

PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE

Section 180.6, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§ 180.6. Hagfish Traps.

(a) All openings in traps used to take hagfish, excluding the entrance funnel, shall have a minimum diameter of 9/16 inch in any dimension.

(b) Hagfish may be taken in barrel traps, if attached to a ground line. No ~~permittee may possess~~ more than a total of 25 barrel traps per vessel may be possessed aboard a ~~the~~ vessel or in the water or combination thereof. Each barrel trap shall be no greater than 45 inches in total length and have an outside diameter no greater than 25 inches at its widest point. Barrels may be attached to a maximum of three ground lines. If using barrel traps, no other hagfish trap type may be used or possessed aboard the vessel. When barrel traps are used or possessed aboard a vessel, no species of finfish other than hagfish shall be taken, possessed, or sold. Popups shall not be used on buoy lines attached to barrel traps.

(c) Every hagfish trap, or string of traps, shall be marked with a buoy that identifies the operator's commercial fishing license identification number, as well as the vessel's California commercial boat registration number.

Authority cited: Sections 8403, and 9022, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 8403, 9001.6, 9001.7, 9006, and 9022, Fish and Game Code.