~~ 2023; and March 7 and 14, 2024. ~~January 4, 2023 and~~  
February 1, 2023.

Underline as new:

# 2022 - 2023 Sea Urchin Season for Maine Zone 1

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

O = open

  = closed

**One Season for Divers, Rakers, Trappers and Druggers**

October 2023						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	O	O	O	O	O	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31				
	O	O				

November 2023						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30		
	O	O	O	O		

December 2023						
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	O	O	O	O	O	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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January 2024						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31			
	O	O	O			

February 2024						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29		
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Underline as new:

## 2023 - 2024 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

October 2023						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

November 2023						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December 2023						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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### Late Season for Divers, Rakers, and Trappers

December 2023						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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January 2024						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2024						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

March 2024						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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### Early Season for Draggers

October 2023						
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29	30	31				

November 2023						
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26	27	28	29	30		

December 2023						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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January 2024						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

### Late Season for Draggers

December 2023						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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January 2024						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2024						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

March 2024						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Underline as new:

## 2022 - 2023 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

October 2023							November 2023					December 2023								
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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### Late Season for Divers, Rakers, and Trappers

December 2023							January 2024							February 2024							March 2024						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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### Early Season for Draggers

October 2023							November 2023							December 2023							January 2024						
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29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30	31			
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### Late Season for Draggers

December 2023							January 2024							February 2024							March 2024						
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31																					31						

Strike through:

# 2022 - 2023 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

September 2022						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	

October 2022						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
30	31					
	<b>O</b>					

## Late Season for Divers, Rakers, and Trappers

December 2022						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
				<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	

January 2023						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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February 2023						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28				
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## Zone 1 Season for Draggers

December 2022						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
				<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	

January 2023						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
29	30	31				
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>				

February 2023						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
			<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	
26	27	28				
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Strike through:

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## 2022 - 2023 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

September 2022						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2022						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November 2022						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

December 2022						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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### Late Season for Divers, Rakers, and Trappers

December 2022						
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January 2023						
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February 2023						
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March 2023						
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### Early Season for Dragers

October 2022						
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

November 2022						
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December 2022						
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January 2023						
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### Late Season for Dragers

November 2022						
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27	28	29	30			

December 2022						
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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; 2023-2024 Season

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRS §6749

DATE AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING(S):

- July 10, 2023, 5:30 p.m., DMR HQ, room 118 Marquardt Building (32 Blossom Lane, Augusta ME), with an option to participate remotely via Microsoft Teams. For information on how to join the hearing, please visit: [www.maine.gov/dmr](http://www.maine.gov/dmr). Instructions will be posted on DMR's homepage under meetings and events.
- July 11, 2023, 5:00 p.m., Moore Community Center, Ellsworth, Theatre Auditorium (125 State St, Ellsworth, ME)

COMMENT DEADLINE: July 21, 2023

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 2023-2024 season. For Zone 1, seasons are proposed for divers, trappers, rakers and draggers in 2023-2024, from which harvesters may only fish up to 15 days of their choosing, the same number of days allowed during the 2022-2023 season. For Zone 1, the daily tote limit is nine (9), the same as in the 2022-2023 season. For Zone 2, 40-day seasons are proposed for divers, trappers, rakers and draggers in 2023-2024, 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 2022-2023 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 2023-2024. For Zone 2, the daily tote limit is six (6), the same as in the 2022-2023 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.